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Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Recently, in our Wednesday morning men's group, we covered the life of John Bunyan, the 17th century preacher and author most famous for writing *The Pilgrim's Progress*. This book is an allegory for the Christian life which follows the main character, Christian, on his pilgrimage toward the Celestial City. Each segment in the book reveals truth about the gospel, redemption, and the nature of Christian living. I would like to share an excerpt here with the hope that it would be a source of encouragement for you. The context for this passage is that Christian has come to The House of the Interpreter. This represents the Word of God, and the Interpreter is walking Christian from room to room, revealing to him the truth of the gospel. This excerpt is called "A Fire Burning Against the Wall."

"Then I saw in my dream, that the Interpreter took Christian by the hand, and led him into a place where was a Fire burning against the wall, and one standing by it, always casting much water upon it, to quench it; yet did the Fire burn higher and hotter.

Then said Christian, What means this?

The Interpreter answered, This Fire is the Work of Grace that is wrought in the heart; he that casts water upon it, to extinguish and put it out, is the Devil: But in that you see the Fire notwithstanding burn higher and hotter, you will also see the reason of that. So he had him about to the backside of the wall, where he saw a Man with a Vessel of Oil in his hand, of which, he did also continually cast (but secretly) into the Fire.

Then said Christian, What means this?

The Interpreter answered, This is Christ, who continually with the Oil of His Grace maintains the work already begun in the heart: By the means of which, notwithstanding what the Devil can do, the souls of His people prove gracious still. And in that you saw, that the Man stood behind the wall to maintain the Fire; this is to teach you, That it is hard for the Tempted to see how this Work of Grace is maintained in the soul."

We see in this excerpt the truth that it is Christ who not only began the work of grace, but who continues to work grace in our hearts, sometimes in ways that we do not perceive. And because he is faithful to do this, the efforts of Satan against us are destined to fail. Jesus is, as **Hebrews 12:2** says, "**The author and finisher of our faith.**" Take heart and be encouraged, brothers and sisters.

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

THE BEATITUDES

Blessings for a Joyful Journey

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



One Day VBS
Saturday, July 13, 2024
9 AM to 1 PM

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. At the conclusion of VBS, we will also have a family picnic in the Fellowship Hall.

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

www.fbcpinebluff.org/vbs

The FirstKids Ministry is thrilled to announce two wonderful additions to our childcare family. Please join us in welcoming our new Childcare Coordinator, MaKaylah Blackston, and our dedicated Childcare Worker, Ms. Nellie Burnett. They officially joined our team on Sunday, June 16, and are excited to bring their passion and expertise to our Kid's Wing.

We are confident that MaKaylah and Ms. Nellie will be valuable assets to our team, and we look forward to the positive impact they will have on our children's lives.

Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself (especially those on the volunteer list) to our new team members. They are eager to meet all the families and become a part of our FirstKids Ministry.



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.



July 14, 2024

To the glory of God and in memory of **Dr. Horace Green** on his birthday

by

Bonnie Green and his family



Deacon of the Week

JIM SIMPSON

July 7, 2024

BILLY STONE

July 14, 2024

RODNEY RODGERS

July 21, 2024

VERNON WALKER

July 28, 2024

First Record

June 2, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$9,555.00
TV Receipts	\$515.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$1,629.31
TOTAL	\$11,774.31

June 9, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$5,120.00
TV Receipts	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$582.79
TOTAL	\$5,752.79

June 16, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$15,700.00
TV Receipts	\$200.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$300.00
Other	\$4,526.68
TOTAL	\$20,726.68

June 23, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$6,795.00
TV Receipts	\$15.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$75.00
Other	\$634.71
TOTAL	\$7,519.71

CHURCH CLOSING

The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, July 21 at 4:00 pm.
The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, July 21 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, July 21 2024
will be

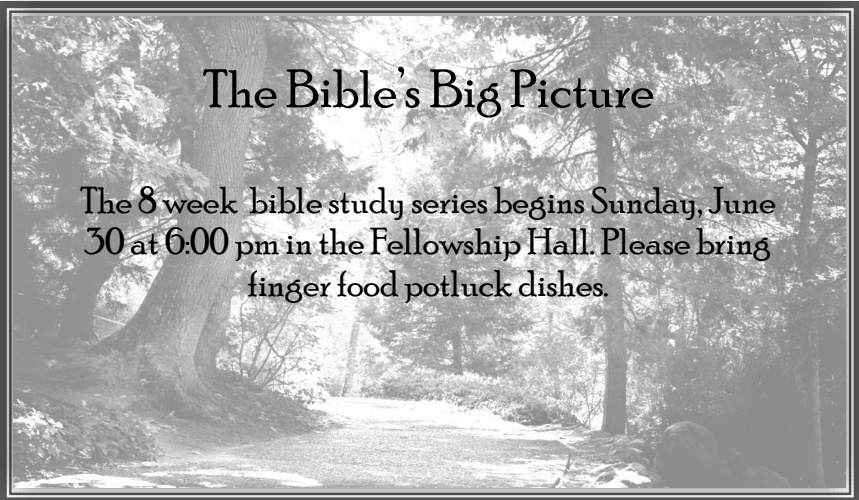


SUNDAY
*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**
Sunday, July 28 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall



SYMPATHY
To family and friends of Ann Holt, who passed away in Little Rock, AR.



Financial FYI
In June the Administrative Board voted to place any undesignated memorials in the Operation Christmas Child fund. Items are purchased throughout the year, along with OCC supplies. This will help ensure the boxes will be full and postage will be paid for.
Please note, any memorials that are designated will be placed in the requested fund.



**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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Billy Kittler 550-8910
Bruce Morgan 370-8318
Jim Simpson 692-3282
Billy Stone 692-1191
Rodney Rodgers 543-9936
Vernon Walker 489-2683

**News
from
the
Pews**

Anna Katherine Green, granddaughter of **Bonnie Green** and the late **Horace L Green**, M.D. graduated magna cum laude on May 11 from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, AR.

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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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