

The First Baptist Evangel

August 3, 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 Debra Downs to get your tickets for the Boston Butt Sale raising funds for Beverly Kerr Bohem's service dog.

First Choice Women's Center will have a 10K, 5K, 1 mile race on Saturday, August 16th 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.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Jane Abercrombie
Next Sunday: Dale Frazer
August 17: Mikki Dallas

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Jeri Smith &
Emma Dallas
Next Sunday: Jane Abercrombie
August 17: Susan Groover &
Linda Combs

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Jack Combs
Next Sunday: Howard Bryan
August 17: Donny Bolton

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, August 3rd

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship

Sunday, August 10th

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**.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

—1 Corinthians 9:19-20

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

August 3, 2014

11:00 AM

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

ANN ADAMS

For your meditation:

At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.

—Romans 15:25-27

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

FRANCES REEVES

Psalms 133 & 134

133 A SONG OF ASCENTS OF DAVID

- ¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

134 A SONG OF ASCENTS.

- ¹ Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

who stand by night in the house of the LORD!
² Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the LORD!
³ May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who made heaven and 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 (#426)

HARTFORD

“Victory in Jesus”

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 (#352)

ST. CATHERINE

“Faith of Our Fathers”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

JACK COMBS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

PHOEBE GRABEN

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

Numbers 6:1-21

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When either a man or a woman makes a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the LORD, ³he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. He shall drink no vinegar made from wine or strong drink and shall not drink any juice of grapes or eat grapes, fresh or dried. ⁴All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, not even the seeds or the skins.

⁵“All the days of his vow of separation, no razor shall touch his head. Until the time is completed for which he separates himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. He shall let the locks of hair of his head grow long.

⁶“All the days that he separates himself to the LORD he shall not go near a dead body. ⁷Not even for his father or for his mother, for brother or sister, if they die, shall he make himself unclean, because his separation to God is on his head. ⁸All the days of his separation he is holy to the LORD.

⁹“And if any man dies very suddenly beside him and he defiles his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head on the day of his cleansing; on the seventh day he shall shave it. ¹⁰On the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two pigeons to the priest to the entrance of the tent of meeting, ¹¹and the priest shall offer one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, because he sinned by reason of the dead body. And he shall consecrate

his head that same day¹² and separate himself to the LORD for the days of his separation and bring a male lamb a year old for a guilt offering. But the previous period shall be void, because his separation was defiled.

¹³ “And this is the law for the Nazirite, when the time of his separation has been completed: he shall be brought to the entrance of the tent of meeting,¹⁴ and he shall bring his gift to the LORD, one male lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb a year old without blemish as a sin offering, and one ram without blemish as a peace offering,¹⁵ and a basket of unleavened bread, loaves of fine flour mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and their grain offering and their drink offerings.¹⁶ And the priest shall bring them before the LORD and offer his sin offering and his burnt offering,¹⁷ and he shall offer the ram as a sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall offer also its grain offering and its drink offering.¹⁸ And the Nazirite shall shave his consecrated head at the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall take the hair from his consecrated head and put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of the peace offering.¹⁹ And the priest shall take the shoulder of the ram, when it is boiled, and one unleavened loaf out of the basket and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them on the hands of the Nazirite, after he has shaved the hair of his consecration,²⁰ and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. They are a holy portion for the priest, together with the breast that is waved and the thigh that is contributed. And after that the Nazirite may drink wine.

²¹ “This is the law of the Nazirite. But if he vows an offering to the LORD above his Nazirite vow, as he can afford, in exact accordance with the vow that he takes, then he shall do in addition to the law of the Nazirite.”

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

JOE DOWNS

Acts 21:17-26

¹⁷ When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly.
¹⁸ On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.¹⁹ After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.²⁰ And when they heard it, they glorified God. And they said to him, “You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed. They are all zealous for the law,²¹ and they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or walk according to our customs.²² What then is to be done? They will certainly hear that you have come.²³ Do therefore what we tell you. We have four men who are under a vow;²⁴ take these men and purify yourself along

with them and pay their expenses, so that they may shave their heads. Thus all will know that there is nothing in what they have been told about you, but that you yourself also live in observance of the law. ²⁵ But as for the Gentiles who have believed, we have sent a letter with our judgment that they should abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality.”²⁶ Then Paul took the men, and the next day he purified himself along with them and went into the temple, giving notice when the days of purification would be fulfilled and the offering presented for each one of them.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“Christian Harmony”

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#621)

LANCASHIRE

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

—John 13:35

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

ANN ADAMS

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.

The Bulletin Board

August Birthdays

- 2 – Lisa Cowart
- 2 – Phil McLain
- 3 – Nolan Dallas
- 9 – Ann Adams
- 10 – Kaitlyn Smalley
- 12 – Christine Bryan Dean
- 18 – Dionne Scannell
- 18 – Howard Bryan IV
- 18 – Marty Hagood
- 27 – Tyler McLain
- 27 – Walter Graben
- 29 – Margaret Bartlett

Families under the watch care of Deacon Dantz Frazer:

Marty & Erica Hagood
Ann Elizabeth
Howard & Suzanne Bryan
Jack & Linda Combs
Marsha Fitzgerald
Ashely Ann & Olivia
Phil McLain
Lori McLain
George & Dianne Hester
Daniel Smith

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

In memory of Ann Johnson

by: Mrs. Rodney Brown
Ann H. Dunwoody
Ed and Judy Ennis
Mrs. Edith R. Hardy
Aileen Love
Frances Reeves

In honor of the hosts and hostesses who served the Johnson family

by: Ronald Johnson & Sandra Johnson Barrow

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