

The First Baptist Evangel

April 20, 2014

Easter 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...

The beautiful azaleas in our sanctuary have been placed there in honor or in memory of family and friends. Some of you have chosen to have them planted on the church property and you may leave them here. If you have chosen take them home or to your loved one, please take them with you today.

There will be no handbell practice this afternoon.

Next Sunday we will have our Child Abuse Prevention Training. If you work with children, we strongly recommend that you attend. You must register by Wednesday, April 23rd to take this training. (See page 11 for more information.)

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Dale Frazer
Next Sunday: Mikki Dallas
May 4: Ashlee Hill

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Jeri Smith & Emma Dallas
Next Sunday: Susan Groover &
Linda Combs
May 4: Debra Downs &
Thomas Hill

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Howard Bryan
Next Sunday: Donny Bolton
May 4: Joe Hill

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 20th

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

Wednesday, April 23rd

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

Sunday, April 27th

9:30—Children's Music
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
12:00—Lunch followed by
Child Abuse Prevention
Training

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

— Acts 10:39-41

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

April 20, 2014

11:00 AM

Easter Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom
and might and honor and glory and blessing!

**To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!**

—Revelation 5:12 & 13

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

For your meditation:

“For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

—John 10:17-18

FIRST GOSPEL LESSON

LINDA COMBS AND ANN KERR

Matthew 28:1-10

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then

Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE (#159)

EASTER HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

TOM TUCKER

Renunciation of Sin

Leader: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

People: We do.

Leader: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

People: We do.

Leader: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

People: We do.

Leader: According to the grace given you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

People: We will.

Leader: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the

right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Leader: Remember your baptism and be thankful. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Prayer of Adoration

**Lord God, of power and might,
We praise you because of your power over sin and death.
We praise you for raising Jesus Christ from the dead.
We praise you for binding us together as the body of Christ.
We praise you for ruling over your kingdom in power and might.**

Petition

**We petition you to extend your power in our world, to crush the effects of evil that we see in ourselves, our community, state, nation, and world.
We ask you to extend and strengthen the body of Christ, the church.
We petition you to assure us and strengthen us in our faith.**

Prayer of Confession

**We confess that our faith has not always remained firm.
We confess that we have not always lived in the power of Christ's resurrection.
We confess that we have not brought the news of Christ's victory to our world.**

Assurance of Pardon

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?”

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Corinthians 15:54-57

OFFERTORY HYMN (#161)

DIADEMATA

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HOWARD BRYAN

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

"In Christ Alone"

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

OLD 100TH

"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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JOE DOWNS

Psalm 118:14-24

- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"
¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
¹⁸ The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.
¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
²³ This is the LORD's doing
it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

JOE DOWNS

Hebrews 12:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the

joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

John 20:1-18

¹Now on the first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, while it was yet dark, unto the tomb, and seeth the stone taken away from the tomb.²She runneth therefore, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid him.³Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb.⁴And they ran both together: and the other disciple outran Peter, and came first to the tomb;⁵and stooping and looking in, he seeth the linen cloths lying; yet entered he not in.⁶Simon Peter therefore also cometh, following him, and entered into the tomb; and he beholdeth the linen cloths lying,⁷and the napkin, that was upon his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself.⁸Then entered in therefore the other disciple also, who came first to the tomb, and he saw, and believed.⁹For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.¹⁰So the disciples went away again unto their own home.

¹¹But Mary was standing without at the tomb weeping: so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;¹²and she beholdeth two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.¹³And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest

thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.¹⁴ When she had thus said, she turned herself back, and beholdeth Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.¹⁵ Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.¹⁶ Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turneth herself, and saith unto him in Hebrew, Rabboni; which is to say, Teacher.¹⁷ Jesus saith to her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended unto the Father: but go unto my brethren, and say to them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and my God and your God.¹⁸ Mary Magdalene cometh and telleth the disciples, I have seen the Lord; and that he had said these things unto her.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“The Hope Set before Us”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

TOM TUCKER

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD’S PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

...as we pray together in the words that our Lord taught us to pray...

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PREPARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

TOM TUCKER

OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#584)

LIMPSFIELD

"We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Sign up for Child Abuse Prevention training next Sunday after worship.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

—Colossians 3:1-4

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

—Hebrews 13:20-21

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.

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 | |

Our sanctuary is adorned today with azaleas. Each is in honor or memory of family and friends. If you have chosen to donate your purchased azalea to be planted on the church grounds, please leave it here today. If not, please remove it from the sanctuary after morning worship.

Reaching Out to the Community with Christ's Unconditional Love

Next Sunday April 27th, we will be hosting a training session for child abuse prevention. It is strongly recommended for everyone that works with children attend. The deadline to register is Wednesday, the 23rd. 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.

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The Bulletin Board



Making the Dream a Reality

**Support for Lynn Smith &
Glad Tidings
in March:**

\$830.00

**West Point Food Closet
through March:**

\$ 233.20

**Next Sunday
After Worship**

*Child Abuse Prevention
Training*

Lunch will be provided in the
Gold Room prior to training

Summary of Operations

Received: \$49,288.43

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