

The First Baptist Evangel

April 6, 2014

Lent



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...

WOM meeting time has been changed for this month. We will meet on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 PM in the Gold Room.

We will be ordering azaleas to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. For more information see page 11.

The Adult A Sunday School class is having a covered dish luncheon today in the Gold Room. Please join us if you teach another class but would otherwise attend the Adult A class.

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

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Marty & Erica Hagood
Next Sunday: Karen Hill
April 20: Dale Frazer

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Phoebe Dallas and
Lisa Tucker
Next Sunday: Marsha Fitzgerald &
Faith Graben
April 20: Jeri Smith & Emma Dallas

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Chuck Smith
Next Sunday: George Hester
April 20: Howard Bryan

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 6th

9:30—Children's Music
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
12:00—Adult A Covered-dish in the
Gold Room
4:00—Joyful Noise
5:00—Adult Handbells

Wednesday, April 9th

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

Sunday, April 13th

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

*I know that when I come to you
I will come in the fullness of the
blessing of Christ.*

—Romans 15:29

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

April 6, 2014

11:00 AM

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

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:

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles
by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying,
“In you shall all the nations be blessed.” So then, those who are
of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

—Galatians 3:8-9

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

SUZANNE BRYAN

Psalm 119:49-64

- ⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant,
in which you have made me hope.
⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction,
that your promise gives me life.
⁵¹ The insolent utterly deride me,
but I do not turn away from your law.
⁵² When I think of your rules from of old,
I take comfort, O LORD.
⁵³ Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked,
who forsake your law.
⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs
in the house of my sojourning.
⁵⁵ I remember your name in the night,
O LORD, and keep your law.
⁵⁶ This blessing has fallen to me,
that I have kept your precepts.

⁵⁷ The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep your words.
⁵⁸ I entreat your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
⁵⁹ When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to your testimonies;
⁶⁰ I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.
⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.
⁶² At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your righteous rules.
⁶³ I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.
⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!

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 (#395)

CWM RHONDDA

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

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

OFFERTORY HYMN (#262) AUSTRIAN HYMN

“Word of God, Across the Ages”

OFFERTORY PRAYER CHUCK SMITH

OFFERTORY ANTHEM FBC CHOIR

“Grace 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

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

Genesis 32:22-32

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for

the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”²⁷ And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.”²⁸ Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.”²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him.³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.³² Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob’s hip on the sinew of the thigh.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

1 Peter 4:12-19

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.¹⁷ For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?¹⁸ And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

Luke 24:36-53

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?³⁹ 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.”⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ 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.”⁴⁵ Then he

opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ 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.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“The Sending Forth, part 3: “With God’s Blessing”

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#68)

RESIGNATION

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- WOM will meet in the Gold Room at 6:00 PM on April 8th. Please note date change.
- Joyful Noise practice at 4:00 PM and Adult Handbells at 5:00 PM.
- Please complete your order form for Easter azaleas. Be sure to sign it at the bottom.

THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

CONGREGATION

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

—Romans 12:14

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

—Numbers 6:24-26

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.

Sermon Notes

“The Sending Forth, part 3: With God’s Blessing”

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 | |

The Adult A Sunday School class will have a covered dish luncheon on in the Gold Room after the worship service. Those who teach other classes and would be in that class are welcome to join us for fellowship.

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, April 14th. Forms can be found in adult Sunday School rooms, the Café and the Gold Room. Be sure to sign the forms.

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(s).

Mark your calendars for April 27th. We will be hosting a training session for child abuse prevention. Everyone that works with children is encouraged to attend. The cost will be \$10.00 per person for a workbook. More details will be provided at a later date.

On Sunday, May 4th, 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.)

If you are a resident of Booker Hills...

Booker Hills Neighborhood Watch Potluck Dinner

To honor retiring West Point Police Chief

Jeffery K. Cato

Monday, April 7, 2014

West Point Senior Center – 1114 O.G. Skinner Dr.

6:00 – 7:00

RSVP as soon as possible

ruddickbarbara@gmail.com or 706-643-6951

The Bulletin Board

Looking Ahead...



Adult A Sunday School Class
Covered dish luncheon
in the Gold Room
after the worship service.

If you teach another class but
would otherwise be in the
Adult A Class, please join us.

April Birthdays

2—Thomas Hill
3—Brian Cowart
3—Carmen Wilson
4—Leiann Cowart
5—Ginna Henderson
8—Mildred Shaver
9—Joe Thompson
9—Rev. Byron McEachern
12—Jeff Wilson
17—Hunter Cauthen
17—Lauren McLane
18—Justin Graben
18—Erica Hagood
18—Ann Elizabeth Hagood
20—Jane Abercrombie
21—Emily Downs Davis
23—Dale Frazer
28—John Morgan

Looking Ahead...



Sonrise Celebration for families
Saturday, April 19th

9:00 AM

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

Looking Ahead...

April 17th — Maundy Thursday
Service at West Point
Presbyterian Church

April 18th — Good Friday
Service at First Baptist Church

Both services begin at 6:00 PM.

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