

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*February 23, 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...*

**The flowers on the Lord's table** today are dedicated to the glory of God in loving memory of Loyette Hester Mount by her children.

**Joyful Noise will practice** at 4:00 PM and Adult Handbells at 5:00 PM today.

**All Wednesday night activities** have resumed. Please join us for Prayer Meeting, Family Night Supper, Children and Youth activities, and Choir Practice.

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Dale Frazer  
Next Sunday: Mikki Dallas  
March 9: Ashlee Hill

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Jeri Smith and Emma Dallas  
Next Sunday: Debra Downs and  
Thomas Hill  
March 9: Susan Groover and  
Linda Combs

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Howard Bryan  
Next Sunday: Donny Bolton  
March 9: Joe Hill

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>*

9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship  
4:00—Joyful Noise  
5:00—Adult Handbells

### *Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>*

5:30—Prayer Meeting  
6:00—Family Night Supper  
Menu: Chicken Enchilada  
Casserole  
6:30—Choir Practice  
6:30—Team Kid  
6:30—Youth 4/12

**Donny Bolton** is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **March** followed by **Thomas Hill** in **April**.

*Teach me your way, O LORD,  
that I may walk in your truth;  
unite my heart to fear your  
name.*

*—Psalm 86:11*

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

February 23, 2014

11:00 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
**and let us exalt his name together!**

—Psalm 34:3

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

*For your meditation:*

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways  
my ways, declares the LORD.

—Isaiah 55:8

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

BRAD McLAIN

### *Psalm 25*

OF DAVID.

<sup>1</sup> To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my  
salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

- <sup>11</sup> For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.  
<sup>12</sup> Who is the man who fears the LORD?  
     Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.  
<sup>13</sup> His soul shall abide in well-being,  
     and his offspring shall inherit the land.  
<sup>14</sup> The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,  
     and he makes known to them his covenant.  
<sup>15</sup> My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
     for he will pluck my feet out of the net.  
<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.  
<sup>17</sup> The troubles of my heart are enlarged;  
     bring me out of my distresses.  
<sup>18</sup> Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.  
<sup>19</sup> Consider how many are my foes,  
     and with what violent hatred they hate me.  
<sup>20</sup> Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame,  
     for I take refuge in you.  
<sup>21</sup> May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.  
<sup>22</sup> Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

*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 (#4)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*"To God Be the Glory"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONGREGATION

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth.  
 And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
 Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 Was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
 The third day he rose again from the dead;  
 He ascended into heaven,**

**And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON TOM TUCKER

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

—Psalm 103:8-12

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES TOM TUCKER

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

—Micah 6:8

MISSIONS EMPHASIS LINDA COMBS

OFFERTORY HYMN (#54) FAITHFULNESS

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

OFFERTORY PRAYER HOWARD BRYAN

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

*Isaiah 58:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>“Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup> ‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup> Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup> Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, <sup>10</sup> if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. <sup>11</sup> And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. <sup>12</sup> And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

*1 Corinthians 2:6-3:3*

<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup> But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love

him”—

<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.<sup>11</sup> For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

<sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

<sup>13</sup> And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup> The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.<sup>15</sup> The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.<sup>16</sup> “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

<sup>3</sup> But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.<sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready,<sup>3</sup> for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOE DOWNS

*John 16:1-15*

<sup>1</sup> “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.

<sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.<sup>3</sup> And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.<sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.<sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’<sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart.<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.<sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:<sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;<sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;<sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

<sup>12</sup> “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears

he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.  
<sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to  
you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take  
what is mine and declare it to you.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*“Teach Me, O Lord”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#279)

MARYTON

*“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- The Joyful Noise will practice this afternoon at 4:00.
- Adult Handbells at today 5:00.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

—James 4:10

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

[May] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,...give  
you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of  
him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know  
what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of  
his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable  
greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the  
working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised  
him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly  
places....

—Ephesians 1:17-20

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

Sermon Notes

*“Teach Me, O Lord”*

## *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               | • Phil McLain and family |
| • Margaret Bartlett            |                          |
| • Emma Myers                   |                          |

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

**MEMORIALS & GIFTS**

**In memory of: Jeanette Morgan  
Robert McLain  
William Burke Wood  
Pete Williamson**

by Jack and Linda Combs

**In honor of Ruth Downs**

by: Joe and Debra Downs

## *The Bulletin Board*

### ***Families under the watch care of:***

#### ***Deacon Chuck Smith***

Pal and Lillian Barber  
Agnes Rogers  
Frances Reeves  
Wilmer Simpson  
The Bolton Family  
Catherine Curry  
Roger and Jane Hales  
Steve and Sherrie Davis

### ***March Birthdays***

6—Patrick Bolton  
8—Agnes Rodgers  
8—Charlie Groover  
8—Didar Suleman  
9—Brad McLain  
11—Jack Combs  
13—Cameron Thomas  
15—Ashlee Hill  
20—Ellen Downs Beaulieu  
22—Tom Tucker  
27—Lori McLain  
28—Gabriel Ruiz  
31—Tristan Joseph Hill

### ***Looking ahead...***

Please join us  
March 5<sup>th</sup> for our  
Ash Wednesday Service

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