

The First Baptist Evangel

February 15, 2015

Epiphany



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 leave 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...

An Ash Wednesday service will be held this Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please join us in a day of fasting, culminating with this service and Family Night Supper immediately afterwards in the Gold Room. Please offer to bring someone that no longer drives at night.

Choir Practice will be held Wednesday night following supper.

Disinfectant wipes are needed for a mission project we are doing to help the teachers of West Point Elementary School. Please pick up a bottle or two the next time you are at the store and drop them by the office by Wednesday.

The *Read the Bible for Life* combined adult Sunday School class has begun, but it's not too late to join us. All Adult Classes are meeting in the Youth Room on the third floor at 9:45 AM.

Brad McLain has been nominated to serve a two-year term as deacon. A confirmatory election will be held next Sunday, February 22nd. See page 12 for more details.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday in observance of President's Day.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Jane Abercrombie

Next Sunday: Dale Frazer

March 1: Stephanie McLain

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Lisa Tucker &

Faith Graben

Next Sunday: Phoebe Graben &

Suzanne Bryan

March 1: Susan Groover &

Linda Combs

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Howard Bryan

Next Sunday: Donny Bolton

March 1: Thomas Hill

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, February 15th

9:00—Deacons' Meeting

9:45—Sunday School

Read the Bible for Life for adults

11:00—Worship

Monday, February 6th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, February 18th

6:00—Ash Wednesday Service

6:40—Family Night Supper

Menu: Barbecue

7:05—Choir Practice

Sunday, February 22nd

9:45—Sunday School

Read the Bible for Life for adults

11:00—Worship

Joe Downs is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **February** followed by Donny Bolton in **March**.

*The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
— Psalm 92:12–13*

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

February 15, 2015

The Last Lord's Day After the Epiphany

11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

HANDBELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

The heavens are the LORD's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.
The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.

**But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!**

—Psalm 115:16–18

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

For your meditation:

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

—John 7:38-39

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

DANTZ FRAZER

Psalm 1

- 1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
- 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.
- 3 He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
- 4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

- ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

—Galatians 1:3–5

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (#514)

HEAVEN

“When We All Get to Heaven”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

I believe the Word of God is able to make me wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. For all Scripture is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the people of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Therefore, I will make God’s Word a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

—based on Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:15-17, Psalm 119:105

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TOM TUCKER

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

— Colossians 2:13–14

GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first

commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

—Matthew 22:37–40

OFFERTORY HYMN (#333)

SHOWALTER

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HOWARD BRYAN

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

“Redeemed”

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Doxology”

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly 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

Genesis 2:4-10

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

JOE DOWNS

Revelation 22:1-7

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the

street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶ And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

⁷ “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

THE GOSPEL LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“Lectio Divina”

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#456)

PRECIOUS LORD

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 Wednesday night.
- Please bring disinfectant wipes by Wednesday night.
- Join us in Sunday School for the series *Read the Bible for Life*.

PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

—2 Timothy 2:15

BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

—2 Corinthians 13:14

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, 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.

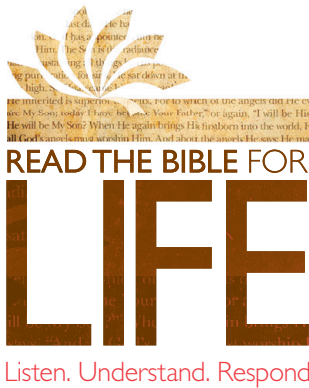
Nourishing Persons in Faith and Discipleship

Caring for One Another

As you intercede for others this week please lift up these particular concerns from here in our own congregation:

- Mildred Shaver
- Geneva Bartlett
- William & Margaret Breedlove
- Florine Henderson
- Dot Jacobs
- Byron & Mary McEachern
- Jessica Bolton
- Margaret Bartlett
- Lillian Barber
- Charles & Mary Clark
- Richard & Pat Kemp
- Paul & Ann Fiquette
- George Hester
- Justin Graben
- Roger Hales
- Jackie Jones & family
- Debra Downs

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Read the Bible for Life begins this morning at 9:45 in the Youth Room. This is a nine week study which all of our adult Sunday School classes will be undertaking together. Throughout the nine weeks we will explore the dynamics of listening to, understanding, and responding to God's Word; learn to consistently read the Bible; utilize practical guidelines to read with greater understanding; and faithfully apply the Word to our lives. Make plans to join us and be apart of this great undertaking our adult classes are doing together.

Reaching Out to the Community with Christ's Unconditional Love

Disinfectant wipes are needed for a mission project we are doing to help the teachers of West Point Elementary School. Please pick up a bottle or two the next time you are at the store and drop them by the office by Wednesday. We need the larger wipes and not the smaller wipes usually used for hands. These will be used to disinfect surfaces such as tables, desks, etc. We appreciate your willingness to help our local school with this need.

Deacon Nominee

Brad McLain

Brad was born on March 9, 1971 in Carrollton, Georgia and grew up in Franklin. He and Stephanie were married on April 24, 1999 in Franklin. They have two daughters: Abigail (age 7) and Ansley (age 5).

Brad professed his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in March of 1982 and was baptized at First Baptist Church of Franklin, GA.

After moving to West Point, Brad and Stephanie joined FBC West Point in 2006. In 2010 they moved to LaGrange and shortly thereafter joined First Baptist on the Square in LaGrange, but in 2013 they returned to our fellowship and have continued to bless us with their gifts and commitment.

Brad graduated from Heard County High School in 1989 and went on to earn a BA in English from the University of West Georgia in 1994. He studied theology for a time at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and was a U.S. Navy Chaplain Candidate from 1995-1997. In 2004 he began teaching High School English at Heard County High where he continues in this role. In 2006 he earned a Masters of Arts in Teaching at LaGrange College, and went on to earn an Education Specialist degree from Liberty University in 2011. Not only is Brad a gifted English teacher but he has served as a football and tennis coach, Gifted Coordinator, Literary Coach, and Senior Sponsor at Heard County High School.

Having been a faithful member of the Young Adult Sunday School class for many years, Brad is now part of the teaching rotation for that class. He also serves with Thomas Hill as a PEW Ministry leader, and this year began serving on the Audio/Visual Committee. This will be the first time Brad has stood for election as a deacon. If elected he will serve a two-year term ending in 2017.

The Bulletin Board



February Happenings:

Family Night activities each Wednesday
Read the Bible for Life continues
Ash Wednesday Service, February 18th, 6 PM

Making the Dream a Reality

Lynn Smith: \$111.56

Food Closet: \$265.00

*Summary of Operations
through January:*

Received: \$11,156.00

Disbursed: \$14,400.99

Please bring
disinfectant wipes for
West Point
Elementary by
Wednesday
night.



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