

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*January 19, 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 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.

**We extend our appreciation** to Joe Downs, Thomas Hill, and David Kerr for their service as Deacons over the past three years.

**Serving as the Diaconate** for this year are Donny Bolton, Howard Bryan, Jack Combs, Dantz Frazer, Roger Hales, George Hester, Joe Hill, and Chuck Smith. Howard Bryan has been elected Deacon chairman, along with Joe Hill as vice-chairman and Dantz Frazer as secretary.

**The second of our annual season** of Ecumenical Worship and Fellowship will be here at First Baptist tonight at 6:00. Rev. Jerry Ledbetter will be bringing the message. Fellowship will follow in the Gold Room.

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

**Next Sunday is our State of the Church Session.** We will meet in the Gold Room for breakfast at 9:45 AM and begin the session at 10:30 AM.

**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.

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Debbie McLane  
Next Sunday: Stephanie McLain  
February 2: Marty & Erica Hagood

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Jerri Bolton & Jenny  
or Penny Thompson  
Next Sunday: Brian Scannell and  
Nolan Dallas  
February 2: Ann Kerr and  
Faith Graben

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Dantz Frazer  
Next Sunday: Jack Combs  
February 2: Chuck Smith

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *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

### *Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>*

6:30—Choir Practice

### *Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>*

9:45—Breakfast  
10:30—State of the Church session  
6:00—Three Nights Together  
West Point Presbyterian

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

*These they set before the  
apostles, and they prayed and  
laid their hands on them.*

*— Acts 6:6*

*Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship*

January 19, 2014

11:00 AM

*The Second 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 even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve,  
and to give his life as a ransom for many."

—Mark 10:45

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

PHOEBE GRABEN

*Psalm 20*

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.

<sup>1</sup> May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!

May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary

and give you support from Zion!

<sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings

and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices!

*Selab*

<sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire

and fulfill all your plans!

<sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your salvation,

and in the name of our God set up our banners!

May the LORD fulfill all your petitions!

<sup>6</sup> Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;

he will answer him from his holy heaven

with the saving might of his right hand.

<sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses,

but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

<sup>8</sup> They collapse and fall,  
but we rise and stand upright.  
<sup>9</sup> O LORD, save the king!  
May he answer us when we call.  
*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 (#39)

MARION

*“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

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 (#210)

GORDON

*“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

DANTZ FRAZER

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 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*Acts 6:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution.<sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.<sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.<sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”<sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.<sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*1 Timothy 3:8-13*

<sup>8</sup>Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain.<sup>9</sup>They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.<sup>10</sup>And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless.<sup>11</sup>Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things.<sup>12</sup>Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.<sup>13</sup>For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

TOM TUCKER

*Luke 12:35-40*

<sup>35</sup> “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning,<sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.<sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds

awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.<sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants!<sup>39</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into.<sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*“Why Do We Have Deacons?”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#464)

CLOSE TO THEE

*“Close to Thee”*

## **THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS**

CHARGE TO THE CANDIDATE

HOWARD BRYAN

Chuck, do you, on this day, before this sacred assembly, affirm your allegiance to Christ, the church, and the Scriptures?

*I do.*

My brother, this church has voted upon you an honor, and a great responsibility, in selecting you to the office of deacon. Will you accept this responsibility and strive to fill the position to which you are called, and to promote the interest of the church, to assist the pastor whenever you can do so, and to look out for the poor and needy of the church, seeing that none shall suffer for material aid, so far as is in your power to prevent?

*I will, by God's grace.*

Will you accept the office of deacon in this church, and promise faithfully to perform the duties required in this office?

*I will, by God's grace.*

Will you promise to cooperate with the pastor and to further the interest of this church in promoting its harmonious and effective working of all its ministries?

*I will, by God's grace.*

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

HOWARD BRYAN

Will you, members of First Baptist Church of West Point, acknowledge and affirm this brother as a deacon? Will you esteem him, encourage him, and cooperate with him as he performs the duties of a deacon?

***By God's grace we will.***

Will you pray for Chuck and his family, asking God to protect him and to care for him, both physically and spiritually?

***By God's grace we will.***

Will you submit to his leadership, knowing that he is called as a servant leader?

***By God's grace we will.***

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

ORDINATION PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE DECLARATION OF OFFICE

TOM TUCKER

THE RECOGNITION OF DEACONS

HOWARD BRYAN

THE INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

JOE DOWNS

Brothers in Christ, having already been solemnly ordained to the office of Deacon, you do now present yourselves, in response to the voice of this congregation, to be installed again for the discharge of the active duties of your office?

*I do.*

Do you accept the office of Deacon in this congregation, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof?

*I do.*

Do you promise to pursue the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

*I do.*

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive these persons as Deacons, and do you promise to yield them all honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord, to which their office, according to the Word of God, and the constitution of this Church, entitles them?

***We do.***

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Head of the Church, I do now declare you to be inducted into the office of Deacon in this congregation, and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**DEPARTING TO SERVE**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Join us tonight for the second of our Three Nights Together here at First Baptist 6:00 PM.
- Your 2014 offering envelopes are available in the Café.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

...[S]peaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

—Ephesians 4:15-16

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

Sermon Notes

*“Why Do We Have Deacons?”*

## *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.

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you all so much for your thoughts, prayers, and cards during this time. I really am grateful for having such a caring church family.

Dale Frazer and family

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

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

Tonight we will be hosting the service with the Jerry Ledbetter bringing the message. Next Sunday, the final service will be hosted by the West Point Presbyterian Church 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 very meaningful nights of worship together and invite someone to attend with you.

**MEMORIALS & GIFTS**

**In memory of William Burke Wood**

by: Joe and Debra Downs

**In memory of Robert McLain**

by: Joe and Debra Downs

*The Bulletin Board*

*Making the Dream a Reality*

**Support for Lynn Smith &  
Glad Tidings  
in December:**

\$153.15

**West Point Food Closet  
through December:**

\$3,850.00

*Looking ahead to next  
week...*

**State of the Church**

beginning at 9:45 AM  
January 26<sup>th</sup>

**TNT**

West Point Presbyterian  
6:00 PM

**Summary of Operations  
for 2013:**

Received: \$178,620.94

Disbursed: \$182,617.48

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