

The First Baptist Evangel

November 2, 2014

All Saints Sunday



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...

Today is All Saint's Sunday. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together, remembering those who have gone home to be with the Lord, and giving thanks for the work which God continues to do through His people.

We welcome into our fellowship by baptism today Catherine Smalley.

Our Fall Fellowship will be at the Bolton's this afternoon at 3:30. Those who would like to go as a group, please meet at the church at 3:30.

Please note that new Nursery and PEW rotations for the 2014-2015 year begin this week.

The Christmas Ministry Fund begins today. This annual fund provides Christmas gifts to children in the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, Morningstar and local families. Our goal this year is \$2,000. The last Sunday to donate will be Sunday, December 7th.

Handbells will not practice today due to the Fall Fellowship at the Bolton's.

The joint Christmas Cantata choirs will not practice today.

WOM will meet Monday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM in the Gold Room.

Deacon Nominations will be held next Sunday, November 9th.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Dale Frazer
Next Sunday: Stephanie McLain
November 16: Ashlee Hill

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Phoebe Graben and
Suzanne Bryan
Next Sunday: Susan Groover &
Linda Combs
November 16: Debra & Joe Downs

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Jack Combs
Next Sunday: Chuck Smith
November 17: Roger Hales

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 2nd

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
3:30—Fall Fellowship at the Bolton's

Wednesday, November 5th

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

Sunday, November 9th

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
4:00—Joyful Noise
5:00—Adult Handbells
6:00—Joint Christmas Choir
Rehearsal

*For to me to live is
Christ, and to die is
gain.*

—Philippians 1:21

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

November 2, 2014

All Saints Sunday

11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE FOR BAPTISM

TOM TUCKER

God's Invitation and Promises

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

—Matthew 28:18-20

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

—John 1:12-13

Response of Faith

Minister: Having heard God's gracious promises to us in Christ, do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate for baptism: **I do.**

Minister: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of evil that rebel against God?

Candidate: **I renounce them!**

Minister: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Candidate: **I renounce them!**

Minister: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

Candidate: **Yes! I trust in him as my Lord and Savior.**

Minister: Do you intend to be Christ's faithful disciple, trusting his promises, obeying his Word, honoring his church, and showing his love, as long as you live?

Candidate: **Yes, by God's grace.**

Minister: Do you believe in God the Father?

Candidate: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Minister: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Candidate: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who**

was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Minister: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Candidate: **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.**

Minister: Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Candidate: **I will, with God's help.**

Congregation: **See, here is water!**

Candidate: **What prevents me from being baptized?**

Minister: Let us go down into the water.

CALL TO WORSHIP

JOE DOWNS

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

—Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

For your meditation:

Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

—Genesis 18:27

PSALM

BRIAN SCANNELL

Psalm 16

A MIKTAM OF DAVID.

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,

- In whom is all my delight.
- ⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.
- ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- ⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.
- ¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

HOLY BAPTISM

The Meaning of Baptism

TOM TUCKER

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

—Romans 6:3-4

Administration of Baptism

TOM TUCKER

Catherine Smalley

Welcome

TOM TUCKER

Minister: Brothers and sisters, we now receive Catherine into Christ's church. I charge you to nurture and love her, and to assist her to be Christ's faithful disciple.

Congregation: **With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.**

Intercessory Prayer

TOM TUCKER

HYMN OF PRAISE (#362)

BUNESSAN

“Baptized in Water”

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 Ghost,
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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
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

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

—Ephesians 2:19-22

LAMENT AND THANKSGIVING

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

—Matthew 11:28-30

On this day we remember the members of our congregation who have gone ahead of us into the heavenly presence of the Lord:

D.A. (Pete) Williamson and Ann Johnson

Silent Prayer

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

—Revelation 14:13

Prayer of Thanksgiving

○ Lord our God, we thank you
for Pete and Ann and how you blessed our lives and this church
through them;
for their love and devotion;
for their faith and witness;
for the gifts they shared and the time they committed.

For your love and faithfulness

we will at all times praise your name.

○ Lord our God, we thank you
for many people throughout the ages
who have followed your way of life joyfully:
for the many saints and martyrs, men and women,
who have offered up their very lives
so that your life abundant may become manifest
and your kingdom may advance.

For your love and faithfulness

we will at all times praise your name.

○ Lord, we thank you for those
who chose the way of your Son, our brother Jesus Christ.
In the midst of trial, they held out hope;
in the midst of hatred, they kindled love;
in the midst of persecutions, they witnessed to your power;
in the midst of despair, they clung to your promise.

For your love and faithfulness

we will at all times praise your name.

○ Lord, we thank you for the truth they learned and passed on to us: that it is by giving that we shall receive;
it is by becoming weak that we shall be strong;
it is by loving others that we shall be loved;
it is by offering ourselves that the kingdom will unfold;
it is by dying that we shall inherit life everlasting.

Lord, give us courage to follow your way of life.
**For your love and faithfulness
we will at all times praise your name. Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN (#355)

SINE NOMINE

“For All the Saints”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

JACK COMBS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

DANIEL SMITH

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.

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TOM TUCKER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JOE DOWNS

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

¹² “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. ²² Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

GOSPEL LESSON

DANTZ FRAZER

Matthew 6:5-6

⁵“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

EPISTLE LESSON

TOM TUCKER

Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“Lessons from the Life of Catherine”

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

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,²⁴ 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.”²⁵ 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.”²⁶ 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 who 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

- Fall Fellowship at the Bolton's this afternoon at 3:30.
- WOM will meet Monday at 6:00 PM in the Gold Room.
- Christmas ministry fund begins today and ends December 1st.

PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS CONGREGATION

CHARGE TOM TUCKER

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

—Hebrews 12:1-2

BENEDICTION TOM TUCKER

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

—Colossians 1:11-12

POSTLUDE DANIEL SMITH

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 Clark |
| ● Florine Henderson | ● Richard Kemp |
| ● Dot Jacobs | ● Ann Fiquette |
| ● Byron and Mary Ann McEachern | ● Wilmer Simpson |
| ● Jessica Bolton | ● Diane & George Hester |
| ● Margaret Bartlett | ● Pete Williamson |
| ● Emma Myers | ● Mary Clark |

Reaching Out to the Community with Christ's Unconditional Love

The flowers today are placed in loving memory of:

Pete Williamson and Ann Johnson

Our Senior Citizens Committee seeks to minister to our shut-ins (and others who are in need) each month. In the month of October, 26 lunches were delivered! Different people help with preparing a balanced, home-cooked meal that includes something from the garden (fresh, canned, or frozen). Different people have contributed homemade desserts, home-baked breads, and money to buy meats. People who deliver the meals are a blessing to those they interact with, and those who receive the meals are blessed as well. We will be preparing a meal of homemade sausage and shrimp gumbo (with fresh okra and tomatoes) on Saturday, November 8th. If you would like to help deliver the meals or if you know anyone who needs a meal that we have not included, please let the church or Linda Combs know.

The Bulletin Board



WOM will meet
tomorrow
Monday, November 3rd
in the Gold Room



Looking Ahead...

The FBC Children's Musical
will be on
Sunday, December 7th

The Joint Christmas Cantata
will be on
Sunday, December 14th



Join us this afternoon...

Church wide Fall Fellowship
3:30 PM

at Donny and Jerri Bolton's
1185 Magnolia Lake Circle, Lanett

Weiner roast & activities for the
children

Grab your lawn chairs or a quilt
Hot dogs & buns will be provided
Bring drinks or a side dish.

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