

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*March 9, 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...*

**Children's music time** will begin at 9:30 instead of 9:45. We will continue this through the month of May. This time will be used to prepare for our *Kid's Confessing the Truth* worship service in May.

**Joyful Noise will practice** at 4:00 PM today. There will be no practice on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**There will be no Adult Handbell** practice today nor next Sunday.

**WOM will have** a prayer meeting for Home Missions tomorrow, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at Pal Reeves' house from 6:00-6:30 PM. This is open to anybody in the church that would like to come.

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

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Dale Frazer  
Next Sunday: Debbie McLane  
March 23: Stephanie McLain

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Susan Groover and  
Linda Combs  
Next Sunday: Jerri Bolton & Jenny  
Penny Thompson  
March 23: Brian Scannell and  
Nolan Dallas

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Dantz Frazer  
Next Sunday: Donny Bolton  
March 23: Jack Combs

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>*

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

### *Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>*

5:30—Prayer Meeting  
6:00—Family Night Supper  
Menu: Chicken fingers  
6:35—Choir Practice  
6:00—Team KID  
7:00—Youth 4/12

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

*And God saw everything that  
he had made, and behold,  
it was very good.*

*—Genesis 1:31*

*Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship*

March 9, 2014

11:00 AM

*The First Sunday of Lent*

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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:*

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

—Matthew 5:23-24

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

BRIAN SCANNELL

*Psalms 23*

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.
- <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

*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 (#36)

HYFRYDOL

*“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”*

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 (#604) BEACH SPRING

*“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”*

OFFERTORY PRAYER DANTZ FRAZER

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

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

—Psalm 143:10

THE GOSPEL LESSON HOWARD BRYAN

*Matthew 26:17-35*

<sup>17</sup> Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup> He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup> And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup> When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup> And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup> And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup> He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me.” <sup>24</sup> The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” <sup>25</sup> Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup> Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."<sup>27</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you,"<sup>28</sup> for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.<sup>29</sup> I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

<sup>30</sup> And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'<sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."<sup>33</sup> Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."<sup>35</sup> Peter said to him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*1 Corinthians 11:17-32*

<sup>17</sup> But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse.<sup>18</sup> For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part,<sup>19</sup> for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.<sup>20</sup> When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat.<sup>21</sup> For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.<sup>22</sup> What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,<sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."<sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.<sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.<sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.<sup>30</sup> That is why

many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.<sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.<sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

THE SECOND EPISTLE LESSON

TOM TUCKER

*Revelation 19:4-10*

<sup>4</sup>And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"<sup>5</sup>And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great." <sup>6</sup>Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure"— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."<sup>10</sup>Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*"The Lord's Supper"*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#367)

NORTH PHOENIX

*"As We Gather Around the Table"*

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

TOM TUCKER

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

<sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER TOM TUCKER

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

PREPARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP TOM TUCKER

OBSERVANCE OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING (#387, vv.1, 4) DENNIS

*"Blest Be the Tie"*

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- The Joyful Noise will practice this afternoon at 4:00.
- WOM will host a Home Missions prayer meeting at Pal Reeves' home on Monday from 6:00-6:30 PM.
- Volunteers are needed for the Food Closet in April.

THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS CONGREGATION

THE CHARGE TOM TUCKER

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

—Psalm 34:8

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

Sermon Notes

*“The Lord’s Supper”*

## *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.

**WOM will have** a prayer meeting for Home Missions next Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Pal Reeves' house from 6:00-6:30 PM. This is open to anybody in the church that would like to come.

**MEMORIALS & GIFTS**

**In memory of: John McLain**

by David and Ann Kerr

**In honor of Susan Groover**

by: Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Merritt

## *The Bulletin Board*

### **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



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

## *Prayer for Home Missions*

Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

at the home of Pal Reeves

6:00-6:30 PM

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