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Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ!

As I write this, we are only two sermons away from finishing the series through the book of Philippians that I began shortly after becoming your pastor. As we close out this epistle of Paul, I would like to take the opportunity to review some of the major themes we saw throughout the book. It is my prayer that these truths have taken root in your heart and you have considered how they might apply to your life individually, as well as our life as a church body.

The Gospel- As Paul opens the letter, he expresses thankfulness to the church in Philippi for their gospel partnership (Phil. 1:5). He tells these believers that his imprisonment has served to advance the gospel (Phil. 1:12). He encourages them to live their lives in a manner worthy of the gospel (Phil. 1:27). *Do you share the gospel? Does your life reflect the gospel? How can you apply this gospel emphasis to your life?*

Christ- Paul opens by reminding these saints that they are "in Christ" (Phil. 1:1). He reminds them of the day of Christ (Phil. 1:6, 1:10, 2:16). He knows that if he dies he will be with Christ, but if he lives he will continue to live for Christ (Phil. 1:22). He presents the incarnation and crucifixion of Christ as the ultimate example of humility (Phil. 2:5-10). He says that to know Christ is of surpassing worth, and everything else is rubbish in comparison (Phil. 3:8). *Is your total trust in Christ? Do you value knowing him above all else? Are you living for him?*

Joy- Throughout this letter, Paul speaks of his own joy. He prays for these believers with joy (Phil. 1:4). He rejoices at the proclamation of Christ (Phil. 1:18). He rejoices even as he is poured out for the sake of this church (Phil. 2:17). He calls these believers his joy (Phil. 4:1). He also speaks of their joy. He encourages them to receive Epaphroditus back with joy (Phil. 2:29). And he instructs them to rejoice several times (Phil. 2:18, 3:1, 4:4). *Do you rejoice no matter the circumstances? Do you find joy in the Lord? Do you find joy in God's people?*

Suffering- Paul tells these Philippian Christians that it had been granted to them that they should suffer for the sake of Christ (Phil. 1:29). He considers sharing in the sufferings of Christ part of truly knowing him (Phil. 3:10). He describes his contentment even in the midst of suffering (Phil. 4:11-13). *Are you willing to suffer for the cause of Christ? Do you consider suffering for Christ a gift from God? Do you endure suffering with the mindset of identifying with Christ through it? Have you learned contentment in the midst of suffering?*

Unity- Paul's main concern for the church at Philippi seems to be that they would maintain unity in the midst of persecution and pressure from the outside world. He wants them to stand firm in one spirit and one mind (Phil. 1:27). He instructs them on how to do this, teaching them to adopt an attitude of humility and selflessness (Phil. 2:3-4). He even addresses two women in particular that don't seem to be getting along, urging them to agree in the Lord (Phil. 4:2). *Do you treat others with humility and selflessness, or do you look out for your own interests? Do you interact with the body of Christ in a way that promotes unity?*

These are some of the main themes in Philippians. You may have identified others as we have gone through this sermon series. I would love to hear from you if the Lord has used a particular concept, verse, or passage from this great book of the Bible to convict you, encourage you, or transform you. Let us, as a church body, apply these great truths to our lives and rejoice as we see the Lord work in us and through us.

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

THE BEATITUDES

Blessings for a Joyful Journey

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



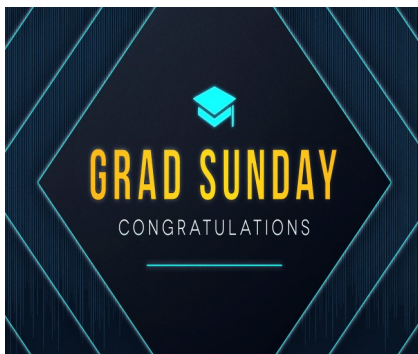
Save the Date:
Sunday, September 29, 2024 | 5:00 PM

I am thrilled to announce the rededication of our cherished pipe organ and invite you to join us for a special Hymn Festival service. This service promises to be a joyous celebration of music and community spirit. Please save the date for this event: Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm. The service will feature a selection of beloved hymns, choral works, and guest artists, showcasing the restored beauty and rich sound of our organ. I look forward to sharing this momentous occasion with you. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for the official invitation and further details.

Graduate Recognition Sunday

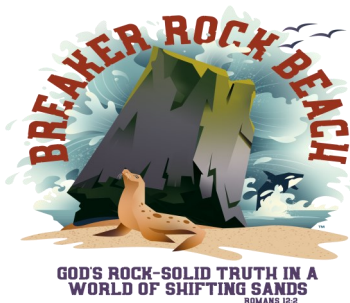
On Sunday, May 19, 2024, during the morning worship, we will give special recognition to those who are graduating high school this year.

Graduates need to RSVP by email at bbolton@cablelynx.com or by calling 870-534-4741 or 870-489-8970 by April 30, 2024. Include also your future plans as you embark on this new chapter of your life.



Save the Date:
Saturday, July 13, 2024 | 9 AM to 1 PM

VBS is returning to First Baptist Church this summer for **ONE DAY ONLY - July 13 from 9 AM - 1 PM!** We are offering this exciting day of Christ-centered activities, music, crafts, a Bible story, and tons of fun to the children of Pine Bluff and their friends! At the conclusion of VBS, we will also have a family picnic in the Fellowship Hall.



Our VBS is for all children who have completed PK thru 6th Grade (that means they must be 5 by August 1, 2024). VBS is available for preschoolers (birth-four years old) while their parent/grandparent is serving in VBS.

This summer, dive into an adventure where kids discover God's unchanging truth in a shifting world. It is a fantastic journey filled with fun, learning, and the chance to grow close to Jesus.

For Kids: Registration is now open! Secure a spot for your child or grandchild in this unforgettable exploration of faith.

For Volunteers: Your help is crucial. Whether leading, assisting, or supporting, your involvement brings this event to life. A Volunteer Training meeting will take place on *Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 5:00 pm* in the Choir Room.

Register for VBS - Kids and Volunteers - TODAY!!

www.fbcpinebluff.org/vbs



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Deacon of the Week

M. H. BITELY

May 5, 2024

TROY COLE

May 12, 2024

DAN CROWDER

May 19, 2024

TOMMY FOWLER

May 26, 2024

First Record

March 31, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$8,170.00
TV Receipts	\$90.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$1,155.25
TOTAL	\$9,515.25

April 7, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$6,310.00
TV Receipts	\$705.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$1,666.87
TOTAL	\$8,756.87

April 14, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$4,660.00
TV Receipts	\$155.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$765.00
TOTAL	\$5,655.00

April 21, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$7,705.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$416.56
TOTAL	\$8,176.56

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

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 pm.

Sunday, May 19 2024
will be



SUNDAY
Undesignated offering will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.



Jennifer Tedder Booth

Title of presentation is "An Inheritance That Lasts."

Jennifer Booth is a wife to Steven, mom to two adult kids Harrison and Elizabeth, and a seminary student pursuing a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Jennifer loves God's Word and is passionate about helping women read their Bibles daily to learn more about God and His character.



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

CHURCH CLOSING

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day



Fill A Bottle

to save a life known by GOD

Hope of the Delta Baby Bottle Offering

May 12– June 16 2024

Checks are welcome

Financial FYI

Each Monday, the Counting Committee meets to count the receipts from Sunday. They remove checks and cash from the offering envelopes verifying the amount given with the amount on the envelope. They also indicate the check number or show if it was a cash contribution. If a check comes in without an envelope, they will make one. They count the coins, currency, and checks and note on a worksheet the amount given for each gift (budget, television, Capital Needs, mission offering, memorials, etc.). The receipts are deposited in the bank.

DID YOU KNOW that you can just write one check? If you are wanting to assign your funds to different items, there is no need to write separate checks. You just need to write one check and then make sure to mark amounts you wish to contribute to the correct items on your envelope. The instructions on the envelope will be followed.



**Regular Schedule
for Weekly Services**

SUNDAY:
 6:00 am TV Broadcast on KARZ 42
 (one week delay)
 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
 6:30 pm Bible Study Fellowship
 Women and Men

TUESDAY:
 6:00 pm Griefshare, Rm. #202
 TBD

WEDNESDAY:
 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 12:00 pm Prayer Meeting
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
 Rehearsal

Deacons 2024

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**News
from
the
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Our website is live and online giving is available again. 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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