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Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I write this, we have two Sunday evenings left in our 8-week series looking at "The Bible's Big Picture." We have been tracing the overarching narrative of Scripture, looking at how each section and book of the Bible fits together to tell one story. For those of you who have been coming to that, I hope that it has been beneficial for you. I thought it would be helpful to use this article to briefly summarize what we have covered so far in that setting.

The Story Begins- God created everything perfectly good, including man and woman, who he made in His image and placed in the Garden. They had perfect fellowship with Him, and were a part of His kingdom- His people in His place under His rule experiencing His blessing. This was lost when they sinned. The curse of death entered creation, and fellowship with God was broken. But God promised a "seed of the woman" who would "crush the head" of the serpent, reversing the curse, redeeming man, and reestablishing the kingdom.

God Establishes a Nation- After flooding the world as an act of judgement, but saving Noah and his family, God chooses Abraham, his son Isaac, and his son Jacob and establishes a covenant with them. He would create His people from their descendants, establish them in His place, rule over them and bless them. From this people would come that "seed of the woman." This chosen family grew into the promised people, the Israelites, in the land of Egypt.

Deliverance, Law, and Conquest- The Israelites find themselves enslaved to Pharaoh and the Egyptians until the Lord raises up Moses to lead them out of Egypt. He then gives them the Law to live by, solidifying them as His people under His rule. The following generation, under Joshua's leadership, enters the promised land, but fails to drive the pagan nations out completely. In the land, they have no king, and continuously turn from God to worship idols. They are God's people in God's place, but not submitting to God's rule or experiencing God's blessing.

The Kingdom Rises and Falls- When the Israelites demand a king, God first gives them Saul, but then anoints David. God makes a covenant with David, that from Him would come an eternal king. But as a judgment on David due to his sin with Bathsheba, the kingdom splits into two- the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the Southern Kingdom of Judah. Israel goes through bad king after bad king, and Judah has many bad kings as well, with only a handful of good ones who honor God. Eventually, both kingdoms fall to pagan nations- first Israel to the Assyrians, then Judah to the Babylonians. The Lord preserves a remnant of Judah, who goes into exile. Some are able to return and rebuild Jerusalem and the temple, but they are still under pagan rule.

Prophets, Poetry, and Praise- During the times of the kings, the exile, and the return, God continually sent prophets to deliver His Word to the people. The message of the prophets consisted of calls to repentance, warnings of coming judgment, reminders of God's promises, and message of future hope and grace. They also predicted more about the coming Messiah, that promised Davidic king who was also the promised seed of the woman. God also gave the people books of wisdom and praise to help them live and worship as His people.

This is the story of the Old Testament. At the end is a sense of anticipation- the perfect kingdom of God has not been restored, man has not been redeemed, and the promised seed of the woman has still not come. But everything in the Old Testament points forward to that promised redemption and restoration, and the New Testament reveals that it is found in Jesus Christ. This is what we will explore during the last two weeks of the series.

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

We Are God's Masterpiece

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



One Day VBS Recap. I am thrilled to share the incredible impact of our One Day VBS: Including adults, we had 36 participants and volunteers enrolled. I am especially joyful to announce that two children made decisions to either follow

Jesus or engage in more conversations about their faith. In addition, each child received a “take home” sack that included information about our church and the FirstKids Ministry, coloring pages and activities sheets to reinforce the day’s lesson, and a “Sharing the Gospel” outline, in kid-friendly language, to assist in their response to the gospel.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the indoor picnic. Your generosity of time did not go unnoticed and was greatly appreciated. I am also deeply grateful for our incredible volunteers. Whether you were teaching, leading, serving, playing games, or helping in countless other ways, your time and effort made our One Day VBS a resounding success.

Finally, thank you to everyone who prayed over our One Day VBS. Your prayers provided the foundation for everything we accomplished.



Celebration Station. We are about to celebrate our one-year anniversary of the reformatted Extended Teaching Care (ETC) program. Over the past year, the dedication and compassion of our volunteers have made a significant impact.

As we reflect on this milestone, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each volunteer for their contribution to the program. Throughout the month of August, a “Celebration Station” cart will be ‘rolling out’ into the Kid’s Wing. On the Sundays that each volunteer is scheduled, a special appreciation gift will be available on the cart.

ETC Volunteers, thank you for being the heart of our program. Thank you for loving on our children and their families, and for serving the Lord in this special ministry. Here’s to many more years of making a difference!



Blessing of the Backpacks. On Sunday, August 18, 2024 during morning worship we will have the Blessing of the Backpacks. This is the Sunday that we encourage each student, teacher, and administrator to bring your backpacks to morning worship so that we can equip

them with Scripture and most importantly, pray over them for the coming school year.



Save the Date: Organ Rededication and Hymn Festival on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 5:00 PM. You are invited to 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.



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Deacon of the Week

- BLASIUS AWONSANG**
August 4, 2024
- M. H. BITELY**
August 11, 2024
- TROY COLE**
August 18, 2024
- DAN CROWDER**
August 25, 2024

First Record

July 7, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$9,905.00
TV Receipts	\$460.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$2,015.46
TOTAL	\$12,430.46

July 14, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$6,880.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$269.00
TOTAL	\$7,204.00

July 21, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$7,935.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$50.00
Other	\$185.00
TOTAL	\$8,175.00

July 28, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$9,050.00
TV Receipts	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$150.00
Other	\$205.00
TOTAL	\$9,405.00

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, August 18 at 4:00 pm.

The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, August 18 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 18, 2024
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**

Sunday, August 25 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall



SYMPATHY

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

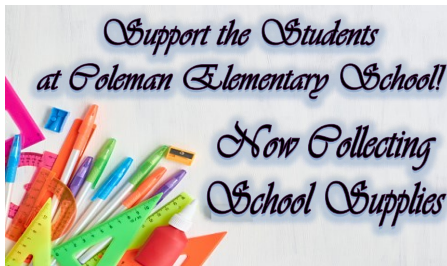
To family and friends of Pat Moseley, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To family and friends of John Baltzell, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

The Bible's Big Picture

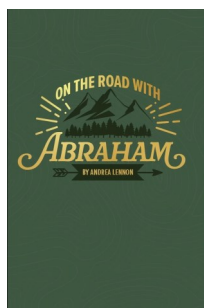
The 8 week bible study series continues on Sundays at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. August 11 will be the last of the study.

Please bring finger food potluck dishes.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES. From August 1 thru August 11, we will be collecting supplies for students at Coleman Elementary School (grades 2-5). You can help by purchasing items, bringing them to church, and drop them off at the marked bins in the church Foyer. This is a great way to support our community!

- 2 inch (3 ring) heavy duty, view binder (solid color)
- 1 inch (3 ring) binder
- 8 count plastic dividers with pockets on both sides
- Yellow highlighters
- #2 Ticonderoga pencils
- Large and Small glue sticks
- Composition notebooks (hard cover - no spiral or loose-leaf)
- Fiskars scissors (blunt or safety edge)
- Large pink erasers
- Crayola brand 24 count crayons
- Pencil bag (grades 2 & 3)
- Pencil box (grades 4 & 5)
- EXPO brand 4-count low-odor Dry Erase markers
- 1-subject spiral notebooks
- Colored pencils 24 count
- Backpacks (clear or mesh)



Women's Summer Bible Study Discussion

If you reading and studying the Summer Bible Study, On The Road With Abraham, the meeting and potluck to discuss it will be August 25 at 5pm. The book covers Genesis 11-22 and the ups and downs of Abraham's life and the faithfulness of God through it all. The questions we will discuss are general about the challenges of walking by faith.

**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**



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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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