

The First Baptist Evangel

February 2, 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...

Today we welcome Daniel Smith to our church as the new accompanist.

Joyful Noise and Adult handbells will practice this afternoon. Joyful Noise at 4:00 PM and Adults at 5:00 PM.

All Wednesday night activities will resume this week. Please join us for Prayer Meeting, Family Night Supper, Children and Youth activities, and Choir Practice.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Marty & Erica Hagood

Next Sunday: Lisa Cowart

February 16: Karen Hill

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Ann Kerr and Faith Graben

Next Sunday: Phoebe Dallas and
Lisa Tucker

February 16: Jeri Smith and
Emma Dallas

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Chuck Smith

Next Sunday: Roger Hales

February 16: George Hester

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, February 2nd

9:45—Sunday School

11:00—Worship

4:00—Joyful Noise

5:00—Adult Handbells

Wednesday, February 5th

5:30—Prayer Meeting

6:00—Family Night Supper

6:30—Choir Practice

6:30—Team Kid

6:30—Youth 4/12

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

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

—John 1:12-13

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

February 2, 2014

11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!

—Psalm 96:2-3

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

For your meditation:

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

—Romans 6:3-4

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

FRANCES REEVES

Psalms 42 & 43

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A MASKIL OF THE SONS OF KORAH.

¹As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

³My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

⁴These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation

⁶and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I

remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

⁷ Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me.

⁸ By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

43 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

² For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

³ Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!

⁴ Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

—2 Timothy 1:2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (#30)

OLD 134TH

"Stand Up and Bless the Lord"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONGREGATION

What is Baptism?

Baptism is a holy ordinance, in which the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, signifies our being joined to Christ and our

**sharing the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our
engagement to be the Lord's.**

What does Galatians 3:27 teach us?

**For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on
Christ.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON TOM TUCKER

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ
Jesus.

—Romans 8:1

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES TOM TUCKER

Do not present your members to sin as instruments for
unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have
been brought from death to life, and your members to God as
instruments for righteousness.

—Romans 6:13

OFFERTORY HYMN (#262) AUSTRIAN HYMN

“Word of God, Across the Ages”

OFFERTORY PRAYER CHUCK SMITH

OFFERTORY ANTHEM FBC CHOIR

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 EPISTLE LESSONS HOWARD BRYAN

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh,
called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is
made in the flesh by hands—¹²remember 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. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have
been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace,
who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the

dividing wall of hostility¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed.²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian,²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOE DOWNS

John 11:45-53

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him,⁴⁶ but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.⁴⁷ So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs.⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."⁴⁹ But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all.⁵⁰ Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish."⁵¹ He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation,⁵² and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.⁵³ So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“Baptism Makes Us a New People”

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#134)

ALL TO CHRIST

“Jesus Paid It All”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- The Joyful Noise and Adult Handbells will resume practice this afternoon at 4:00 and 5:00 respectively.
- Wednesday night activities resume this Wednesday.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

—1 Corinthians 12:12-13

...“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

—Acts 2:38

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

“Baptism Makes Us a New People”

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 Kemp |
| ● Dot Jacobs | ● Ann Fiquette |
| ● Byron & Mary Ann McEachern | ● Wilmer Simpson |
| ● Jessica Bolton | ● Brad & Stephanie McLain |
| ● Margaret Bartlett | ● Diane & George Hester |
| ● Emma Myers | |

Winter Practice for Joyful Noise and Adult Handbells will begin again today. Joyful Noise will practice at 4:00 PM and Adult practice will be at 5:00 PM. All children and youth that would like to join in are welcome. If you are an adult and would like to learn to play, you are more than welcome to come as well.

Wednesday night activities will also begin this week. There are a number of programs and activities available for all ages. Activities begin with Prayer Meeting at 5:30 PM, Family Night Supper at 6:00 PM, Choir practice and TeamKID begin at 6:30 PM and Youth 4/12 starts at 6:30 PM.

The cost of Family Night Supper is \$5.00 per adult. For families, the cost is a maximum of \$12.00. Please join us for these times of fellowship, learning and serving.

Reaching Out to the Community with Christ's Unconditional Love

MEMORIALS & GIFTS

In memory of Pete Williamson

by: Emma Myers

by: Patti Scalf

In memory of Robert McLain

by: David and Ann Kerr

The Bulletin Board

February Birthdays

6—Dodie Thompson
8—Mary Ann McEachern
10—Vi Hudmon
12—Eloise Bowen
19—Margaret Breedlove
19—Billy Head
20—Pat Cantrell
25—Lisa Tucker
27—Jacquelyn Jones

Families under the watch care of Deacon Joe Hill:

Henry & Judy Bledsoe
Dantz & Dale Frazer
Sarah and Scott
Phil & Jane Abercrombie
Dot Allen
Jackie Jones
Joe & Debbie Thompson
Eloise Bowen
Tom & Lisa Tucker
Jackson & Owen

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Prayer Meeting
Family Night Supper
Choir Practice
TeamKID
Youth 4/12

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