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Grace and peace to you!

Today, as I write this, it is October 31, a day most people associate with Halloween. But October 31 has another title with great historical significance, especially for believers. Today is Reformation Day! I wrote about the Reformation in my Builder article this time last year, and am sharing a portion of that article here, as it is an appropriate time to revisit and relearn the 5 Solas of the Reformation!

October 31, 1517, was the day that the German priest Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg. These theses contained many biblical truths that stood in direct contradiction to the official Roman Catholic doctrine that characterized the church at the time. This event was the spark that lit the flame of the Protestant

Reformation, a movement to return to a more biblical understanding of the Christian faith, especially concerning the doctrines of salvation. As October comes to a close, I would encourage each member of our church to reflect on the “5 Solas of the Reformation.” These are 5 slogans that have come to be seen as a summary of the Protestant faith.

Sola Scriptura– Scripture alone. This is the belief that only God’s Word stands as the inerrant truth and authority in our lives and faith. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**- “**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.**”

Solus Christus– **Christ alone.** This doctrine teaches that our salvation is accomplished only by the person and work of Jesus Christ. **Acts 4:12**- “**And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**”

Sola Fide– **Faith alone.** Scripture teaches that we are justified by faith apart from works, meaning that when someone trusts in Jesus Christ, they are then considered righteous in the sight of God. **Romans 4:5**- “**And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness.**”

Sola Gratia– **Grace alone.** This truth means that God saves believers purely as an act of His own goodwill, not because of any merit within us. Salvation is totally unearned by us. **Ephesians 2:8**- “**For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.**”

Soli Deo Gloria– **To the Glory of God alone.** The final of these Solas is a proclamation that everything, including our salvation, has the glory of God as its end. **Romans 11:36**- “**For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.**”

It is my hope and prayer that each member of our church comes to terms with these five truths and rejoices in them. I would also encourage you to learn more about the Protestant Reformation and the influence it has had and still has on us.

In Christ,

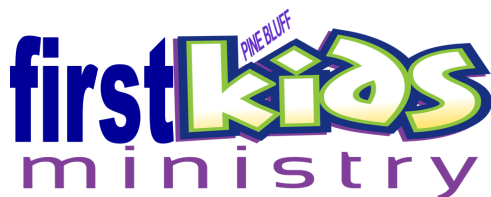
Bro. Dalton Adger

We Are God's Masterpiece

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children

We HAVE SEEN His Glory

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!



Attention, FirstKids Sunday School and ETC Volunteers! The Celebration Station Cart will once again be 'rolling out' in the Kid's Wing, and I need your input. Please let me know your favorite pie flavor by choosing from the following options: apple, cherry, pecan, pumpkin, lemon, or blueberry. Submit your choice by November 13, 2024 using the online form at this link: www.fbcpinebluff.org/FKMinSSETC/ or by emailing me at bbolton@cablelynx.com. Your participation will make our celebration even sweeter. Thank you!

Watch for the Celebration Station Cart to appear on Sunday, November 17, 2024 in the Kid's Wing.



This past Sunday night was our annual Trunk-or-Treat Festival at FBC. For those of you who could not make it, you missed a real blessing. I look forward to this particular event every year. Seeing and experiencing the sights and sounds of the community as our church shares a fun and caring event for the children is a real joy. Such interaction is a great way to introduce our church family to others that live around us and to make connections with each of them.

This year marks my fifteenth Festival and I am so grateful for EVERYONE who stepped in to lead in various ways during the event. Each one did a great job. I was thrilled by the attendance of so many great families from our church and surrounding community in addition to many volunteers. We served over 120 bags of popcorn and an endless number of rounds were played on each of the fourteen games. The kids and adults all had a great time! I am already looking forward to next year.

Special thanks to all who donated candy, decorated their trunks and provided games to play, served popcorn, and added a special touch to the decorations. Thank you also to the amazing registration ladies, who took on a potential tedious assignment and rose to the occasion with great skill.

Again, thank you to all of you who helped make the 2024 Trunk-or-Treat Festival a wonderful event.



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Deacon of the Week

VERNON WALKER

November 3, 2024

BLASIOUS AWONSANG

November 10, 2024

M. H. BITELY

November 17, 2024

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November 24, 2024

First Record

October 6, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$7,006.00
TV Receipts	\$455.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$575.00
Other	\$1,853.74
TOTAL	\$9,889.74

October 13, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$6,323.00
TV Receipts	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$575.00
Other	\$3,641.50
TOTAL	\$10,539.50

October 20, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$6,744.00
TV Receipts	\$10.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$450.00
Other	\$750.00
TOTAL	\$7,954.00

October 27, 2024

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$7,790.00
TV Receipts	\$65.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$100.00
Other	\$720.32
TOTAL	\$8,675.32

The Admin. Board will meet on Sunday, November 17 at 4:00 pm

The Deacons' Meeting will be Sunday, November 17 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, November 17, 2024 will be



SUNDAY

Undesignated offering will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.



Neighbor to Neighbor Holiday Food Baskets N2N is planning for the handout of holiday food baskets for Christmas. FBC is being asked to provide 100 cans of cranberry sauce. The Christmas deadline to have them to the church is November 25.

They would like FBC to consider sponsoring at least 1 child for Christmas. A cash donation of \$60 per child will insure that a child will wake up Christmas morning with toys under their tree and food on their table.



There is still time to fill a box for Operation Christmas Child

There are still boxes to be filled and still time to do that! Children are waiting to receive the boxes. Here are 3 ways you can help: 1. Take a box (2,3), shop for items suitable for the age and gender you choose. 2. Bring suitable new items you've purchased or \$ to the Church. Please remember that shipping for the boxes is \$10. We have shoppers and packers ready to ship. 3. Build a box on line at SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC

We are asking that all OCC boxes be returned to the church by November 10.

Evening Service at Trinity Village Sunday, November 24, 4:00 pm Trinity Village Great Hall

CHURCH CLOSING

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27 and will be closed November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving.



SYMPATHY To family and friends of Ann Clague, 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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the
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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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