

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*August 24, 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...*

**There will be a garden work time** on Saturday morning, August 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-10:00. Please come help out.

**Mark your calendars!** Family Night Activities will resume on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us for Prayer Meeting at 5:30, supper at 6:00 and other activities after supper. If you wish to make a permanent reservation, sign-up sheets are located in the Sunday School classrooms and in the Café.

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Ashlee Hill  
Next Sunday: Debbie McLane  
September 7: Stephanie McLane

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Debra Downs &  
Thomas Hill  
Next Sunday: Jerri Bolton  
September 7: Brian Scannell &  
Nolan Dallas

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Donny Bolton  
Next Sunday: Dantz Frazer  
September 7: Jack Combs

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>*

9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship

### *Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>*

6:35—Choir Practice

### *Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup>*

9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship

### *Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>*

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

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

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.

—Isaiah 53:11

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

August 24, 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

DANIEL SMITH

*For your meditation:*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

—Philippians 3:4-7

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

BRIAN SCANNELL

### *Psalm 19*

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours out speech,  
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor are there words,  
whose voice is not heard.
- <sup>4</sup>Their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
- <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

and its circuit to the end of them,  
 and there is nothing hidden from its heat.  
<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
 reviving the soul;  
 the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
 making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right,  
 rejoicing the heart;  
 the commandment of the LORD is pure,  
 enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is clean,  
 enduring forever;  
 the rules of the LORD are true,  
 and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
 even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey  
 and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
 in keeping them there is great reward.  
<sup>12</sup> Who can discern his errors?  
 Declare me innocent from hidden faults.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
 let them not have dominion over me!  
 Then I shall be blameless,  
 and innocent of great transgression.  
<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
 be acceptable in your sight,  
 O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

*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 (#43)

TERRA PATRIS

*“This Is My Father’s World”*

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

MISSIONS EMPHASIS CATHERINE CURRY

OFFERTORY HYMN (#495) LEE

*"Serve the Lord with Gladness"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER DONNY BOLTON

OFFERTORY ANTHEM FBC CHOIR

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

*Isaiab 5:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard  
     on a very fertile hill.  
<sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
     and planted it with choice vines;  
 he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
     and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
 and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
     but it yielded wild grapes.  
<sup>3</sup> And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
     and men of Judah,  
 judge between me and my vineyard.  
<sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
     that I have not done in it?  
 When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
     why did it yield wild grapes?  
<sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you  
     what I will do to my vineyard.  
 I will remove its hedge,  
     and it shall be devoured;  
 I will break down its wall,  
     and it shall be trampled down.  
<sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste;  
     it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
     and briars and thorns shall grow up;  
 I will also command the clouds  
     that they rain no rain upon it.  
<sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
     is the house of Israel,  
 and the men of Judah  
     are his pleasant planting;  
 and he looked for justice,  
     but behold, bloodshed;  
 for righteousness,  
     but behold, an outcry!

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOE DOWNS

*Matthew 21:33-46*

<sup>33</sup> “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup> When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup> And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other servants, more than the first.

And they did the same to them.<sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'<sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.'<sup>39</sup> And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.<sup>40</sup> When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"<sup>41</sup> They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

<sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.<sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them.<sup>46</sup> And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

### THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

#### *Acts 21:37-22:22*

<sup>37</sup>As Paul was about to be brought into the barracks, he said to the tribune, "May I say something to you?" And he said, "Do you know Greek?"<sup>38</sup> Are you not the Egyptian, then, who recently stirred up a revolt and led the four thousand men of the Assassins out into the wilderness?"<sup>39</sup> Paul replied, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no obscure city. I beg you, permit me to speak to the people."<sup>40</sup> And when he had given him permission, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great hush, he addressed them in the Hebrew language, saying:

**22** "Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you."

<sup>2</sup> And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said:

<sup>3</sup> "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day.<sup>4</sup> I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women,<sup>5</sup> as the high priest and the whole council of

elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished.

<sup>6</sup>“As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me.<sup>7</sup> And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’<sup>8</sup> And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’<sup>9</sup> Now those who were with me saw the light but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking to me.<sup>10</sup> And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Rise, and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do.’<sup>11</sup> And since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me, and came into Damascus.

<sup>12</sup>“And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,<sup>13</sup> came to me, and standing by me said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that very hour I received my sight and saw him.<sup>14</sup> And he said, ‘The God of our fathers appointed you to know his will, to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from his mouth;<sup>15</sup> for you will be a witness for him to everyone of what you have seen and heard.<sup>16</sup> And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.’

<sup>17</sup>“When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance<sup>18</sup> and saw him saying to me, ‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.’<sup>19</sup> And I said, ‘Lord, they themselves know that in one synagogue after another I imprisoned and beat those who believed in you.<sup>20</sup> And when the blood of Stephen your witness was being shed, I myself was standing by and approving and watching over the garments of those who killed him.’<sup>21</sup> And he said to me, ‘Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’”

<sup>22</sup>Up to this word they listened to him. Then they raised their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth! For he should not be allowed to live.”

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*“The Stumbling Block”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#244)

IVERSON

*“Spirit of the Living God”*

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Remember to sign up for Family Night Suppers.
- Work time in the garden on Saturday morning, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:00.

### THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

### THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

[R]emember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

—Ephesians 2:12-13

### 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](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               | ● Emma Myers            |
| ● Geneva Bartlett              | ● Sara Jones            |
| ● William & Margaret Breedlove | ● Lillian Barber        |
| ● Florine Henderson            | ● Charles & Mary Clark  |
| ● Dot Jacobs                   | ● Richard & Pat Kemp    |
| ● Byron & Mary Ann McEachern   | ● Paul and Ann Fiquette |
| ● Jessica Bolton               |                         |
| ● Margaret Bartlett            |                         |

**Wednesday Night Activities** will resume on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll have Prayer Meeting at 5:30 followed by our Family Night meal at 6:00. Choir practice, Team KID and Youth 4/12 will meet after the meal.

Sign-up sheets are located in Sunday School classes and in the Café if you would like to make a permanent reservation for the meal.

**On September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Dr. Claude King, who co-wrote the book, *Experiencing God* will be at Troup Baptist Association Missions and Ministry Center, located at 1301 Washington Street in LaGrange. He will lead in a time of Spiritual Renewal entitled "Fresh Encounter."

The Monday night session from 6:30-8:30 PM, will be a condensed version of the presentation Dr. King will lead on Tuesday from 9:00AM-2:00PM.

During the Tuesday session, we are requesting that all who can and will come prepared to "fast" lunch. We will have nutritious snacks for those with medical conditions that might prevent you from fasting.

There is no charge for either of the two days of "Fresh Encounter." However, we do request that each church RSVP the number that will attend.

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

**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: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Halliburton

## The Bulletin Board

### **Looking ahead:**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Dr. Claud King, co-author of the book *Experiencing God*, will be at the Troup Baptist Association Missions & Ministry Center to lead in a time of Spiritual Renewal entitled "Fresh Encounter." There is no cost, however; you are asked to RSVP. See page 11 for more details.



### **Work time in the Garden**

Come join us from 9:00-10:00 AM on Saturday, the 30<sup>th</sup> for a time of working in the garden.



### **The Karamojong People**

### **Exciting News for Children**

Our Wednesday Family Night is just a few days away!

September 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date!

Our emphasis:  
Music, Missions & the Message

Join us as we emphasize an unreached people group from Uganda. We'll have interesting facts, a special dessert and fun as we learn about Uganda.

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