

The First Baptist Evangel

July 6, 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...

Next Sunday, we will be pleased to have the Reverend Aaron McCollough sharing God's word with us.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Debbie McLane
Next Sunday: Stephanie McLain
July 20: Jerri Bolton

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Jerri Bolton &
Emma Dallas
Next Sunday: Brian Scannell &
Nolan Dallas
July 20: Ann Kerr & Faith Graben

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Dantz Frazer
Next Sunday: Jack Combs
July 20: Chuck Smith

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, July 6th

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship

Sunday, July 13th

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship

Jack Combs is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **July** followed by **Dantz Frazer** in **August**.

*I am the good shepherd. The
good shepherd lays down his life
for the sheep.*

—John 10:11

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

July 6, 2014

11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

—Psalm 118:24

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

For your meditation:

He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me....

—John 10:12-14

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

JERRI BOLTON

Psalm 119:169-176

- ¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come before you, O LORD;
give me understanding according to your word!
- ¹⁷⁰ Let my plea come before you;
deliver me according to your word.
- ¹⁷¹ My lips will pour forth praise,
for you teach me your statutes.
- ¹⁷² My tongue will sing of your word,
for all your commandments are right.
- ¹⁷³ Let your hand be ready to help me,
for I have chosen your precepts.
- ¹⁷⁴ I long for your salvation, O LORD,
and your law is my delight.
- ¹⁷⁵ Let my soul live and praise you,
and let your rules help me.
- ¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,
for I do not forget your commandments.

*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.

—1 Timothy 1:2

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

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

—1 John 1:9

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

—1 John 2:2-6

OFFERTORY HYMN (#400)

ST. THOMAS

"Rise Up, O Men of God"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

DANTZ FRAZER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

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

JOE DOWNS

Ezekiel 33:1-11

¹The word of the LORD came to me:²“Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman,³and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people,⁴then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.⁵He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life.⁶But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked,

but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOE DOWNS

John 21:15-19

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

THE THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

Acts 20:13-38

¹³ But going ahead to the ship, we set sail for Assos, intending to take Paul aboard there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go by land. ¹⁴ And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and went to Mitylene. ¹⁵ And sailing from there we came the following day opposite Chios; the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after that we went to Miletus. ¹⁶ For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

¹⁷ Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸ And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰ how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹ testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴ But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and

the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.²⁵ And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.²⁶ Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all,²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.²⁸ Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.³² And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me.³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

³⁶ And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.³⁷ And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him,³⁸ being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

SERMON	<i>"Shepherding the Flock"</i>	TOM TUCKER
HYMN OF RESPONSE (#300)	<i>"Without Him"</i>	WITHOUT HIM

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

THE PASTORAL PRAYER TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE TOM TUCKER

Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

—2 John 8-9

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the
fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

—2 Corinthians 13:14

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.

Sermon Notes

“Shepherding the Flock”

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

- Mildred Shaver
- Geneva Bartlett
- William & Margaret Breedlove
- Florine Henderson
- Dot Jacobs
- Byron & Mary Ann McEachern
- Jessica Bolton
- Margaret Bartlett
- Emma Myers
- Sara Jones
- Lillian Barber
- Charles & Mary Clark
- Richard & Pat Kemp
- Paul and Ann Fiquette

The Bulletin Board

July Birthdays

- 1—Jane Hales
- 2—Jackson Tucker
- 3—Devon Cushin
- 5—Anne Fiquette
- 6—Scott Frazer
- 9—Lamar Cantrell
- 12—Sara Jones
- 17—Ansley McLain
- 22—Frances Reeves

Families under the watch care of Deacon Joe Hill:

Henry & Judy Bledsoe
Dantz & Dale Frazer
 Sarah & Scott
Phil & Jane Abercrombie
Dot Allen
Jacqueline Jones
Joe & Debbie Thompson
Eloise Bowen
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