

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*April 13, 2014*

*Palm Sunday*



**First Baptist Church of West Point** is seeking to be a caring community of faith under the leadership of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***Celebrating*** the presence and love of God in worship,

***Nourishing*** persons in faith and discipleship, and

***Reaching Out*** to the community with Christ's unconditional love.

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## *Welcome*

We welcome you to worship at First Baptist this morning. Please help us be more faithful in our ministry to you, and get to know you better, by taking the time to put your name on the attendance pad found on your pew.

Visitors, please feel free to provide as little or as much of the information requested on the pad. We promise to only contact you if you ask us to, and to only send information as you request.

Members, if you have had a change to your mailing address, email, or telephone number please let us know by supplying that information on the pad.

## *Please Especially Note for Today...*

**Holy Week begins today.** Our joint Maundy Thursday service will be at the West Point Presbyterian Church. We will host the joint Good Friday service here. Both services will begin at 6:00.

**Tomorrow is the last day** to order azaleas to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. For more information see page 11.

**Joyful Noise will practice** at 4:00 this afternoon and Adult Handbells at 5:00. There will be no practice next week.

**We are preparing for** our upcoming Child Abuse Prevention Training. If you work with children we strongly recommend that you attend. You must register by Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> to take this training. (See page 12 for more information.)

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Karen Hill  
Next Sunday: Dale Frazer  
April 27: Mikki Dallas

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Marsha Fitzgerald &  
Faith Graben  
Next Sunday: Jeri Smith &  
Emma Dallas  
April 27: Susan Groover &  
Linda Combs

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: George Hester  
Next Sunday: Howard Bryan  
April 27: Donny Bolton

**Thomas Hill** is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **April** followed by **George Hester** in **May**.

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>*

9:30—Children's Music  
9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship  
4:00—Joyful Noise  
5:00—Adult Handbells

### *Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>*

5:30—Prayer Meeting  
6:00—Family Night Supper  
Menu: Ham  
6:30—Team KID  
6:30—Youth 4/12  
6:35—Choir Practice

### *Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>*

6:00—Maundy Thursday Service at  
West Point Presbyterian

### *Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>*

6:00—Good Friday Service at  
FBC

### *Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>*

9:00—Sonrise Celebration

### *Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>*

9:00—Deacons' Meeting  
9:30—Children's Music  
9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship

*“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”*

*—Mark 2:17*

*Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship*

April 13, 2014

11:00 AM

*Palm Sunday*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

**ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation is he,**

humble and mounted on a donkey,

**on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

—Zechariah 9:9

PROCESSION OF PALMS

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

*For your meditation:*

Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.

—Ecclesiastes 7:20

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

JERRI BOLTON

*Psalm 31:9-16*

<sup>9</sup> Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.

<sup>10</sup> For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my iniquity,  
and my bones waste away.

<sup>11</sup> Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,  
especially to my neighbors,  
and an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup> I have been forgotten like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.

<sup>13</sup> For I hear the whispering of many— terror on every side!  
— as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies  
and from my persecutors!

<sup>16</sup> Make your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love!

*This is the word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father  
and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

—2 John 3

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (#202)

CORONATION

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONGREGATION

*What do you believe about your forgiveness?*

**We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare that person blessed to whom God grants righteousness apart from works.**

*How do you come by such forgiveness?*

**We are justified "freely" or "by grace" through redemption in Jesus Christ. And therefore we cling to this foundation, which is firm forever, giving all glory to God, humbling ourselves, and recognizing ourselves as we are; not claiming a thing for ourselves or our merits and leaning and resting on the sole obedience of Christ crucified, which is ours when we believe in him.**

—based on Belgic Confession, Art. 23

THE LAW OF GOD

CONGREGATION

And God spoke all these words, saying,

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

**"You shall have no other gods before me.**

**"You shall not make for yourself a carved image,**

or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers

on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,**  
for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

**“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

**“Honor your father and your mother,**

that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

**“You shall not murder.**

**“You shall not commit adultery.**

**“You shall not steal.**

**“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

**“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house;**

you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

—Exodus 20:1–17

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TOM TUCKER

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

—1 Peter 2:24

OFFERTORY HYMN (#329)

MOODY

*“Grace Greater than Our Sin”*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GEORGE HESTER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

*“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Children ages 3-5 may leave for PEW Ministry during this hymn.)

## **GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TOM TUCKER

**Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good  
 Spirit lead me on level ground!**

—Psalm 143:10

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JOE DOWNS

### *Isaiah 53*

<sup>1</sup> Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?<sup>2</sup> For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?<sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.<sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be

accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*Romans 7:7-25*

<sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."<sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead.<sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.<sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.<sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.<sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.<sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.<sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.<sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.<sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.<sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.<sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.<sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,<sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.<sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

*John 8:21-47*

<sup>21</sup> So he said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come." <sup>22</sup> So the Jews said, "Will he kill himself, since he says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come?'" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup> I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins." <sup>25</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you?" Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup> I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him." <sup>27</sup> They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said to them, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup> And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him." <sup>30</sup> As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. <sup>37</sup> I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. <sup>38</sup> I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father."

<sup>39</sup> They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works Abraham did, <sup>40</sup> but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. <sup>41</sup> You are doing the works your father did." They said to him, "We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God." <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. <sup>43</sup> Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. <sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and your will

is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.<sup>45</sup> But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.<sup>46</sup> Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?<sup>47</sup> Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*"Why We Need a Savior"*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#591)

ELLEDDIE

*"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"*

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Joyful Noise practice at 4:00 PM and Adult Handbells at 5:00 PM.
- Tomorrow is the last day to order Easter azaleas. Be sure to sign the form at the bottom.
- Joint Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 PM at West Point Presbyterian Church.
- Joint Good Friday service at 6:00 PM here.
- Sunrise Celebration for families Saturday at 9:00 AM.

THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

CONGREGATION

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

—Romans 13:14

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

...[T]he peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 4:7

POSTLUDE

DANIEL SMITH

The pastor is available after the service at the front of the sanctuary for anyone who would like to talk more about today's message, learn about faith in Christ, church membership or for prayer. You may also make an appointment by calling the church office at 706-645-2969 or emailing him directly at [tucker@bcwestpoint.com](mailto:tucker@bcwestpoint.com).

## *Nourishing Persons in Faith and Discipleship*

### *Caring for One Another*

As you intercede for others this week please lift up these particular concerns from here in our own congregation

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| • Mildred Shaver               | • Sara Jones            |
| • Geneva Bartlett              | • Lillian Barber        |
| • William & Margaret Breedlove | • Charles & Mary Clark  |
| • Florine Henderson            | • Richard & Pat Kemp    |
| • Dot Jacobs                   | • Wilmer Simpson        |
| • Byron & Mary Ann McEachern   | • Paul and Ann Fiquette |
| • Jessica Bolton               |                         |
| • Margaret Bartlett            |                         |
| • Emma Myers                   |                         |

**We will be adorning our sanctuary** on Easter Sunday morning with azaleas. These may be purchased for \$12.00 each and placed in honor or memory of family and friends. Additionally, you may choose to donate your purchased azalea to be planted on the church grounds. Please complete an order form and turn it in to the church office no later than Monday. Forms can be found in adult Sunday School rooms, and the Café. Be sure to sign the forms.

**On Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our Sunrise Celebration for families. Please join us for breakfast, the Easter Story, crafts and an egg hunt.

*Reaching Out to the Community with Christ's Unconditional Love*

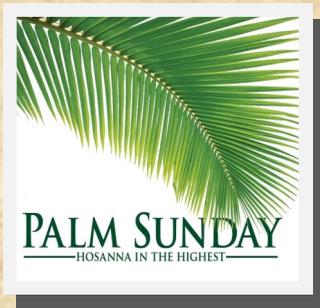
**On April 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a training session** for child abuse prevention. It is strongly recommended for everyone that works with children to attend. The cost of a workbook is \$10.00. You will need to bring exact change or a check made out to Twin Cedars/D2L. Lunch will be provided in the Gold Room immediately after the worship service. The training session will be held in the Youth Room. We will need to know how many to plan for and how many workbooks will be needed. You may use the sign-up sheets located in the Café, the Gold Room, Sunday School rooms or you can email the church office or call the office no later than Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Holy Week services** will be held this week on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Each service will begin at 6:00. See the Bulletin Board for more details.

**If you signed up to volunteer** in the Food Closet in April, please remember to come on your scheduled Wednesday(s).

**On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>,** KIDS Confessing the Truth will present the musical, *Journey of Praise*. Our children will lead us in worship through sharing the Word and songs at 7:00 PM. (Please note time change.)

*The Bulletin Board*



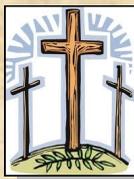
..Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord...

—Luke 19: 38



*Maundy Thursday Service  
at  
West Point Presbyterian  
Church*

*6:00 PM*



*Good Friday Service  
at  
First Baptist Church*

*6:00 PM*



*Sonrise Celebration for  
families*

*Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>*

*9:00 AM*

*In the Gold Room*

Breakfast, the Easter Story,  
meaningful crafts and egg  
hunt.

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