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Grace and peace to you!

As I write this, it is the week of Thanksgiving. I am currently in Louisiana visiting loved ones, and I am thankful to God for the gifts of friendship and family. Sunday, we attended a church in New Iberia, Louisiana and saw Tori's sister be baptized, and was reminded of the great gift of salvation in Christ Jesus, and for that I am also thankful. That was a joyous occasion, but I still missed you, my church family, and so I am reminded to be thankful for the gift of the local church. All of these gifts, and so many more, from our Heavenly Father are reasons to be thankful and offer thanksgiving and praise.

In Philippians 4:6, Paul instructs believers to "not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." As believers reject anxiety, we are to replace it with prayer, and one aspect of prayer that Paul points out

is *thanksgiving*. Here is an excerpt from my sermon on this text, which I preached on April 14th of this year-

"We are not only to reject anxiety, but we are to replace it. With what? With prayer. In other words, when you would worry, pray instead. These prayers include supplication and requests, and are to be made with thanksgiving...

So often in our prayer lives, we immediately approach God with our needs. It is good to bring our needs to God, this verse includes that, but we are to do it with thanksgiving. We must acknowledge the things God has given us already as we ask for the things he has not. We must praise him for the blessing we have before we ask for more.

You can see how including thanksgiving consistently in your prayers would help with anxiety and lead to peace. It automatically refocuses your mind and soul on God's goodness if you're considering who he is and what he has done for you. If you are recognizing the good gifts he has given you as you approach him with your needs, that will obviously help shift the disposition of your heart. So be thankful!"

I hope this reminder serves to encourage you this week. I love you, and I am thankful for you church!

In Christ,  
Bro. Dalton Adger



*Wishing you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your First Baptist Church Staff*

*Bro. Dalton, Bro. Bryan*

*Katie, Renee, Ann*

*Vincent*

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# 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!



## FirstKids Sunday School, Nursery, and Extended Teaching Care Volunteers

There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 5, 2025, following morning worship in Room 202 for all current and any interested volunteers. The Kid's Wing is expanding and we are looking for more people—men and women—to serve in this important ministry!

Contact me by phone at 534-4741 or by email at [bbolton@cablelynx.com](mailto:bbolton@cablelynx.com) with questions, or come to the meeting on January 8, 2025.



## The FirstKids Ministry Resource Hub

Attention Parents!

Did you know we have a variety of resources available to support you in your parenting journey? Whether you need guidance on child development, educational activities, or faith-based teachings, our FirstKids Ministry Resource Hub has you covered.

Visit the Resource Hub in the Foyer of the church or contact me at 534-4741 for more information. The FirstKids Ministry is here to help you navigate the joys and challenges of parenting with confidence and grace.

Additionally, we have a dedicated webpage for Parent Resources. This page provides families with practical ideas and tools to help parents become the primary disciple-makers in their homes. You can find the link to this webpage at [www.fbcpinebluff.org/first-kids-ministry/](http://www.fbcpinebluff.org/first-kids-ministry/).

To further support you in discipling your kids, we offer Sunday Worship Sacks during Morning Worship. Each Worship Sack contains materials to help kids understand and engage in worship, along with blank sermon notes for them to follow along with that week's sermon. The Sunday Worship Sacks are available to all 1st through 6th graders and can be picked up from the FirstKids Ministry Resource Hub each Sunday.



December 29, 2024

To the glory of God and in memory of **Sam and Marla Eifling** by His Friend



## Deacon of the Week

**DAN CROWDER**

December 1, 2024

**LARRY DANIEL**

December 8, 2024

**TOMMY FOWLER**

December 15, 2024

**BILLY KITTLER**

December 22, 2024

**BRUCE MORGAN**

December 29, 2024

## First Record

### November 3, 2024

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$12,175.00
TV Receipts .....	\$505.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$600.00
Other .....	\$1,166.30
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$14,446.30</b>

### November 10, 2024

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$3,770.00
TV Receipts .....	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$75.00
Other .....	\$2,470.75
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$6,320.75</b>

### November 17, 2024

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$6,185.00
TV Receipts .....	\$205.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$800.00
Other .....	\$369.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$7,559.00</b>

### November 24, 2024

Budget Needs .....	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts .....	\$6,615.00
TV Receipts .....	\$55.00
Capital Needs & Repairs .....	\$50.00
Other .....	\$3,095.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$9,815.00</b>

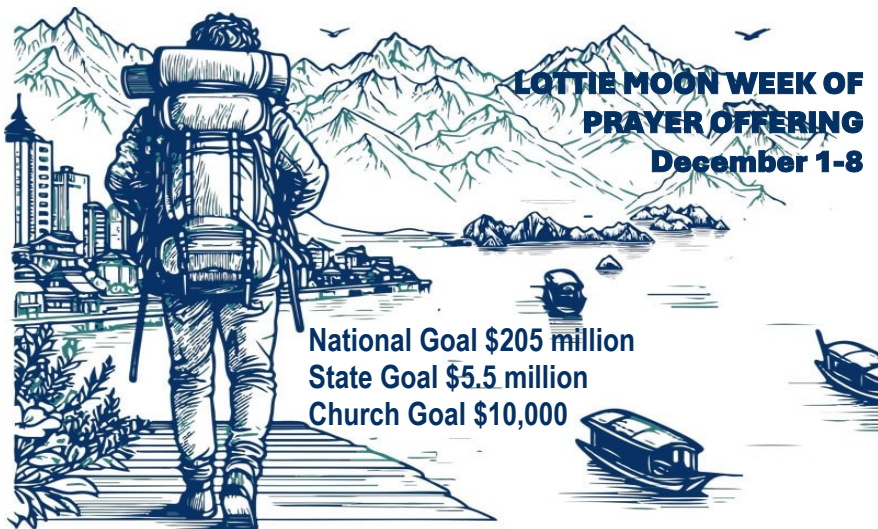


Sunday, December 15, 2024  
will be



**SUNDAY**

*Undesignated offering  
will go to  
Neighbor to Neighbor.*



**Evening Service at  
Trinity Village**  
Sunday, December 22, 4:00 pm  
Trinity Village Great Hall

**CHURCH CLOSING**

The church office will close at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and will be closed December 25-27 for Christmas.



To everyone who helped with Operation Christmas Child 2024, THANK YOU! We packed 206 boxes plus 14 online for a total of 220!! Everything you do (praying, shopping, packing, delivering, making donations) is most important to this ministry. We shop year round so any time you can pick up a needed item or make a donation, it will be used to lead more children and families to Christ.

*Thank You*

To the congregation of First Baptist Church, We, the children of Ann Clague, would like to thank you for the contribution to Operation Christmas Child in our mom's name. She would have been so excited for this!  
Cynthia, Chip, Chris , and Jason King



**SYMPATHY**

To Jane and Billy Stone, in the loss of her brother and his cousin.  
To Janine Tiner, in the loss of her mother, Audry Reeves, who passed away in North Little Rock, AR.  
To James House, in the loss of his niece, Gayla Freeman.

**Special Called  
Business Meeting**  
A Business Meeting will be held Sunday, December 22, immediately following the morning service.  
Recommendations from Committee on Committees  
Approval of 2024 Budget  
Recommendation to approve Deacon Nominations

**Financial FYI**  
The 2025 offering envelopes are on their way. Once received, we will put them in your Sunday School classrooms.  
Are your financial contributions up to date? If you wish to check what you have given so far this year, contact the church office.  
Your 2024 contributions must be turned in Sunday, December 29, dropped off at the office by noon or postmarked on Tuesday, December 31 to be on your tax contribution statement.

**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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 M. H. Bitely 718-3764  
 Troy Cole 540-7393  
 Dan Crowder 501-944-1236  
 Larry Daniel 540-7534  
 Tommy Fowler 501-517-0490  
 James House 692-7921

Lynn King 540-7400  
 Billy Kittler 550-8910  
 Bruce Morgan 370-8318  
 Jim Simpson 692-3282  
 Billy Stone 692-1191  
 Rodney Rodgers 543-9936  
 Vernon Walker 489-2683

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**STAFF PHONE NUMBERS**

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 (318) 489-3106  
**Bryan Bolton**  
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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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