

The First Baptist Evangel

January 5, 2014

Christmas



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...

Your offering envelopes for 2014 are ready for pick up and can be found on the table in the Café.

The Christmas Offering for International Missions will continue through today. Last year we collected \$1,340.00. Our goal this year is \$2,000.

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!

Our annual Three Nights Together will be January 12th, 19th and 26th.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Mikki Dallas
Next Sunday: Ashlee Hill
January 19: Debbie McLane

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Jeri Smith and
Emma Dallas
Next Sunday: Debra Downs and
Thomas Hill
January 19: Jerri Bolton and
Jenny/Penny Thompson

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Roger Hales
Next Sunday: Joe Hill
January 19: Dantz Frazer

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, January 5th

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship

Wednesday, January 8th

NO ACTIVITIES

Sunday, January 12th

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

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

*Let the heavens be glad, and let
the earth rejoice, and let them
say among the nations, "The
LORD reigns!"*

— 1 Chronicles 16:31

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

January 5, 2014

11:00 AM

The Second Sunday of Christmas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

—Matthew 2:11; Psalm 95:6

PRELUDE

ANN ADAMS

For your meditation:

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

—Luke 24:45-47

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

ANN KERR

Psalm 72:1-19

OF SOLOMON.

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
- ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!
- ⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

like showers that water the earth!
7 In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!
9 May desert tribes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!
10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
11 May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!
12 For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
13 He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.
15 Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him!
May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all the day!
16 May there be abundance of grain in the land;
on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like
Lebanon;
and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field!
17 May his name endure forever,
his fame continue as long as the sun!
May people be blessed in him,
all nations call him blessed!
18 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
19 Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those
with whom he is pleased!”

The LORD be with you!

The LORD bless you.

—Luke 2:14

HYMN OF PRAISE (#28) ALL THE WORLD
“Let All the World in Every Corner Sing ”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH CONGREGATION
Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:
**He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed
on in the world, taken up in glory.**

—Timothy 3:16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON TOM TUCKER
“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will
save his people from their sins.”

—Matthew 1:21

OFFERTORY HYMN (#587) DUKE STREET
“Jesus Shall Reign”

OFFERTORY PRAYER ROGER HALES

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON HOWARD BRYAN

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They

shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

JOE DOWNS

Colossians 1:15-29

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

TOM TUCKER

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of

Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#345)

ELLISWORTH

“Now I Belong to Jesus”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Your 2014 offering envelopes are available in the Café.
- Christmas offering for International Missions ends today.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

—Romans 15:13

POSTLUDE

ANN ADAMS

The pastor is available after the service or throughout the week if you would like to talk more about today's message, learn about faith in Christ, church membership or for prayer. You may make an appointment by calling the church office at 706-645-2969 or emailing him directly at tucker@fbcwestpoint.com

The Bulletin Board

January Birthdays

1—Stephen Bolton
1—Suleman Suleman
6—Peyam Suleman
10—Thomas Hill Jr.
13—Sherrie Davis
13—Sarah Frazer
13—Charles Smith III
17—Donny Bolton
17—Phoebe Graben
17—Mikki Dallas
23—Laine Dallas
26—Joe Downs
27—Ann Johnson
30—Grace Scott
31—Kelli Head

Looking ahead in 2014

Three Nights Together

January 12th

January 19th

January 26th

Deacon Ordination

January 19th

State of the Church

January 26th

Christian Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the Frazer family in the loss of Dale's father, William Burke Wood, on December 24, 2013.

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