

The First Baptist Evangel

May 4, 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...

Our annual *KIDS Confessing the Truth* will be tonight at 7:00 PM followed by a time of fellowship in the Gold Room. Please bring some finger foods and come support and enjoy our children in this time of worship.

Joyful Noise will practice at 6:15 this afternoon. There will be no Adult Handbell practice today or next Sunday.

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.

WOM will have its May meeting over brunch at the home of Jane Abercrombie on Saturday, May 10th at 10:30 AM.

The flowers on the Lord's Table are given in loving memory of LaVerne Gardei by his family, with appreciation to FBC for all of their care, concern, and prayers during this time.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Ashlee Hill
Next Sunday: Debbie McLane
May 18: Stephanie McLain

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Debra Downs &
Thomas Hill
Next Sunday: Jerri Bolton
May 18: Brian Scannell &
Nolan Dallas

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Joe Hill
Next Sunday: Dantz Frazer
May 18: Jack Combs

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

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, May 4th

9:30—Children's Music
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
12:00—Children's Choir practice
6:15—Joyful Noise
6:30—Children's Choir practice
7:00—KIDS Confessing the Truth
(with fellowship following)

Wednesday, May 7th

NO ACTIVITIES

Saturday, May 10th

10:30—WOM Brunch at Jane
Abercrombie's home

Sunday, May 11th

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship

*...and he sent them out to
proclaim the kingdom of God and
to heal.*

— Luke 9:2

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

May 4, 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:

Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said, "He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

—John 12:37-40

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

TOM TUCKER

Psalm 95

¹ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the
LORD, our Maker!
⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,
⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at
Massah in the wilderness,
⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof,
though they had seen my work.
¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, “They are a
people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known
my ways.”
¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath, “They shall not enter my rest.”
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 (#31)

BONNER

“Praise Him, All Ye Little Children”

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 (#535) HYFRYDOL

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

OFFERTORY PRAYER JOE HILL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM FBC CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

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

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON JOE DOWNS

Daniel 2:25-45

²⁵ Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste and said thus to him: "I have found among the exiles from Judah a man who will make known to the king the interpretation." ²⁶ The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?" ²⁷ Daniel answered the king and said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers

can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked,²⁸ but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these:²⁹ To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be.³⁰ But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.

³¹ “You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening.³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze,³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces.³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶ “This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation.³⁷ You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory,³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all—you are the head of gold.³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.⁴⁰ And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron, because iron breaks to pieces and shatters all things. And like iron that crushes, it shall break and crush all these.⁴¹ And as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter’s clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom, but some of the firmness of iron shall be in it, just as you saw iron mixed with the soft clay.⁴² And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle.⁴³ As you saw the iron mixed with soft clay, so they will mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay.⁴⁴ And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever,⁴⁵ just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the

gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure.”

THE GOSPEL LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

Luke 9:10-17

¹⁰ On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. ¹² Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, “Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.” ¹³ But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” ¹⁴ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ And they did so, and had them all sit down. ¹⁶ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. ¹⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

Acts 19:8-20

⁸ And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

¹¹ And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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.” ¹⁴ Seven sons of a Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this. ¹⁵ But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.¹⁸ Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices.¹⁹ And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.²⁰ So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“Open Your Hearts to the King”

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#273)

FREELY, FREELY

“Freely, Freely”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- *KIDS Confessing the Truth* is tonight at 7:00 PM.
- Pick up your bottles for the Baby Bottle Boomerang.
- Remember our special offering for Rockridge.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

—Hebrews 3:15

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.

Sermon Notes

“Open Your Hearts to the King”

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 | |

KIDS Confessing the Truth will be tonight at 7:00 PM. We hope you will come and support our children as they share many of the things they have learned over the past few months and present the musical *Journey of Praise*. If you are able we ask that you bring some finger foods and stay for a time of fellowship afterwards in the Gold Room. (Please note time change.)

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.

The Women on Mission group will hold its May meeting over brunch at the home of Jane Abercrombie this coming Saturday, May 10th at 10:30 AM. If you need directions or a ride please call the church office or see Linda Combs.

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 25th.

The Bulletin Board

Looking Ahead...



KIDS Confessing the Truth Tonight 7:00 PM

Please join our children as they lead us in worship.

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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