

— UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS —  
— AT PINE BLUFF —



# SUNRISE SERVICE

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# NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. BREAKFAST

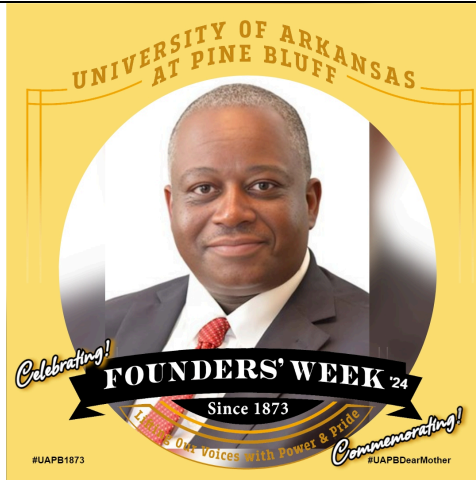


**151st Founders' Week Celebration**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 8:00 am**

**STEM Conference Center**

Virtual on UAPB YouTube Channel



## **Rev. Basil L. Joiner**

Rev. Basil L. Joiner is a native of West Memphis, Arkansas. He is the son of the late Henry Joiner and Annie Joiner. He began his preaching ministry in 1988 at the First Missionary Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, under the leadership of the late Pastor Dr. Lamar Keels. Since then, he has served as an associate minister at the Union Valley Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Dr. H. O. Kneeland of Memphis, Tennessee, where he received his ordination. Since then, he has served as pastor of the St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church in Bay, Arkansas, since September 1995.

On May 11, 2024, he will be conferred with a Doctorate of Faith and Health; Pastoral Therapy from Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tennessee. In 2018, he obtained a Master of Professional Counseling degree from Amridge University, Montgomery, Alabama. In 2002, he obtained a Master of Education degree from Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee, and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in 1997.

### **ORGANIZATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS**

- Executive Board member of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention - present  
UAPB/AM&N National Alumni Association Silver Member - present
- Delta Network Association, Arkansas Baptist State Convention - present Member,  
West Memphis School District Board - present
- West Memphis Chamber of Commerce Design and Review - present Member,  
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated, Xi Rho Chapter - present
- 3rd Vice-President of the Consolidated Missionary Baptist State Convention - past  
Lecture National Baptist Convention, USA, Laymen's Department
- Trustee, Arkansas Baptist College - past



# One Hundred and Fifty-first Founders'

## Sunrise Service & Alumni Breakfast

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### PROGRAM

- Presiding:** Ms. Joyce Bracy Vaughan ('75)  
Miss Alumni 2023-2024
- Worship Music:** University of Arkansas Pine Bluff Vesper Choir
- Greeting:** Ms. Kaitlyn Peterson ('24)  
94<sup>th</sup> Miss UAPB
- Meditation:** Mr. Johnathan Burgess  
Mister UAPB ('24)
- Hall of Fame Reveal:** Ms. Janice L. Roberts ('82)  
1st Vice President UAPB/ AM&N National  
Alumni Association, Inc.
- Music:** University of Arkansas Pine Bluff UAPB  
Vesper Choir
- Introduction of Speaker:** Mr. Joshua Strong ('14 & '15)
- Sunrise Address:** Rev. Basil Joiner ('97)  
Pastor, St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church Bay,  
Arkansas
- Music:** University of Arkansas Pine Bluff Vesper Choir
- Alumni Appeal:** Mrs. Tanesha Thompson ('97)  
President of UAPB/ AM&N National Alumni  
Association, Inc.



**Remarks/Recognitions:** Dr. Laurence B. Alexander  
Chancellor, University of Arkansas Pine Bluff

**Benediction:** Reverend Basil Joiner ('97)  
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church  
Bay, Arkansas

**Alma Mater:** Led by Mr. Jerron Liddell ('11)  
Director, UAPB Vesper Choir

*The Alumni Breakfast is immediately following the Sunrise Service.*

### **Sunrise Service Committee**

Mrs. Bonita Corbin  
Dr. Tanesha Ford  
Ms. Lavonda Jackson  
Mrs. Dora Sanders  
Ms. Kim Jones Sneed  
Ms. Joyce Bracy Vaughan  
Dr. Leonard Williams

*Special Thanks to Carolyn F. Blakely Honors Program  
Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Students, Administrators, and  
UAPB Family*



# *Alma Mater*

*State College, we greet thee with love and devotion;  
Our hearts and our treasures we bring to thy shrine.  
With arms that are strong from all harm, we defend thee;  
Thy name shall we cherish, dear mother of mine.  
We walk through this wide world in peace and with courage.  
We gained while we sat at thy sanctified seat.  
We come when thou call'st us to battle, dear mother.  
And cast all we have at thy glorified feet.*

## **Chorus**

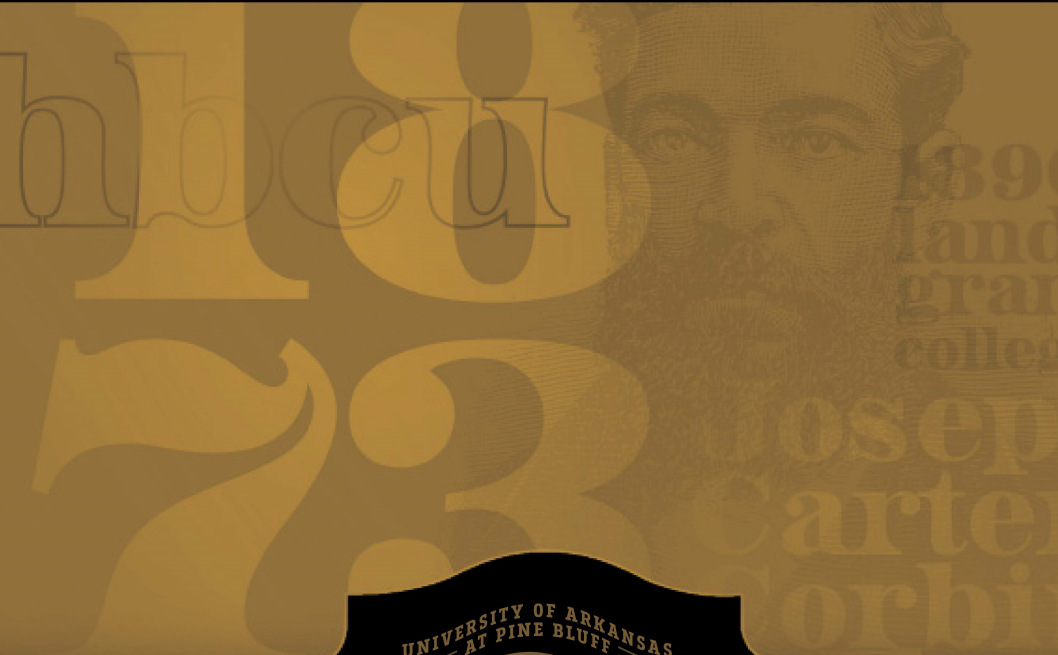
*Alma Mater, we love thee, we love thee, dear mother;  
And all that we have we cast down at thy feet.*

*In days of our childhood we romped in the wildwood.  
We waded the brooks, sipped the sweet morning dew.  
We heard of great treasures of wisdom and knowledge,  
Of wealth not for purchase of goodness and you.  
We entered the portals with some trepidation.  
We knew not what fates awaited us there.  
Thou girded our loins with the strength of Gibraltar;  
We drank from thy fountain and breathed thy pure air.*

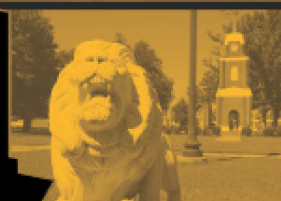
*We breathed thy great spirit and learned more of wisdom,  
more truth through the vistas of life can we see.  
The work of thy hand as it guided our footsteps  
With faith thou did'st teach as we gave thee thy powers.  
No one but our God can bestow such a gift.  
We step with thy heart-strokes today, and forever  
Thy flag to the breezes of heaven we lift.*

*John B. Watson  
First President, AM&N College  
1928-1942*





A central logo for Founders' Week. It features a dark blue shield with a white bell tower illustration in the center. Above the shield, the text 'UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF' is written in white. Below the shield, a white banner contains the text 'FOUNDERS' WEEK' in dark blue. Underneath the banner, 'Since 1873' is written in dark blue. At the bottom of the shield, the motto 'Lifting Our Voices with Power &amp; Pride' is written in white.



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