

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*January 12, 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...*

**Our grand total** for the Offering for International Missions was \$2,361.09. Many thanks to all who gave and helped us surpass our goal of \$2,000. May the Lord bless this gift.

**Our seventh annual season** of Ecumenical Worship and Fellowship will begin tonight at First Methodist Church at 6:00. Tom will be bringing the message. Fellowship will follow in the Zachary Center.

**WOM will meet** on Monday at 6:00 PM in the Gold Room.

**The Finance Committee** will meet on Tuesday at 5:30 PM in the library.

**The Choir** will practice Wednesday night at 6:30.

**The Deacons will meet** next Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in the library at 9:00 AM.

**The photos taken at Breakfast in Bethlehem** have been posted in the photo gallery section of the church's website. Hope you'll take time to have a look!

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Ashlee Hill  
Next Sunday: Debbie McLane  
January 26: Stephanie McLain

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Debra Downs and  
Thomas Hill  
Next Sunday: Jerri Bolton & Jenny  
or Penny Thompson  
January 26: Brian Scannell and  
Nolan Dallas

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Joe Hill  
Next Sunday: Dantz Frazer  
January 26: Jack Combs

**Howard Bryan** is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **January** followed by **Joe Downs** in **February**.

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>*

9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship  
6:00—Three Nights Together  
First Methodist Church

### *Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>*

6:00—WOM

### *Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>*

6:30—Choir Practice

### *Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>*

9:00—Deacons' Meeting  
9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship  
6:00—Three Nights Together  
First Baptist Church

*And Peter said to them, "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*

*Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship*

January 12, 2014

11:00 AM

*The First Sunday After Epiphany*

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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

ANN ADAMS

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

*For your meditation:*

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

—Galatians 3:27

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

LINDA COMBS

*Psalm 29*

A PSALM OF DAVID.

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth

and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.  
<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

*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 (#16)

LYONS

*"O Worship the King"*

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 (#350)

AURELIA

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

JOE HILL

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

HOWARD BRYAN

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: <sup>6</sup> “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, <sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

THE EPISTLE LESSON

JOE DOWNS

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

<sup>13</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good

conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,<sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

TOM TUCKER

*Matthew 3:13-17*

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.<sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”<sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.<sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;<sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*“Bodies, Baptism and Faith”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#491)

FOREST GREEN

*“Make Room Within My Heart, O God”*

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Join us tonight for the first of our Three Nights Together at the Methodist Church at 6:00.
- WOM will meet on Monday at 6:00 PM in the Gold Room.
- Your 2014 offering envelopes are available in the Café.

THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

—Matthew 28:19-20

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

Sermon Notes

*“Bodies, Baptism and Faith”*





## *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                   |                           |

**The annual State of the Church session** will be held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> in the Gold Room. We will begin with breakfast at 9:45 AM. Our time of worship and church business will begin at 10:30 AM. The church ministry leaders are asked to have their written reports turned in to the church office by January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please make plans to join us on this important Sunday in the life of our church.

**Next Sunday**, we will be holding a service of ordination for Chuck Smith to the office of deacon. Please be in prayer for Chuck and Jeri as he embarks on this commitment to ministry here in our church.

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

**Three Nights Together** begins tonight. Our time together has always been a blessing as we share in worship with brothers and sisters from First Methodist, the Presbyterian and other West Point churches.

Tonight we will be at First Methodist Church with our own, Tom Tucker, bringing the message. Next Sunday, we will be hosting with Rev. Jerry Ledbetter preaching and the final service will be on January 29<sup>th</sup> at West Point Presbyterian with Rev. Gil McGinnis preaching. Each service begins at 6:00 PM followed by a time of food and fellowship.

Make plans to attend these three nights of worship and invite someone to attend with you.

**MEMORIALS & GIFTS**

**In honor of Jessica Bolton**

by: Melanie Fuller

**In memory of Howard and Jane Bryan**

by: Chad, Catherine and Camille Coker

**In memory of William Brooke Wood**

by: David and Ann Kerr

## *The Bulletin Board*

### ***Three Nights Together***

January 12<sup>th</sup>  
First United Methodist

January 19<sup>th</sup>  
First Baptist

January 26<sup>th</sup>  
West Point Presbyterian

*All services will begin at  
6:00 PM followed by a light  
supper.*

### ***Looking ahead in 2014***

**Deacon Ordination**  
January 19<sup>th</sup>

**State of the Church**  
January 26<sup>th</sup>

### ***Offering for International Missions***

Goal: \$2,000.00  
Received: \$2,361.09

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