

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*March 2, 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...*

**Beginning this Sunday**, the first Sunday of March, children's music time will begin at 9:30 instead of 9:45. We will continue this through the month of May. We will use this time to prepare for our Kid's Confessing the Truth worship service in May.

**Joyful Noise will practice** at 4:00 PM and Adult Handbells at 5:00 PM today.

**There will be no Adult Handbell** practice on March 9th and 16th. Joyful Noise practice will be announced at a later date.

**An Ash Wednesday service** will be held this Wednesday night at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please join us in a day of fasting, culminating with this service with a Family Night Supper afterwards.

**Daylight Savings Time** begins next weekend. Remember to move your clocks forward Saturday night.

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Mikki Dallas  
Next Sunday: Ashlee Hill  
March 16: Debbie McLane

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Debra Downs and  
Thomas Hill  
Next Sunday: Susan Groover and  
Linda Combs  
March 16: Jerri Bolton and  
Jenny/Penny Thompson

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Joe Hill  
Next Sunday: Donny Bolton  
March 16: Dantz Frazer

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>*

9:30—Children's Music  
9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship  
4:00—Joyful Noise  
5:00—Adult Handbells

### *Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>*

6:00—Ash Wednesday Service  
6:45—Family Night Supper  
Menu: Ham Casserole  
7:15—Choir Practice

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

*"All flesh is like grass and all its glory  
like the flower of grass.*

*The grass withers, and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever."*

*—1 Peter 1:24-25*

# *Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship*

March 2, 2014

11:00 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

## **ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
**and let us exalt his name together!**

—Psalm 34:3

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

*For your meditation:*

And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.... Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears.

—Ezekiel 3: 1-3,10

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

KAREN HILL

*Psalms 119:9-24*

- <sup>9</sup> How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By guarding it according to your word.
- <sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you;  
let me not wander from your commandments!
- <sup>11</sup> I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you.
- <sup>12</sup> Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes!
- <sup>13</sup> With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.
- <sup>14</sup> In the way of your testimonies I delight  
as much as in all riches.
- <sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your precepts  
and fix my eyes on your ways.
- <sup>16</sup> I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.  
17 Deal bountifully with your servant,  
that I may live and keep your word.  
18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things  
out of your law.  
19 I am a sojourner on the earth;  
hide not your commandments from me!  
20 My soul is consumed with longing for your rules at all times.  
21 You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,  
who wander from your commandments.  
22 Take away from me scorn and contempt,  
for I have kept your testimonies.  
23 Even though princes sit plotting against me,  
your servant will meditate on your statutes.  
24 Your testimonies are my delight;  
they are my counselors.

*This is the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

—Galatians 1:3-5

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (#2)

NICAEA

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

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

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

—Psalm 103:8-12

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES TOM TUCKER

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

—Micah 6:8

MISSIONS EMPHASIS LINDA COMBS

OFFERTORY HYMN (#605) SEMINARY

*"Because I Have Been Given Much"*

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

*Deuteronomy 8:1-20*

<sup>1</sup>“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to



know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.<sup>3</sup> And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.<sup>4</sup> Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years.<sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you.<sup>6</sup> So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.<sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills,<sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey,<sup>9</sup> a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.<sup>10</sup> And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

<sup>11</sup> "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today,<sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them,<sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied,<sup>14</sup> then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery,<sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock,<sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.<sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.'<sup>18</sup> You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.<sup>19</sup> And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish.<sup>20</sup> Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

JOE DOWNS

*1 Timothy 4: 6-16*

<sup>6</sup> If you put these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, being trained in the words of the faith and of the good doctrine that you have followed.<sup>7</sup> Have nothing to do with

irreverent, silly myths. Rather train yourself for godliness;<sup>8</sup> for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.<sup>9</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance.<sup>10</sup> For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

<sup>11</sup> Command and teach these things.<sup>12</sup> Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.<sup>13</sup> Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.<sup>14</sup> Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.<sup>15</sup> Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.<sup>16</sup> Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOE DOWNS

*John 5: 30-47*

<sup>30</sup> “I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.<sup>31</sup> If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true.<sup>32</sup> There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.<sup>33</sup> You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth.<sup>34</sup> Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.<sup>35</sup> He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.<sup>36</sup> But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.<sup>37</sup> And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen,<sup>38</sup> and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.<sup>39</sup> You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,<sup>40</sup> yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.<sup>41</sup> I do not receive glory from people.<sup>42</sup> But I know that you do not have the love of God within you.<sup>43</sup> I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him.<sup>44</sup> How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?<sup>45</sup> Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope.<sup>46</sup> For if you believed Moses, you would believe me;

for he wrote of me.<sup>47</sup> But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?"

SERMON

*"The Word of God"*

TOM TUCKER

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#273)

*"Freely, Freely"*

FREELY, FREELY

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- The Joyful Noise will practice this afternoon at 4:00.
- Adult Handbells at today 5:00.
- Ash Wednesday Service this week at 6:00 PM with Family Night Supper following.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

...‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’

—Matthew 4:4

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

[May] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,...give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places....

—Ephesians 1:17-20

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

Sermon Notes

*"The Word of God"*

## *Nourishing Persons in Faith and Discipleship*

### *Caring for One Another*

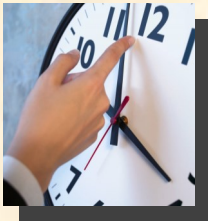
As you intercede for others this week please lift up these particular concerns from here in our own congregation

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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               | • Phil McLain and family |
| • Margaret Bartlett            |                          |
| • Emma Myers                   |                          |

*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.

## *The Bulletin Board*



Don't forget to move your clocks *forward* next Saturday night, the 8<sup>th</sup>.



Children's Music will begin at 9:30 AM on Sundays through the month of May.

### ***This week...***

Please join us  
this Wednesday,  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, for our  
Ash Wednesday Service

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