

The First Baptist Evangel

November 16, 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...

Handbells will meet today. Joyful Noise will meet from 4:00-4:45 PM. Adults will meet at 4:45 PM.

Practice for the joint Christmas Cantata will be held in the choir room this evening at 6:00.

The Adults will be going to Ezelle's for lunch on Friday, November 21st. Plans are to meet at the church at 10:30 AM so we can carpool to Columbus.

We will have a Thanksgiving meal together next Sunday, November 23rd in the Gold Room. We will be celebrating 165 years of ministry for FBC. Lunch will be turkey and dressing catered by Callie.

Thank you to all who have signed up to assist in the Nursery and PEW Ministry for the coming year. The new rotation lists are located in the KIDS Corner.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Stephanie McLain
Next Sunday: Ann Adams
November 30: Karen Hill

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Debra & Joe Downs
Next Sunday: Jerri & Donny Bolton
November 30: Ann Kerr &
Janice Dallas

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Joe Hill
Next Sunday: Howard Bryan
November 30: Donny Bolton

Chuck Smith is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **November** followed by **Joe Hill** in **December**.

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, November 16th

9:00—Deacons' Meeting
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
4:00—Children's Handbells
4:45—Adult Handbells
6:00—Christmas Cantata practice

Wednesday, November 19th

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

Sunday, November 23rd

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
12:00—Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal
4:00—Children's Handbells
4:45—Adult Handbells
6:00—Christmas Cantata practice

For I am not ashamed of the
gospel, for it is the power of God
for salvation to everyone who
believes, to the Jew first and also
to the Greek.

—Romans 1:16

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

November 16, 2014

11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

HANDBELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

—Psalm 100:3-5

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

For your meditation:

No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the
LORD.

—Proverbs 21:30

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

KAREN HILL

Psalm 138

OF DAVID.

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.

³ On the day I called, you answered me;

my strength of soul you increased.
4 All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
5 and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
6 For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.
8 The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

TOM TUCKER

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for
Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

—Jude 1-2

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (#42)

FORREST GREEN

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

TOM TUCKER

Why do Christians need to pray?

**Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness
God requires of us. And also because God gives His grace and
Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan
inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking Him for
them.**

—*The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 116*

What does Jesus teach us in Luke 11:9-10 & 13?

**And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you
will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone
who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the
one who knocks it will be opened. ... If you then, who are
evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how
much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to
those who ask him!"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TOM TUCKER

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

—Colossians 2:13-14

GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Ephesians 5:15-20

OFFERTORY HYMN (#202)

CORONATION

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

JOE HILL

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

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

Isaiah 6:1-13

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” ⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” ⁹ And he said, “Go, and say to this people:

“Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.”

¹⁰ Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”
And he said:

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is a desolate waste,

¹² and the LORD removes people far away,
and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

¹³ And though a tenth remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak,
whose stump remains
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

John 12:20-50

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹ So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it

remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour?’ But for this purpose I have come to this hour.²⁸ Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”³⁰ Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine.³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out.³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.³⁴ So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?”³⁵ So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going.³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.³⁷ Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him,³⁸ 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?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“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.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue;⁴³ for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

⁴⁴And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me.⁴⁵ And whoever sees me sees him who sent me.⁴⁶ I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.⁴⁷ If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world

but to save the world.⁴⁸ The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”

THE THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

Acts 28:17-31

¹⁷ After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them, “Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.¹⁸ When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case.¹⁹ But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation.²⁰ For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain.”²¹ And they said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you.²² But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.”

²³ When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets.²⁴ And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved.²⁵ And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: “The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet:

²⁶ “Go to this people, and say,
“You will indeed hear but never understand,
and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

²⁷ For this people’s heart has grown dull,
and with their ears they can barely hear,
and their eyes they have closed;
lest they should see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their heart
and turn, and I would heal them.’

²⁸ Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been

sent to the Gentiles; they will listen.”³⁰ He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“Hearing the Gospel in Rome (and Everywhere Else)”

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#445)

SWEET HOUR

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Joyful Noise practice today at 4:00 and Adult Handbells at 4:45.
- Christmas Cantata practice today at 6:00 PM.
- Remember to sign Catherine’s Bible.
- Adult trip to Ezelle’s on Friday, November 21st.
- Join us next Sunday for our special service of Thanksgiving.

PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

—2 Timothy 2:8-9

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 15:5-6

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.

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 | ● Emma Myers |
| ● Geneva Bartlett | ● Lillian Barber |
| ● William & Margaret Breedlove | ● Charles & Mary Clark |
| ● Florine Henderson | ● Richard & Pat Kemp |
| ● Dot Jacobs | ● Paul and Ann Fiquette |
| ● Byron & Mary Ann McEachern | ● George Hester |
| ● Jessica Bolton | ● Justin Graben |
| ● Margaret Bartlett | ● Roger Hales |

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Be sure to join in Family Night Activities on Wednesday evening. We'll have Prayer Meeting at 5:30 followed by our Family Night meal at 6:00. Choir practice, TeamKID and Youth 4/12 will meet after the meal. Please call the church office if you plan to eat supper.

Wednesday night Prayer Meeting offers us a chance to share our concerns and join together in prayer over them, as well as a few minutes of focused Bible study. This fall we will be exploring the Beatitudes. Come join us in the chapel at 5:30.

Reaching Out to the Community with Christ's Unconditional Love

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As you know back in January of this year the Adult Conference Center had pipes to burst causing numerous damage. On behalf of Camp Rockridge, I would like to say thank you personally for your serving hearts. There were so many who gave freely to help with what looked like a catastrophe in the beginning turned out to be a wonderful blessing in the end through our Lord Jesus Christ. He supplies all our needs and forseees them before they even take place. We thank Him for using you as a vessel to meet Camp Rockridge's needs.

This camp is His camp and to be used for His glory in all aspects. It provides many different avenues for men, women, boys and girls to come to know the Lord whether it is through retreats, summer camps, day camps, whatever the event may be, each one opens doors for seeds to be planted, watered, and allowed to grow.

I am very happy to report that all hotel rooms at the Adult Conference Center have been completed with plumbing, electrical, painting, and all the necessary tasks that come attached to this project at hand. Every room has been freshly painted and new carpet installed. This could not have been accomplished without your help. Words cannot express enough thanks to our Lord for sending your serving hearts to the rescue.

In God's Love by the Grace of God,

Joseph H. Thrower

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Director

The Bulletin Board

Making the Dream a Reality

**Support for Lynn Smith &
Glad Tidings
in October:**

\$122.58

**West Point Food Closet
through October:**

\$2,445.00



Next Sunday:

Thanksgiving Meal
Sunday, November 23rd
in the Gold Room
following morning Worship

Turkey and Dressing meal will
be catered by Callie.

Summary of Operations

Received: \$138,560.37

Disbursed: \$147,796.32



Didar and Binar Suleman are
the proud parents of a baby girl.
Lea Suleman
born on November 11, 2014

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