

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*August 10, 2014*



**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...*

**Please see Ann Kerr or Debra Downs** to get your tickets for the Boston Butt Sale raising funds for Beverly Kerr Bohem's service dog. Orders must be in by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**There will be another yard sale** on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> in the Gold Room to raise funds for Beverly Bohem's service dog. If you have items to donate, contact Ann Kerr.

**First Choice Women's Center** will have a 10K, 5K, 1 mile race on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> in LaGrange. They are asking for volunteers to support and compete in this fundraising event. For more information or to register, go to [connectrace.com](http://connectrace.com).

*Ministry Leaders*

*Nursery Workers*

Today: Dale Frazer  
Next Sunday: Mikki Dallas  
August 24: Ashlee Hill

*PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Jane Abercrombie  
Next Sunday: Susan Groover &  
Linda Combs  
August 24: Debra Downs &  
Thomas Hill

*Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Howard Bryan  
Next Sunday: Donny Bolton  
August 24: Joe Hill

*Weekly Schedule of Activities*

*Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>*

9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship

*Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>*

9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship

**Dantz Frazer** is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **August** followed by **Phil Abercrombie** in **September**.

Keep your conduct among the  
Gentiles honorable, so that when  
they speak against you as evildoers,  
they may see your good deeds and  
glorify God on the day of  
visitation.

— 1 Peter 2:12

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

August 10, 2014

11:00 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

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

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

—Psalm 95:6-7

PRELUDE

NOELLE PEEK

*For your meditation:*

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

—Philemon 4-6

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

PHOEBE GRABEN

*Psalms 57*

TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO DO NOT DESTROY. A MIKTAM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM SAUL, IN THE CAVE.

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;

in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.

<sup>2</sup> I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will put to shame him who tramples on me. *Selab*

God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

<sup>4</sup> My soul is in the midst of lions;  
I lie down amid fiery beasts—

the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows,  
 whose tongues are sharp swords.  
<sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
 Let your glory be over all the earth!  
<sup>6</sup> They set a net for my steps;  
 my soul was bowed down.  
 They dug a pit in my way,  
 but they have fallen into it themselves. *Selab*  
<sup>7</sup> My heart is steadfast, O God,  
 my heart is steadfast!  
 I will sing and make melody!  
<sup>8</sup> Awake, my glory!  
 Awake, O harp and lyre!  
 I will awake the dawn!  
<sup>9</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;  
 I will sing praises to you among the nations.  
<sup>10</sup> For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
 your faithfulness to the clouds.  
<sup>11</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
 Let your glory be over all the earth!

*This is the word of the Lord*  
*Thanks be to God*

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 1:7

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (#39)

MARION

*“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONGREGATION

**All saints—who are united to Jesus Christ their head by his Spirit and by faith—have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory. And, being united to one another in love, they participate in each other's gifts and graces and are obligated to perform those public and private duties which lead to their mutual good, both inwardly and outwardly.**

—*The Westminster Confession of Faith in Modern English*, 26.1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TOM TUCKER

To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

—Acts 10:43

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

—Colossians 3:12-15

OFFERTORY HYMN (#3)

JUDSON

*"Worthy of Worship"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HOWARD BRYAN

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

BRIAN AND CAROLYN SCANNELL

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

*Malachi 1:6-14*

<sup>6</sup>“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ <sup>7</sup>By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the LORD's table may be despised. <sup>8</sup>When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup>And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand,

will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts.<sup>10</sup> Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand.<sup>11</sup> For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.<sup>12</sup> But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised.<sup>13</sup> But you say, 'What a weariness this is,' and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD.<sup>14</sup> Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*Matthew 5:13-16*

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*2 Corinthians 5:11-21*

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.<sup>12</sup> We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.<sup>13</sup> For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.<sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;<sup>15</sup> and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.<sup>18</sup> All this

is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;<sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.<sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*“Putting Jesus in Schools. . . and Everywhere Else”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#273)

FREELY, FREELY

*“Freely, Freely”*

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.

—Luke 11:35-36

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

NOELLE PEEK

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@fbcwestpoint.com](mailto:tucker@fbcwestpoint.com).

## *The Bulletin Board*

### **TROUP BAPTIST SENIOR ADULTS**

**ASSOCIATIONAL SENIOR ADULT RALLY**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> from 11AM - 1 PM**  
**FIRST BAPTIST on the Square Family Life Center**  
(Church Street side entrance)

Guest singers: FAITHFUL HEARTS from FBC on the Square  
and NEW MADECONIA MALE VOICES

COST: \$5.00 per person for the meal

You **WILL NOT NEED** to bring a covered dish this year.

There will be **PLENTY OF DOOR PRIZES**

Parking will be available along Church St., parking lot across from Salvation Army, and the lot on Lewis St. behind the Family Life Center.

If you would like to attend this yearly event for Troup Baptist Senior Adults, please contact Pal Reeves, Linda Combs or Janice Dallas

### **MEMORIALS & GIFTS**

**In memory of Ann Johnson**

by: Betty Butler

Bebe and Albert Reichert

Linda Stewart

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