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Grace and peace to you!

It has been a hard season in the life of our church family due to the number of deaths we have had recently. Of course we rejoice for those loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord, but grief for those that are left behind is still very real and very painful. I would like to share a short article that I found encouraging and helpful. It was written by a pastor named Burk Parsons, and it can be found on ligonier.org. I pray that it will be beneficial for you.

"My father was a veteran of World War II, the son of a small-town country preacher, school teacher, and sheriff, the son-in-law of the automobile manufacturer Preston Tucker, a fellow college graduate of Sam Walton, the leader of one of the first grass-roots movements to campaign for Ronald Reagan for president, and a father who grieved for many years over the loss of his first son who died at eighteen years of age. My father was a great man, but he never seemed to overcome the grief he experienced. I never understood the grief my father experienced over the loss of his first son until I was faced with a similar loss. The grief I experienced began with news that came early on a Sunday evening in September — my father had died. I was sixteen years old.

I didn't know how to grieve. I couldn't even bring myself to cry over his death until years later when I cried out to God asking Him why he had to take my father away from me. It wasn't until I entered my twenties and began to learn what manhood is all about when I realized how much I needed my father. It was then, while in college, that I began to deal with the grief that had set in several years before. It was then that I understood the truth of Paul's words to the Thessalonians when he wrote that we do not grieve as those who have no hope (1 Thess. 4:13). The way we grieve is different because the hope we possess is different. Our hope is not in ourselves. We would fail just as our first father failed, sinning against his Father, bringing grief and shame not only to himself but to the entire human race. For in Adam we all sinned, and in Adam we all died (Rom. 5:12). As a result, we suffer with grief every day of our lives — grief over the loss of others, over the sin of others, and over the sin within us.

However, our grief cannot even begin to be compared to the grief of the one who knew no sin. The Man of Sorrows became acquainted with grief (Isa. 53:3) so that He might bear our grief and carry away our sorrows (v. 4). All this was done so that we might know our heavenly Father who loved us and gave His only-begotten Son, laying on Him the iniquity of us all, so that we might live eternally coram Deo, before His face, loving Him and enjoying Him forever. The first man sinned and grieved only for himself, but the second Man knew no sin yet grieved for us so that we would not grieve forever."

I know many of you are in a season of grief right now. If you need someone to talk to or pray with, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. It would be my honor.

In Christ,
Bro. Dalton Adger

We Are God's Masterpiece

Dr. Bryan Bolton, Minister of Music and Children

Worship: A Journey of Reverence, Devotion, and Spiritual Connection. Worship is recognizing God's worth, expressing reverence and love through actions and attitudes, both individually and corporately. To help understand this multifaceted concept, the following key points will summarize a comprehensive understanding of what worship entails and why it holds such significance for so many people. Let's embark on this journey of discovery together.

Definition: Worship is about recognizing and declaring God's worth. It involves both our attitudes (awe, reverence, respect) and actions (bowing, serving). It is a balanced experience that engages the mind, emotions, and will.

Purpose: We worship because God is worthy of our worship. It is a response to His greatness and commands. Worship is not just a Sunday activity but a way of life that involves loving God with all our heart, soul, and strength.

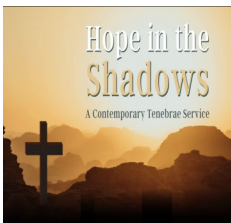
Forms of Worship: Worship can be personal or corporate. Personal worship happens in everyday life, while corporate worship involves gathering with other believers to praise God together.

Biblical Basis: The Bible provides numerous examples and commands for worship. For instance, the Ten Commandments emphasize worshipping only the one true God, and Jesus teaches that we should worship in spirit and truth.

Expression: Worship can be expressed through singing, playing instruments, praying, reading scripture, and living a life that honors God. It is a dialogue between God and His people, where we respond to His revelation with praise and obedience.

Attitude and Motivation: True worship comes from a heart that is fully devoted to God. It is not just about going through the motions but involves a genuine desire to honor and glorify God in all aspects of life.

May we understand that in worship, we should have no other agenda but to pray, engage with Scripture, and respond to God accordingly. We come to claim his grace, receive instruction in his commands, and then live for him, because the gospel has been rightly understood in the context of worship. Worship is a comprehensive and heartfelt response to God's love and greatness.



**Good Friday
Worship: Hope in
the Shadows**
April 18, 2025
6:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us for a special Good

Friday worship service on April 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. Good Friday is the day we remember the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. It is a solemn and sacred time to reflect on his love and sacrifice for us.

Our service will feature the Sanctuary Choir and Instrumental Ensemble, and will include the reading of the Gospel Passion narrative, the adoration of the cross, and The Lord's Supper.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! The date for our One Day VBS is **June 21, 2025 from**

9:00 am to 1:00 pm. We are excited and expectant for how God will work at VBS 2025 - Magnified; discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things!

*For more information, visit
www.fbcpinebluff.org/vbs.*

Be thinking about how you can help with this very important summer event!



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Deacon of the Week

JIM SIMPSON

March 2, 2025

MARC STRATTON

March 9, 2025

RODNEY RODGERS

March 16, 2025

VERNON WALKER

March 23, 2025

BLASIOUS AWONSANG

March 30, 2025–

First Record

February 2, 2025

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$10,190.00
TV Receipts	\$115.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$750.00
Other	\$1,752.15
TOTAL	\$12,807.15

February 9, 2025

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$6,765.00
TV Receipts	\$705.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$845.00
Other	\$7,803.49
TOTAL	\$16,118.49

February 16, 2025

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$8,985.00
TV Receipts	\$5.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$325.00
Other	\$505.00
TOTAL	\$9,820.00

February 23, 2025

Budget Needs	\$11,964.98
Budget Receipts	\$7,205.00
TV Receipts	\$0.00
Capital Needs & Repairs	\$550.00
Other	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$8,255.00

The Admin. Board will meet on
Sunday, March 16 at 4:00 pm

The Deacons will meet on
Sunday, March 16 at 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 16, 2025
will be



SUNDAY

*Undesignated offering
will go to
Neighbor to Neighbor.*

**Evening Service at
Trinity Village**

Sunday, March 23, 4:00 pm
Trinity Village Great Hall

SYMPATHY

To family and friends of
Marilyn Hutcheson, who passed
away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To family and friends of
Barbara Henry, who passed away
in Pine Bluff, AR.

To James House, in the loss
of his brother in law, James Crum.

To the family of Sissie Atkin-
son, who passed away in Arkadel-
phia, AR.

To Renee White and family,
in the loss of Cliff, who passed
away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To KarLynn Roberts, in the
loss of her brother, Jimmy Payton,
who passed away in Colorado
Springs, CO.

To Bro. Ken and Ann
Thornton, in the loss of his
mother, Joyce Thornton, who
passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

To Dannette Crook and
family, in the loss of Buster, who
passed away in Pine Bluff, AR.

Thank You

To First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your remembering us on Christmas with your “bags of goodies”. Thank you even more for your prayers that you pray for us. Also, “thank you” for those who volunteer on Sundays for Sunday School, and those who visit. God Bless!

Trinity Assisted Living Residents

Dearest First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you all so much for the texts, calls, cards, prayers and food for the family after the loss of Cliff. It all meant the world to us. A special thank you to Ann Smith, Bro. Dalton, and Bryan and Erin. You all did more than I will ever be able to thank you for.

Renee, Buddy, Elizabeth and Joshua White



**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:
 12:00 pm Prayer Meeting
 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
 Rehearsal

THURSDAY:
 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 2:00 PM Griefshare
 6:00 pm Griefshare

Deacons 2025

Blasious Awonsang	318-278-4208	Roger Minyard	540-7836
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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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