

The First Baptist Evangel

March 23, 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...

We will have a baby shower this afternoon in the Gold Room from 2:00-3:30 for Chuck and Noelle Peek.

Joyful Noise will practice at 4:00 this afternoon and Adult Handbells at 5:00.

All adults are invited to meet at the church at 4:00 PM on Thursday, March 27th to go to Rose Hill Seafood in Columbus. We will car pool from the church.

The Adult A Sunday School class is having a covered dish luncheon on Sunday, April 6th in the Gold Room. Those who teach other classes and would be in that class are welcome to join us for fellowship.

We will be ordering azaleas to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter. The cost is \$12.00 per plant. For more information see page 11.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Stephanie McLain
Next Sunday: Lisa Cowart
April 6: Marty and Erica Hagood

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Brian Scannell and
Nolan Dallas
Next Sunday: Ann Kerr &
Faith Graben
April 6: Phoebe Dallas and
Lisa Tucker

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Roger Hales
Next Sunday: Jack Combs
April 6: Chuck Smith

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, March 23rd

9:30—Children's Music
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
2:00—Baby Shower for the Peeks
4:00—Joyful Noise
5:00—Adult Handbells

Wednesday, March 26th

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

Sunday, March 30th

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

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

*But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his
own possession, that you may proclaim the
excellencies of him who called you out of
darkness into his marvelous light.*

—1 Peter 2:9

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

March 23, 2014

11:00 AM

The Third 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:

...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and
supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance,
making supplication for all the saints....

—Ephesians 6:18

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

DEBRA DOWNS

Psalm 65

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID. A SONG.

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.

² O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

³ When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.

⁴ Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,
to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,
the holiness of your temple!

⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth

and of the farthest seas;
6 the one who by his strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;
7 who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples,
8 so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth
are in awe at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning
and the evening to shout for joy.
9 You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.
10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
11 You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
12 The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

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 (#3)

JUDSON

“Worthy of Worship”

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

MISSIONS EMPHASIS CATHERINE CURRY

OFFERTORY HYMN (#521) PROMISED LAND

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

OFFERTORY PRAYER ROGER HALES

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

JOE DOWNS

Exodus 19: 1-6

¹ On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ²They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

THE EPISTLE LESSONS

HOWARD BRYAN

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Revelation 5:6-10

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

THE GOSPEL LESSON

TOM TUCKER

Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“The Sending Forth, part 1: Prayers”

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#597)

SALLY TOWNSEND

“Here Am I, Send Me”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Baby Shower for the Peeks at 2:00 PM today in the Gold Room.
- Joyful Noise practice at 4:00 PM and Adult Handbells at 5:00 PM.
- Volunteers are needed for the Food Closet in April.
- Don’t forget to pick up your order form for Easter azaleas.

THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

CONGREGATION

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

"You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

—Matthew 5:13a, 14a,16

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

“The Sending Forth, part 1: Prayers”

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 | |

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We will be adorning our sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning with azaleas. These may be purchased for \$12.00 each and placed in honor or memory of family and friends. Additionally, you may choose to donate your purchased azalea to be planted on the church grounds. Please complete an order form and turn it in to the church office no later than Monday, April 14th. Forms can be found in adult Sunday School rooms, the Café and the Gold Room.

Reaching Out to the Community with Christ's Unconditional Love

This afternoon from 2:00-3:30, we will host a baby shower for Chuck and Noelle Peek in the Gold Room. Please drop by and share in this exciting time in their lives.

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.

On Sunday, May 4th, KIDS Confessing the Truth will present the musical, *Journey of Praise*. Our children will lead us in worship through sharing the Word and songs.

Mark your calendars for April 27th. We will be hosting a training session for child abuse prevention. Everyone that works with children is encouraged to attend. The cost will be \$10.00 per person for a workbook. More details will be provided at a later date.

The Bulletin Board

Looking Ahead...

KIDS Confessing the Truth
presents

Journey of Praise

Sunday, May 4th

at 6:00 PM

Our children will share in
the Word and song leading
us in a time of worship.

Families under the watch care of:

Deacon Donny Bolton

Richard and Pat Kemp
Paul and Ann Fiquette
Don Cleveland
Bill and Ann Adams
Roger and Shannon Bledsoe
Chuck, Jeri and Charles Smith
Brad, Stephanie, Abigail and
Ansley McLain
Emma Myers

It's a boy!



Please join us this afternoon for a baby shower

Honoring

Chuck and Noelle Peek

2:00 - 3:30 PM

In the Gold Room

Gift registry: Target and Amazon.com

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