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# First Baptist Church Builder

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Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you ever been overwhelmed with the glory of God? What I mean is, have you ever had a moment where the majesty, power, wisdom, righteousness, and just the overall grandeur of God struck you and left you speechless? I have found that this will happen to me in two contexts- when I am reflecting on what he has created and when I am meditating on what he has written.

There have been times when I am in awe of nature- a sunrise or a sunset, a mountain range or a canyon, a field of wildflowers or a forest of trees, sunbeams shining through the clouds during the day or the stars scattered across the nighttime sky, ocean waves or a rushing river, and so on. When I am rightly reflecting on these things, they cause me to praise the One who created them.

There have been other times that I am struck by something in God's Word. Maybe the meaning of a certain passage finally clicks for me. Maybe I notice the beauty of a given verse for the first time. Or maybe I am simply reminded of the truth of God's character and the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ as a read, and though it is not the first time, praise for God is stirred in my heart once more.

The reason that those are the contexts in which I, and most likely you, have come face to face with God's majesty is simple- Scripture teaches that those are the places God has revealed his character. The revelation of God can be divided into two categories- **general revelation and special revelation**. General revelation consists of the truths that God has revealed to everyone, everywhere in creation itself. Special revelation refers to the more specific truth that God has revealed in Scripture, those things that cannot be ascertained simply by observing nature. Psalm 19 gives us a picture of both of these ways that God reveals Himself.

**Psalm 19:1-2- "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge."** In the introduction to his book *Providence*, John Piper reflects on the glory of God in sunrises. He writes, "I used to look at sunrises when I was jogging and think that God had created a beautiful world. Then it became less general and more specific, more personal. I said, 'Every morning God paints a different sunrise.' He never gets tired of doing it again and again. But then it struck me. No, he doesn't do it again and again. He never stops doing it. The sun is always rising somewhere in the world. God guides the sun twenty-four hours every day and paints sunrises at every moment, century after century without one second of respite, and never grows weary or less thrilled with the work of his hands. Even when cloud cover keeps man from seeing it, God is painting spectacular sunrises above the clouds."

**Psalm 19:7-9- "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether."** These verses show us the value of God's Word, describing what the Word is and what the Word does. How often do we neglect such a valuable gift? If you want to know who God is and to grow in your knowledge of Him, spend time in the Word, and see these benefits begin to characterize your life.

In Christ,

Bro. Dalton Adger

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# We Are God's Masterpiece

*Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children*

## Christmas Choir

**The Christmas Choir is Ready to Begin.** A very special Christmas presentation, *We Have Seen His Glory*, is being planned for Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 PM! Mark the date on your calendars now and plan to be present.

Do you want to sing in the Christmas Choir? Rehearsals begin this month, with a brief kick-off event on September 4, 2024, at 6:30 PM. Christmas Music Rehearsal will then continue each Wednesday night from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM. into December. Come and join us! You will be glad you did!

**The Sanctuary Bells.** Rehearsals for The Sanctuary Bells will resume on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the Handbell Room. This group provides a unique opportunity to minister to each other as well as the church through instrumental worship.



**Organ Rededication and Hymn Festival.** Is this date on your calendar - Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 5:00 PM? Are you bringing someone with you?

Prepare now to join us and participate in an evening of music featuring guest artists, congregational singing, and choral works. Invite your friends and neighbors

for this special celebration. A Fellowship Reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall.

**Opportunity for Service and Ministry.** We are excited to partner once again with Coleman Elementary for the 2024-2025 school year. Volunteers are needed to help deliver boxed dinners to the teachers on Tuesday, September 25, 2024 at 4:00 PM. For more information, please contact me at 534-4741. Additionally, please join me in praying each week for the students, teachers, and administrative staff.



**Employment Opportunity for a Paid Childcare Worker.** The FirstKids Ministry is seeking for another reliable, compassionate, and energetic childcare provider to join Miss Nellie in the Kid's Wing. This candidate will help on Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to

8:00 PM, and other events as needed. Information cards are available on the round table in the Foyer.

**Exciting News: New Check-In System Coming Soon!** We are excited to announce that we will soon be implementing a new check-in system from Realm in the Kid's Wing! This system will improve safety, efficiency, and our overall experience. Key Features: Quick and seamless check-in, ensuring a smooth start to our Sundays; No more manual attendance tracking; and Each child will receive a customized badge with important information, including allergies and emergency contacts. Stay tuned for more details and instructions. We appreciate your support as we implement these exciting changes.



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### Deacon of the Week

- LARRY DANIEL**  
September 1, 2024
- TOMMY FOWLER**  
September 8, 2024
- JAMES HOUSE**  
September 15, 2024
- LYNN KING**  
September 22, 2024
- BILLY KITTLER**  
September 29, 2024

### First Record

#### August 4, 2024

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$8,720.00
TV Receipts .....	\$450.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$250.00
Other .....	\$938.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$10,358.00</b>

#### August 11, 2024

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$11,135.00
TV Receipts .....	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$100.00
Other .....	\$1,398.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$12,633.00</b>

#### August 18, 2024

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$7,900.00
TV Receipts .....	\$80.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$75.00
Other .....	\$738.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$8,793.00</b>

#### August 25, 2024

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$7,580.00
TV Receipts .....	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$125,050.00
Other .....	\$514.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$133,149.00</b>

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, September 15 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, September 15 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 15, 2024

will be



**SUNDAY**

*Undesignated offering will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**Evening Service at Trinity Village**

Sunday, September 22, 4:00 pm  
Trinity Village Great Hall

**Thursdays**  
Beginning September 19  
3:00 - 4:30 PM  
6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Session is 13 weeks

**SYMPATHY**

To family and friends of Becky Reed, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.



Our church moved to a new kind of church record keeping solution called Realm in 2020. It primarily serves the administrative needs of our staff, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church. Not only will this improve work life for our ministry staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community of believers.

Everyone in our church gets a unique profile. Your profile contains everything you want people to know about you. Your profile enables you to join a small group, RSVP to events, track your giving, update your contact information, change family details, or replace an outdated family photo.

Groups and classes are an important part of our church, and now you can connect with the people in them throughout the week.

Review your giving history or make new donations online or on your mobile phone. Simply sign in to look over your year-to-date giving, print a contribution statement or make a new one-time or recurring donation. It's always available and kept secure in an easy-to-use online environment.

Your privacy is very important to us. You have complete control over who can see your contact and personal information. Contact information is never public or searchable on the internet. Authorized staff will always have access to your profile information.

Our FirstKids Ministry will soon be using the Check-in system. This will improve safety, efficiency, and overall experience. We would like to adopt this same check-in with our Sunday School classes. We are hoping to take out some of the paper waste of the church. This will also enable to email or group texts to the classes and members of the church in the event of a power loss at church that would cause cancellation of the services.

To make this all possible, you will need to create your profile, download the Connect app from your device's app store, or you can use your computer to sign-in. You will receive an invite from the church office to Realm. Please consider accepting this invite. It is completely up to you. If you do not receive an email invitation, contact the church office to confirm that your information is correct, and we'll gladly resend the invitation.

**COMPASSION IN ACTION**

DIXIE JACKSON  
**ARKANSAS MISSIONS OFFERING**

State Goal: \$1.9 MILLION  
Church Goal: \$3,000

2024



**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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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](http://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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