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Grace and Peace to you, church!

As I type, it is currently Holy Week. This Sunday is Easter, when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

For this article, I am borrowing from John Piper, who lists "Ten Gifts of the Resurrection." I hope you are encouraged by these and the Scripture that accompanies them.

Ten Gifts of the Resurrection

1. A Savior who can never die again

We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again. (Romans 6:9)

2. Repentance

The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. (Acts 5:30–31)

3. New birth

According to his great mercy, [God the Father] has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

4. Forgiveness of sin

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. (1 Corinthians 15:17)

5. The Holy Spirit

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. (Acts 2:32–33)

6. No condemnation

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. (Romans 8:34)

7. The Lord's personal fellowship and protection

Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)

8. Proof of coming judgment

[God] has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead. (Acts 17:31)

9. Salvation from the future wrath of God

[We] wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (1 Thessalonians 1:10; also Romans 5:10)

10. Our own resurrection from the dead

[We know] that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. (2 Corinthians 4:14; also Romans 6:4; 8:11; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:20)

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen indeed!

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

FINDING YOUR VOICE

...TO BE LIKE JESUS

Ephesians 4:15

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



VBS Volunteer Recruitment Continues This Month!

Our One Day VBS is on Saturday, June 27, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM! This year's theme, *Illumination Station*, will help kids discover who Jesus truly is as He reveals truth, brings hope, and shines as the Light of the World.

VBS is a church-wide mission—and we need you! Whether you can serve on the day of VBS, help prepare beforehand, donate supplies, or pray, every effort makes a meaningful difference. There is a place for everyone, and your involvement matters more than you know. Stop by the Foyer display to explore opportunities and discover how you can be part of this joyful, gospel-centered day.

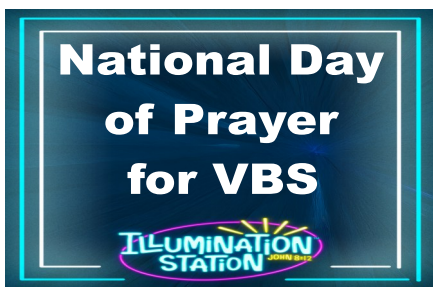
Two identical Leader Training options will be offered. Please plan to attend one of the following: Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 PM or Wednesday, April 29 at 6:00 PM.

Family promotion begins Easter Sunday, April 5. Online registration opens May 4, along with a Crawfish Boil on May 16 (time TBD) to welcome our community and share excitement for VBS.

Visit www.fbcpinebluff.org/vbs to learn more and sign up to serve. Let's shine brightly together at *Illumination Station* VBS 2026!

New Playground Grand Opening and Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

Celebrate with us on Sunday, April 26, 2026! After the Quarterly Business Meeting and Luncheon, the FirstKids Ministry will host a joyful ribbon-cutting to officially open our brand-new playground and toddler area.



National Day of Prayer for Vacation Bible School

On Sunday, May 17, 2026, during our morning worship service, we will join churches across the country in observing a National Day of Prayer for Vacation Bible School.

Together, we will lift up our VBS leaders, volunteers, children, and their families—asking

the Lord to prepare hearts, provide strength, and use this ministry to share the hope of the gospel in powerful ways.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, May 17, 2026, during the morning worship service, we will give special recognition to our graduating senior, Garrett Morgan.

Join the Student Ministry as we celebrate this milestone moment and cheer our graduate on as he steps into an exciting new chapter of life.



Deacon of the Week

BILLY STONE

April 5, 2026

MARC STRATTON

April 12, 2026

RODNEY RODGERS

April 19, 2026

BLASIOUS AWONSANG

April 26, 2026

First Record

March 1, 2026

Budget Needs	\$12,090.46
Budget Receipts	\$25,430.00
TV Receipts	\$305.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$325.00
Other	\$1,957.00
TOTAL	\$28,017.00

March 8, 2026

Budget Needs	\$12,090.46
Budget Receipts	\$3,490.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$255.00
TOTAL	\$3,800.00

March 15, 2026

Budget Needs	\$12,090.46
Budget Receipts	\$8,221.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$1,930.00
TOTAL	\$10,231.00

March 22, 2026

Budget Needs	\$12,090.46
Budget Receipts	\$9,508.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$650.00
TOTAL	\$9,286.00

March 29, 2026

Budget Needs	\$12,090.46
Budget Receipts	\$6,035.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$475.00
TOTAL	\$6,615.00

The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 pm

The Deacons will meet on Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 19, 2026 will be



SUNDAY Undesignated offering will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.



It is time for the women to reconnect with a bible study. The spring study will be Even If by Kristen Schmucker. The dates are April 12, 19 and May 3 at 5:00pm. There will be a potluck supper; the committee will provide the meal for the first gathering. The books are \$6. Please call Anna at 870-413-0552 or the church office to ensure we have enough books.



Evening Service at Trinity Village Sunday, April 26, 4:00 pm Trinity Village Great Hall

Thank You First Baptist Church, Our family really appreciated the very nice and yummy lunch yall provided for us. Sarah Howell and family Dear First Baptist Church fellowship, Wes and I just wanted to thank you all for your continued, very generous support. Thank you! Y'all are a great blessing to us, and we are always so encouraged when we come visit FBC. Thank you for all you do to support us and the ministry of Bible translation! In Him, Wes and Kim Clement



Sunday, April 26 is the Quarterly Business Meeting. There will be a potluck lunch following the morning service. The Ribbon Cutting for the FirstKids playground will follow. Bring your favorite dish and join us.

**Regular Schedule
for Weekly Services**

- SUNDAY:**
 9:00 am TV Broadcast on FOX 16
 (one week delay)
 9:00 am Prayer room open
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Morning Worship Service
- MONDAY:**
 6:00 pm Sanctuary Handbells
 Rehearsal
- WEDNESDAY:**
 12:00 pm Prayer Meeting
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
 Rehearsal
- THURSDAY:**
 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 6:00 pm Griefshare

Deacons 2026

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Our website is live and online giving is available. Listed below are the steps you should follow.

1. Click the GIVE button on our church website: www.fbcpinebluff.org
2. Click the Give Now button.
3. Enter the amount you want to give.
4. Give to the fund pre-selected for you or choose a different fund from the drop-down menu.
5. Select a frequency.
6. Enter your email address.
7. Click CONTINUE.
8. Select your account type:
 Credit/Debit Card
 ACH/Checking Account

Enter your payment information to complete the transaction. You'll receive email confirmation of your gift.
 If you choose ACH, be prepared to give the routing number of your bank and the account number.



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