
First Baptist Church Builder

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Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is an exciting time in the life of our church. We have had one recent baptism and are in the process of scheduling another, so it has been good to see the Lord give spiritual life. He has also given life in another sense, as Tori and I welcomed our fourth child into the world a week ago (May 23), making that the third baby born in our congregation within the last year. God's kindness to us is evident.

There are several summer events that you should be aware of. First of all, right around the corner, we will have the World Changers staying at our facilities as they do work around the city of Pine Bluff. They will be here June 9-14. Secondly, on Sunday, June 23 we will have a cookout at 5 pm that will kick off an 8 week series. I am calling it "The Bible's Big Picture" as we study the overarching narrative of Scripture and how each section of the Bible fits within that narrative. Finally, we will have our VBS One Day event on July 13, so please invite any children you know to participate!

I have been meditating this week on one verse of Scripture I would like to share with you. **Psalm 119:17- Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.** This verse, being addressed directly to God, could be considered a prayer, and I would like you to see 3 elements of the Psalmist's prayer.

1. His Petition to God- The Psalmist here asks that God would deal bountifully with him. In other words, he is appealing to God for grace. We must recognize that we are totally dependent on the Lord, and that if we are going to live faithfully, we need God's activity toward us to be bountiful in the blessings of grace.

2. His Position before God- The Psalmist identifies himself as a servant. As he makes this petition, appealing to God to deal bountifully with him, he is occupying a position of servitude. We must also gladly become servants of God as we seek his blessings. None of us are above servitude in his kingdom.

3. His Preservation by God- The result of the Psalmist's petition, that God would "deal bountifully" with him, would be the preservation of his life and his faithfulness to the word. There is a causal relationship here- it is the bountiful dealings of God that lead to life and faithfulness. God is the giver of life, both physical and spiritual. And he is the sustainer of life as well. And Christ is the Author and Perfecter of our faith. If we are going to continue to live and be faithful by keeping God's Word, we need the Lord to preserve us.

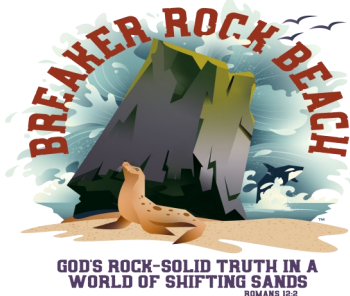
To summarize this verse, we see here that **servants of God depend on his gracious activity for life and faithfulness.** It is my prayer for you that you would assume the position of servitude before God, that your petition would be that God deal bountifully with you, and that as a result, you experience the preservation of life and faithfulness as you live and keep God's Word. God bless you.

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

THE BEATITUDES

Blessings for a Joyful Journey

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



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



Save the Date:

Organ Rededication and Hymn Festival

**Sunday, September 29, 2024
 5:00 PM**

You are invited to participate in an evening of music featuring Guest Artists, Congregational Singing, and Choral Works.

A Fellowship Reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.



Media Volunteers Needed!

We are searching for A/V volunteers to be added to our team. We have positions for sound board operators and live streamers to help out on Sunday mornings and during special services. The live stream involves operating a joystick controller for the cameras. It is like a video game! Lots of fun! No experience necessary. Everything can be taught in the matter of a couple Sundays. Contact Bro. Bryan at bbolton@cablelynx.com or call 534.4741 for further information.



June 16, 2024

To the glory of God and in memory of

Travis Chisom

near the time of his birthday and their anniversary by

Donna Chisom and his family



Deacon of the Week

LARRY DANIEL

June 2, 2024

JAMES HOUSE

June 9, 2024

LYNN KING

June 16, 2024

BILLY KITTLER

June 23, 2024

BRUCE MORGAN

June 30, 2024

First Record

May 5, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$7,640.00
TV Receipts	\$55.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$5,348.48
TOTAL	\$13,143.48

May 12, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$10,615.00
TV Receipts	\$705.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$275.00
Other	\$2,367.27
TOTAL	\$13,962.27

May 19, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$6,145.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$692.75
TOTAL	\$6,942.75

May 26, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$10,965.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$673.75
TOTAL	\$11,718.75

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, June 9 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, June 9 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 16 2024 will be



SUNDAY

Undesignated offering will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.

Evening Service at Trinity Village

Sunday, June 23 4:00 pm Trinity Village Great Hall



Tuesdays, June 4, 6PM Session is 13 weeks

SYMPATHY

To Julie McDonald and family, in the loss of her mother, Pauline Bottom, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To Michele Stroud and family in the loss of her mother, Carolyn Blackmon, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

Thank You

I just wanted to thank you for allowing BSF to come to your church. Have a good summer and we will see you in September.

Vicky Inich BSF Class Administrator



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



The World Changers leaders and students will be at our church June 10-15. Please be in prayer for them while they work in Pine Bluff.



**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

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
Pews**

Weston Rodgers Sizemore, granddaughter of Rodney Rodgers and the late Marlene Rodgers, recently graduated, Magna Cum Laude, from the William H. Bowen School of Law in Little Rock.

Weston was also the recipient of a post graduate scholarship from the Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers to assist her in preparing for the bar exam in July.

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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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