

The First Baptist Evangel

March 16, 2014

Lent



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...

There will be no handbell practice today for either group.

Prevent Now is a seminar hosted by the Troup Baptist Association on the evening of March 17th. This is an important meeting for all those who work with youth and children. See page 11 for more details.

There will be a meeting of the Nursery/Children's and Personnel Committees Wednesday night during the Family Night Supper in the Green Room. We will discuss hiring a nursery worker.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Debbie McLane
Next Stephanie McLain
March 30: Lisa Cowart

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Jerri Bolton and
Jenny/Penny Thompson
Next Sunday: Brian Scannell and
Nolan Dallas
March 30: Ann Kerr & Faith Graben

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Donny Bolton
Next Sunday: Jack Combs
March 30: Chuck Smith

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

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, March 16th

9:00—Deacons' Meeting
9:30—Children's Music
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship

Wednesday, March 19th

5:30—Prayer Meeting
6:00—Family Night Supper
Menu: Eggplant Casserole
6:35—Choir Practice
6:30—Team KID
6:30—Youth 4/12

Sunday, March 23rd

9:30—Children's Music
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
2:00—Baby Shower for the Peeks

*Who has first given to me,
that I should repay him?
Whatever is under the whole
heaven is mine.*

—Job 41:11

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

March 16, 2014

11:00 AM

The Second Sunday of Lent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me. Bless his holy name!

**Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**

Bless the LORD, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will.

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul.

—Psalm 103:1-2,20-22

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

For your meditation:

Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of
heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

—Deuteronomy 10:14

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

JANICE DALLAS

Psalm 24

A PSALM OF DAVID.

¹ The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,

² for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.

⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Selab

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up,
O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up,
O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

Selah

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

—Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (#32)

LAUDA ANIMA

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

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

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...

—Ephesians 2:8

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

...[Y]ou have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

—Ephesians 4:21-25

OFFERTORY HYMN (#613)

BEACH SPRING

"The Servant Song"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

DONNY BOLTON

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

"Mighty to Save"

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

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

—Psalm 143:10

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

Deuteronomy 16:13-17

¹³ "You shall keep the Feast of Booths seven days, when you have gathered in the produce from your threshing floor and your winepress. ¹⁴ You shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow who are within your towns. ¹⁵ For seven days you shall keep the feast to the LORD your God at the place that the LORD will choose, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will be altogether joyful.

¹⁶ "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened

Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. ¹⁷ Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

TOM TUCKER

Luke 20:19-26

¹⁹ The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰ So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor. ²¹ So they asked him, “Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God. ²² Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?” ²³ But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them, ²⁴ “Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?” They said, “Caesar’s.” ²⁵ He said to them, “Then

render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²⁶ And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

"Kingdom Economics"

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#291)

ST. CHRISTOPHER

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Volunteers are needed for the Food Closet in April.
- *Prevent Now* seminar from 6:00-8:00 PM at Troup Baptist Association.
- Nursery/Children's and Personnel Committee Meeting Wednesday night.

THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

CONGREGATION

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

—Peter 4:10

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

—1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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

“Kingdom Economics”

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 & Pat Kemp |
| ● Dot Jacobs | ● Ann Fiquette |
| ● Byron & Mary Ann McEachern | ● Wilmer Simpson |
| ● Jessica Bolton | ● Phil McLain and family |
| ● Margaret Bartlett | |
| ● Emma Myers | |

Keeping Our Children Safe

Prevent Now! On the evening of March 17, 2014, from 6:30-8:00, the Troup Baptist Association, will be hosting an informational seminar, facilitated by McKenzie Jackson of Twin Cedars in LaGrange entitled: **Prevent Now**. Prevent Now teaches adults, who work with children & youth in churches, how to identify children & youth who may be sexually abused.

This is the first of a two-stage process of training church workers to be aware and sensitive to the needs of children who might be abused (with a follow-up meeting hopefully here at FBC West Point). The target audience for this seminar is all adults who work with children or youth.

There is no cost for this meeting. If you are a part of our youth or children's ministries please consider joining us for this seminar and let the church office know so that we can make the appropriate reservations and arrangements.

Reaching Out to the Community with Christ's Unconditional Love

The month of April is First Baptist's month to volunteer in the Food Closet. Sign-up sheets are available in the Adult classrooms and in the Café if you would like to assist in helping next month.

Next Sunday afternoon from 2:00-3:30, we will host a baby shower for Chuck and Noelle Peek in the Gold Room.

The Bulletin Board

Making the Dream a Reality

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

\$125.24

**West Point Food Closet
through February:**

\$555.00

Summary of Operations

Received: \$25,969.03

Disbursed: \$27,929.02

It's a boy!



Please join us for a baby shower

Honoring

Chuck and Noelle Peek

Sunday, March 23

2:00 - 3:30 PM

In the Gold Room

Gift registry: Target and Amazon.com

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