First Baptist Church Builder

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Grace and peace to you, church family!

I want to use this month's article to remind us all of the importance of unity. The following is an excerpt from my sermon, which I preached a couple of years ago, on Philippians 4:2-3, which says, "**I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life."**

"That word "entreat" carries the idea of urging or pleading strongly. You could say "fervently imploring." It is a strong word- Paul is not suggesting that they agree, he is begging them to. This whole letter has emphasized the need for unity in the Philippian church because of outside opposition- the repeated command to "stand firm" requires unity. And finally, Paul is putting his finger on the source of disunity in the church- Euodia and Syntyche.

When he tells them to "agree," the word used is the exact same word as Philippians 2:2, when he tells the church to "be of the same mind." It is obvious that Paul is taking his earlier instruction and applying it directly- he wants the church to be of the same mind, which means that Euodia and Syntyche must be of the same mind. This does not mean they cannot ever have differences of opinion, but it does mean that they must learn to work through those differences and not let them lead to disunity. They must "look not only to their own interests, but also to the interest of the other."

And notice the agreement, the harmony, the one-mindedness that they must arrive at is "in the Lord." This speaks to the ground of unity these ladies can achieve- they must submit themselves, each one, to the Lord completely, and as they do that they will find the way to dwell in harmony with one another. In other words, their reconciliation must be on the basis of their joint-union with Christ, and it must be as a result of repentance on their part as they seek to follow Christ. Otherwise, it will not be true unity, it will not be true reconciliation, and at best it will be a temporary reprieve from disputing."

Let this be a reminder to all of us that small disputes can cause big disunity, and that we are called as God's people to "agree in the Lord."

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

Standing on the Promises God's Rock-Solid Truths for Life

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children

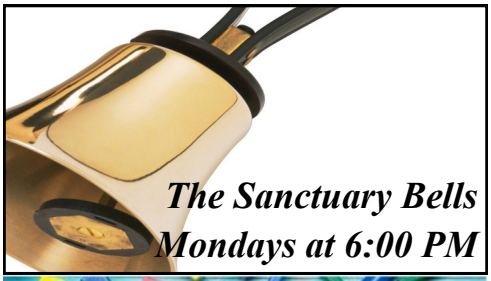
The Music Ministry

A New Choir Year Begins!

The Sanctuary Choir has resumed Wednesday rehearsals at 6:30 PM in the Music Suite. New and returning members are encouraged to join. This is the perfect time to commit to regular attendance and joyful participation.

The Sanctuary Bells To Return!

Rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 14 at 6:00 PM. This ministry offers a meaningful way to worship through instrumental music and fellowship. For details, contact Bro. Bryan Bolton.



Mooove Up Sunday, Bible Presentations, and Blessing of the Backpacks.

On Sunday, August 16, 2026, the FirstKids and Student Ministries will all "mooove up" to their new Sunday school classes. Kids entering Ms. Julie and Ms. Cindy's class will receive their big kid Bibles during morning worship.

This is also the Sunday that we encourage every student, teacher, and administrator to bring backpacks for a special blessing. We will equip them with Scripture and, most importantly, pray over them for the year ahead.

2026 FirstKids Ministry Volunteer Training and Planning Session.

All FirstKids Ministry volunteers are asked to join us for an evening of training, connection, and preparation on Sunday, August 30 at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This time together is important as we look ahead to the 2026 -2027 ministry year. We will review safety policies, share exciting plans, and dream together about what God has in store for our kids and their families. Plus, there will be good treats and great fellowship!

Spreading Christmas Cheer!

The Sanctuary Choir was invited to carol outside the gates before the *Christmas in July* night at the Arkansas Travelers baseball game on Friday, July 24, 2026. As fans streamed through the gates, the choir gathered with bells in hand and voices lifted high, singing and ringing the beloved carols of the season. The joyful music brought smiles, encouraged participation, and filled the summer evening with warmth and wonder. It was a memorable occasion where the spirit of Christmas brightened the July night.

Deacon of the Week

JAMES HOUSE
August 2, 2026
DAN CROWDER
August 9, 2026
KENNY BONDS
August 16, 2026
LYNN KING
August 23, 2026
ROGER MINYARD
August 30, 2026

First Record

July 5, 2026

Budget Needs	$12,090.46
Budget Receipts	$8,090.00
TV Receipts	$555.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	$75.00
Other	$1,354.85
TOTAL	**$10,074.85**

July 12, 2026

Budget Needs	$12,090.46
Budget Receipts	$4,025.00
TV Receipts	$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	$250.00
Other	$324.00
TOTAL	**$4,599.00**

July 19, 2026

Budget Needs	$12,090.46
Budget Receipts	$9,566.00
TV Receipts	$10.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	$175.00
Other	$166.00
TOTAL	**$9,917.00**

July 26, 2026

Budget Needs	$12,090.46
Budget Receipts	$12,970.00
TV Receipts	$105.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	$50.00
Other	$3,130.00
TOTAL	**$16,255.00**

The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, August 16 at 4:00 pm

The Deacons will meet on Sunday, August 16 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 16, 2026
will be

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SUNDAY
Undesignated offering will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.

Evening Service at Trinity Village
Sunday, August 23, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

SYMPATHY

To Joe and Rhonda Goss and family and Steve and Susan Goss and family, in the loss of their father, Elgie Goss, who passed away in Bentonville, AR.

Thank You

The Special Projects Committee is thankful for the opportunity to serve our church family by helping to refresh and enhance areas of our already beautiful church building. We extend our sincere thanks to the Administrative Board for the generous allocation of $5000 as well as to those who have given private donations to help make these projects possible.

We hope these improvements will create welcoming spaces where all who enter may feel the warmth of God's love and the spirit of fellowship that makes our church family so special. We invite you to take time to visit the newly decorated Prayer Room and Welcome Center, and trust the ladies of our church will enjoy the enhancements made to the Ladies Room. Also, the committee has placed two upholstered chairs and two tables at both the north and south entrances of the church to add a welcoming touch as people enter. Over the past several years, the committee has also been blessed to support other meaningful projects including the beautifully completed Scout Room and History Room, created by Kay Ball and Sue Smith. Additional touches have been added to our sanctuary, including the damask altar fall and Bible Marker, brass cross and brass candlesticks, all of which enhance the beauty and reverence of our worship space.

It has truly been a joy to dedicate our time and talents to beautifying God's house. We thank Him for the privilege of serving, and we pray these improvements will be a blessing to our church family and a reminder of our love, gratitude, and commitment to creating a place where all feel welcomed, inspired, and at home.

Birthday Endowment Postcards Update

The birthday postcards were originally created to remind members that they could make a contribution to the Building Endowment Fund held at the Arkansas Baptist Foundation. This endowment was established to help offset the cost of future maintenance and upkeep of our church facilities. Beginning this month, we will no longer mail birthday postcards. Instead, we will include a reminder in *The Builder*. We encourage you to continue making your contribution during your birthday month if you wish. Thank you for your understanding as we look for ways to be good stewards of the church's resources by reducing expenses wherever possible. Your continued support of the Building Endowment Fund is greatly appreciated.

A change is coming. In October, Microsoft Publisher will no longer be available for use. This is the software that has been used for years to prepare the Builder.

Postage has also been steadily increasing and delivery more inconsistent. We are hoping that by October, the FBC Builder will be completely digital. We will email the Builder as we have been and continue to have a link to it on our website. There will be a small number printed and placed in the foyer for pick up. Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this new path of communication. If you receive the Builder by mail and would like to continue receiving it, please make sure the church office has your email address.

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

News from the Pews

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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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