

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*April 27, 2014*

*Easter tide*



**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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*CCLI #2561039*

## *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...*

**We will be having our Child Abuse Prevention Training** and lunch immediately after the worship service today. Lunch will be in the Gold Room followed by training in the Youth Sunday School classroom.

**Next 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.)

**Joyful Noise will practice** at 4:00 this afternoon and Adult Handbells at 5:00.

**Our final Family Night Supper** and activities for this school year will be Wednesday night.

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Mikki Dallas  
Next Sunday: Ashlee Hill  
May 11: Debbie McLane

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Susan Groover &  
Linda Combs  
Next Sunday: Debra Downs &  
Thomas Hill  
May 11: Jerri Bolton & Jenny or  
Penny Thompson

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Howard Bryan  
Next Sunday: Joe Hill  
May 11: Dantz Frazer

**George Hester** is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **May** followed by **Robert Groover** in **June**.

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>*

9:30—Children's Music  
9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship  
12:00—Lunch and Child Abuse  
Prevention Training  
4:00—Joyful Noise  
5:00—Adult Handbells

### *Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>*

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

### *Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>*

9:30—Children's Music  
9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship  
4:00—Joyful Noise  
5:00—Adult Handbells  
7:00—KIDS Confessing Truth

But on taking leave of them he said, "I will return to you if God wills," and he set sail from Ephesus.

—Acts 18:21

# *Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship*

April 27, 2014

11:00 AM

*Easter tide*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

## **ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart;  
we will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

**We will be glad and exult in you;  
we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

— from Psalm 9:1-2

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

*For your meditation:*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such  
things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus  
have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

—Galatians 5:22-24

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

PHOEBE GRABEN

*Psalm 104:24-35*

<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> Here is the sea, great and wide,  
which teems with creatures innumerable,  
living things both small and great.

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships, and Leviathan,  
which you formed to play in it.

<sup>27</sup> These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

<sup>28</sup> When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.

<sup>30</sup> When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.

<sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works,  
<sup>32</sup> who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!  
<sup>33</sup> I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
<sup>34</sup> May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.  
<sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth,  
and let the wicked be no more!  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
Praise the LORD!

*This is the word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

Peace be to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith, from  
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who  
love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

—Ephesians 6:23-24

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (#231)

MADRID

*“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

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

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

GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

—Ephesians 4:32–5:2

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

FRANCES REEVES

OFFERTORY HYMN (#390)

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*“We Are Called to Be God’s People”*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HOWARD BRYAN

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

*“They Shall Soar Like Eagles”*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*“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

*Isaiah 44:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> “But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen!  
<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.  
<sup>3</sup> For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.  
<sup>4</sup> They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams.  
<sup>5</sup> This one will say, ‘I am the LORD’s,’ another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, ‘The LORD’s,’ and name himself by the name of Israel.”

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. <sup>8</sup> Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

THE GOSPEL LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*Luke 24: 36-49*

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup> But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*Acts 19:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup> And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup> And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*“What Makes a True Disciple”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#448)

CLOSER WALK

*“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Lunch and Child Abuse Prevention Training and lunch after worship for those who work with children.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

I...urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

—Ephesians 4:1-3

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

[May] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory...give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places....

—Ephesians 1:17-20

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).

Sermon Notes

*“What Makes a True Disciple”*



## *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                   |                         |

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

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

**We have a new Kurdish family** in our community. They are in need of household items such as furniture, linens, and cookware. If you can assist with any of these items, please call the church office.

## *The Bulletin Board*

### *Looking Ahead...*



***KIDS Confessing the Truth***  
***Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>***  
***7:00 PM***

Please join our children as they lead us in worship.

### *May Birthdays*

1—Masud Suleman  
2—Gladys Hester  
5—Dianne Hester  
10—George Hester  
11—Susan Groover  
17—Steve Davis  
18—Charles Clark  
19—Karen Hill  
20—Roger Hales  
25—Catherine Bryan Coker  
27—Sarah Dallas  
27—Jerri Bolton  
30—Carol Henderson  
31—Ann Kerr  
31—Ralph Groover

### *Looking ahead...*



VBS is only a month away.  
Be thinking about your role  
this year.

### *Correction*

*The figures for March should  
have read:*

Food Closet:

\$830.00

Lynn Smith:

\$233.20

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