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Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

About a week ago, I got word that a pastor and preacher that I very much look up to has had a great moral failing and has stepped down from all pastoral and preaching ministry. This is a man that I do not know personally, but I have followed his ministry for quite some time, I have listened to many of his sermons, I have used some of his commentaries and read some of his books, I have quoted him from the pulpit on multiple occasions, and I generally just held him in high regard. So, when this news reached me, it was not only surprising, but also very disappointing.

I will not name the man here, and not all of the details have been made known surrounding the situation. I will not speculate about them either. But the church said that he was removed because of an "inappropriate relationship" with a woman, and clearly whatever occurred was disqualifying in nature. I must confess that often when things like this happen, my instinct is a bit prideful. I think to myself "I would never do that. This could not happen to me." This time, my thoughts were a little different. This man had decades of seemingly faithful ministry, he taught with sound doctrine, and he was one of the last people I would have expected to fall into this sort of disqualifying sin. And so my reaction was not, "This could not happen to me," but rather, "If this happened to him, it could happen to anyone." And the biblical reality is that it could happen to anyone, but it doesn't have to.

In **1 Corinthians 10**, Paul uses the Old Testament example of the Israelites during their wilderness wanderings to warn the Corinthian believers to be on guard, and to not think they are above temptation, especially when it comes to idolatry and to sexual sin. In **v.6** he writes, "**Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.**" He then recounts several examples from that generation before driving home the point that we should see their examples as a warning. **V. 12-** "**Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.**" In other words, none of us should be so prideful that we think any manner of sin is impossible for us. It could happen to anyone.

But it doesn't have to. He follows that warning with a divine reality that serves to encourage us in the face of temptation. **V. 13-** "**No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**" For the child of God, the one redeemed in Christ and indwelt by the Spirit, we have an escape when we are tempted. The Lord Himself is faithful to provide it every time. So when we are confronted with the reality of sin, and when we hear news of professing believers falling into all manner of sin, let us be warned and be encouraged. It could happen to anyone, but it doesn't have to.

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

We Are God's Masterpiece

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children



Join Us for a Special Christmas Presentation by The Sanctuary Choir and Instrumentalists, "We Have Seen His Glory," on Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 5:00 PM. This inspiring program will take place in our church sanctuary, bringing together beautiful music and heartfelt worship to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Come and experience the joy and wonder of the Christmas season through this majestic choral presentation. Invite your family and friends to join us for this special evening. We look forward to celebrating with you!



SAVE THE DATE!!
Trunk-or-Treat Festival
Sunday, October 27
5-6:30pm

Free family fun for everyone! Come, wear your costume*, invite friends and make lasting memories!

More info at
fbcpinebluff.org/trunkortreat24

Candy donations will begin collection on October 13.

*Please refrain from any scary masks/costumes.



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.



New Check-In System Launches This Sunday, September 29! In an effort to increase our safety and security measures this fall, we will begin checking in all children (birth-grade 6) and volunteers this Sunday.

The check-in kiosk is located in the gathering space of the Kid's Wing. Directional signs will be available to guide you and a volunteer will help with check-in. Your child will receive a tag, place it on their shirt, and keep the corresponding number to present at pick up time. At pick-up time, you will need to present this tag to their teacher.

Additionally, with the implementation of this new system, a policy change will be enforced: Children will only be released to an authorized guardian. This policy is crucial for maintaining the safety and security of our children.

I am excited about this new system and believe it will greatly benefit our ministry and provide a safer environment for the families we serve.



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Deacon of the Week

BRUCE MORGAN

October 6, 2024

JIM SIMPSON

October 13, 2024

BILLY STONE

October 20, 2024

RODNEY RODGERS

October 27, 2024

First Record

September 1, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$13,883.00
TV Receipts	\$515.00
Capital Needs & Repairs...	\$1,050.00
Other	\$1,380.00
TOTAL	\$16,828.00

September 8, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$5,240.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$550.00
Other	\$1,624.00
TOTAL	\$7,419.00

September 15, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$4,908.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$50.00
Other	\$1,054.00
TOTAL	\$6,017.00

September 22, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$7,205.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs.....	\$675.00
Other	\$1,435.00
TOTAL	\$9,320.00

The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, October 20 at 4:00 pm

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, October 20 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, October 20, 2024 will be



SUNDAY

Undesignated offering will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.

Evening Service at Trinity Village

Sunday, October 27, 4:00 pm Trinity Village Great Hall

Women's Bible Study begins October 13. Please join us as we work through the book Significant by Rachel Risner. This is a 6 week study. It is at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall and there will be a potluck meal provided by the study attendees. See you there!

Sunday, October 20 is the FBC Annual Business Meeting.

There will be a potluck lunch following the morning service.

Bring your favorite dish and join us.



IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is time to pack your shoebox! Boxes will soon be in the foyer, ready to be filled. Children are waiting to receive the boxes. Here are 3 ways you can help: 1. Take a box (or 2 or 3), shop for items suitable for the age and gender you choose. 2. Bring suitable new items you've purchased or \$ to the Church. We have shoppers and packers ready to ship. Don't forget that shipping has increased to \$10. 3. Build a box online at SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC

Remember, it's not just a shoebox. It's a demonstration of God's love in a tangible way that will deliver hope and joy to children around the world. It's a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children & their families through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

GRIEF SHARE

Thursdays 3:00 - 4:30 PM 6:00 - 7:30 PM

SYMPATHY

To Sue Smith and family, in the loss of Bob Smith, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To family and friends of Marnelle Clement, who passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

**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

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

THURSDAY:
3:00 PM Griefshare
6:00 pm Griefshare

Deacons 2024

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**News
from
the
Pews**

After graduating from the William H Bowen School of Law, **Weston R Sizemore** has passed the Arkansas Bar Exam and is now a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the Sixth Judicial District of Arkansas. Weston is the granddaughter of **Rodney Rodgers** and the late **Marlene Rodgers**.

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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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