

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*May 11, 2014*

*Easter tide*



**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...*

**Happy Mother's Day** to all mothers in our congregation today.

**There will be no Joyful Noise practice** until further notice. There will be no Adult Handbell practice today.

**The Deacons will meet** next Sunday morning in the library at 9:00 AM.

**During the month of May** we will be participating in the Baby Bottle Boomerang in support of First Choice Women's Center in LaGrange. See page 12 for more details.

**During the months of May and June** we will be collecting donations for the Rockridge Baptist Assembly in Franklin, GA. See page 11 for more details.

**Vacation Bible School** is set for June 22<sup>nd</sup> —June 26<sup>th</sup>. Workers will be needed in all areas. If you are willing to help, sign-up sheets are located in Sunday School classrooms and other areas of the church or you can see Phoebe.

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Debbie McLane  
Next Sunday: Stephanie McLain  
May 25: Marty and Erica Hagood

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Jane Abercrombie  
Next Sunday: Brian Scannell and  
Nolan Dallas  
May 25: Ann Kerr and Faith Graben

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Jack Combs  
Next Sunday: Dantz Frazer  
May 25: Chuck Smith

## *Weekly Schedule of Activities*

### *Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>*

9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship

### *Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>*

6:30—Choir Practice

### *Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>*

9:00—Deacons' Meeting  
9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship

**George Hester** is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **May** followed by **Robert Groover** in **June**.

*“Elijah does come, and he will  
restore all things.”*

*—Matthew 17:11*

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

May 11, 2014

11:00 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

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

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Awake, my glory!

Awake, O harp and lyre!

**I will awake the dawn!**

**I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;**

**I will sing praises to you among the nations.**

For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!**

**Let your glory be over all the earth!**

—Psalm 57:8-11

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

*For your meditation:*

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

—Luke 4:18-19

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

FRANCES REEVES

*Psalm 103*

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!

<sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

- <sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- <sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- <sup>14</sup> For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.
- <sup>15</sup> As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- <sup>16</sup> for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.
- <sup>17</sup> But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting  
to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,
- <sup>18</sup> to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.
- <sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.
- <sup>20</sup> Bless the LORD, O you his angels,  
you mighty ones who do his word,  
obeying the voice of his word!
- <sup>21</sup> Bless the Lord, all his hosts,  
his ministers, who do his will!
- <sup>22</sup> Bless the LORD, all his works,  
in all places of his dominion.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul!

*This is the word of the Lord*

***Thanks be to God***

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

Peace be to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.

—Ephesians 6:23-24

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (#33)

AMSTERDAM

*“Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONGREGATION

**I am called Christian**

**because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing.**

**I am anointed**

**to confess his name,**

**to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life,**

**and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity.**

**We call him “our Lord” because—**

**not with gold or silver,**

**but with his precious blood—**

**he has set us free**

**from sin and from the tyranny of the devil,**

**and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.**

—from Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A’s 32, 34

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TOM TUCKER

...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

—Romans 5:8-10

GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

...[B]y the mercies of God...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal

of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

—Romans 12:1-2

OFFERTORY HYMN (#262)

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*“Word of God, Across the Ages”*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

JACK COMBS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

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

JOE DOWNS

*Malachi 4: 1-6*

<sup>1</sup> “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.<sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.<sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.<sup>4</sup> “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.<sup>5</sup> “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.<sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

THE GOSPEL LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*Mark 5:21-43*

<sup>21</sup> And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” <sup>24</sup> And he went with him.

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.<sup>25</sup> And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years,<sup>26</sup> and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.<sup>27</sup> She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment.<sup>28</sup> For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well."<sup>29</sup> And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.<sup>30</sup> And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?"<sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'"<sup>32</sup> And he looked around to see who had done it.<sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.<sup>34</sup> And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"<sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."<sup>37</sup> And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.<sup>38</sup> They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.<sup>39</sup> And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping."<sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.<sup>41</sup> Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."<sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.<sup>43</sup> And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

### THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

#### *Acts 19:11-17*

<sup>11</sup> And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,<sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin were carried away to the sick, and their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them.<sup>13</sup> Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims."<sup>14</sup> Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this.<sup>15</sup> But the evil

spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?”<sup>16</sup> And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, mastered all of them and overpowered them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.<sup>17</sup> And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*“The Politics of Restoration”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#275)

SURRENDER

*“I Surrender All”*

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Pick up your bottles for the Baby Bottle Boomerang.
- Remember our special offering for Rockridge.
- Volunteer for Vacation Bible School.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

—Matthew 7:21

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](mailto:tucker@fbcwestpoint.com).

Sermon Notes

*“The Politics of Restoration”*

## *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                   | • Wilmer Simpson        |
| • Byron & Mary Ann McEachern   | • Paul and Ann Fiquette |
| • Jessica Bolton               |                         |
| • Margaret Bartlett            |                         |
| • Emma Myers                   |                         |

**Rockridge Baptist Assembly** is a Christian camp for youth and children as well as a conference and retreat center for adults. It is owned and operated by the Carrollton, Troup, and Western (Newnan) Baptist Associations. Throughout its existence it has been dear to many members of our church.

This past winter, despite efforts to protect the facilities, pipes burst and damage occurred to the property. During the months of May and June we will be collecting donations to aid in the repair and renovation of this camp. Please make all checks out to the church and designate your gift for Rockridge.

*Reaching Out to the Community with Christ's Unconditional Love*

**We have a new Kurdish family** in our community. They are in need of household items such as furniture, linens, and cookware. If you can assist with any of these items, please call the church office.

**The Baby Bottle Boomerang** is a fundraiser for the First Choice Women's Center in LaGrange that we take part in annually. First Choice is a ministry which seeks to save the lives of unborn children and make a lasting difference in the lives of mothers. Some of the services they provide include: pregnancy testing, ultrasound, abortion education, post-abortion education, adoption referrals and support, abstinence education, material resources, parenting classes, and STD/STI education.

To take part in supporting this ministry pick up one of the baby bottles on the front pew of the church after the service this morning. During the month fill it with loose change, cash or a check and return it to the church by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

## *The Bulletin Board*

### ***Families under the watch care of Deacon Jack Combs:***

Sara Jones  
Richard Reed  
Carolyn Hill  
Dan & Debbie McLane  
Skinner McLane  
Lamar & Pat Cantrell  
Florine Henderson  
Thomas & Ashlee Hill  
Thomas, Jr., Tristan & Tanner  
Chad & Mikki Dallas  
Nolan, Emma & Sarah  
Steve & Dodie Thompson  
Michael, Jenny & Penny

### ***May Birthdays***

1—Masud Suleman  
2—Gladys Hester  
5—Dianne Hester  
10—George Hester  
11—Susan Groover  
17—Steve Davis  
18—Charles Clark  
19—Karen Hill  
20—Roger Hales  
25—Catherine Bryan Coker  
27—Sarah Dallas  
27—Jerri Bolton  
30—Carol Henderson  
31—Ann Kerr  
31—Ralph Groover

### ***Looking ahead...***



VBS will be June 22-26.  
Be thinking about your role this year.

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