

The First Baptist Evangel

November 9, 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...

Deacon Nominations will be held today along with a report from the Nominating Committee. These will take place during business conference immediately prior to worship.

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

Handbells will meet today. Joyful Noise will meet from 4:00-4:45 PM. Adults will meet at 4:45 PM. New players are welcome. Joyful Noise players are from first grade up.

We will have a Thanksgiving meal together on 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.

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

Please join us this week for Wednesday night supper and activities. You can still make a permanent reservation by calling or emailing the church office or you can call the church office weekly if you plan to come for Family Night Supper.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Ashlee Hill
Next Sunday: Stephanie McLain
November 23: Ann Adams

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Susan Groover &
Linda Combs
Next Sunday: Debra & Joe Downs
November 23: Jerri & Donny Bolton

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Chuck Smith
Next Sunday: George Hester
November 23: Joe Hill

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 9th

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

Wednesday, November 12th

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

Sunday, November 16th

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

*And let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts, to which indeed
you were called in one body. And
be thankful.*

—Colossians 3:15

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

November 9, 2014

11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

CHURCH BUSINESS CONFERENCE

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:

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

—Philippians 1:12-14

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

DANTZ FRAZER

Psalm 148

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his hosts!
³ Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.
⁶ And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!
⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!
¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.

Praise the LORD!

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 (#56)

CWM RHONDDA

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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 (#423)

GIFT OF LOVE

“Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CHUCK SMITH

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

TOM TUCKER

HOWARD BRYAN

Isaiah 46

- ¹ Bel bows down; Nebo stoops;
their idols are on beasts and livestock;
these things you carry are borne
as burdens on weary beasts.
- ² They stoop; they bow down together;
they cannot save the burden,
but themselves go into captivity.
- ³ "Listen to me, O house of Jacob,
all the remnant of the house of Israel,
who have been borne by me from before your birth,
carried from the womb;
- ⁴ even to your old age I am he,
and to gray hairs I will carry you.
I have made, and I will bear;
I will carry and will save.
- ⁵ "To whom will you liken me and make me equal,
and compare me, that we may be alike?
- ⁶ Those who lavish gold from the purse,
and weigh out silver in the scales,
hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god;
then they fall down and worship!
- ⁷ They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it,
they set it in its place, and it stands there;
it cannot move from its place.
If one cries to it, it does not answer
or save him from his trouble.
- ⁸ "Remember this and stand firm,
recall it to mind, you transgressors,
- ⁹ remember the former things of old;
for I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me,
¹⁰ declaring the end from the beginning
and from ancient times things not yet done,
saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
and I will accomplish all my purpose,'
- ¹¹ calling a bird of prey from the east,

the man of my counsel from a far country.
I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass;
I have purposed, and I will do it.
¹² “Listen to me, you stubborn of heart,
you who are far from righteousness:
I bring near my righteousness; it is not far off,
and my salvation will not delay;
I will put salvation in Zion,
for Israel my glory.”

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOE DOWNS

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOE DOWNS

Acts 28:11-16

¹¹ After three months we set sail in a ship that had wintered in the

island, a ship of Alexandria, with the twin gods as a figurehead.¹² Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days.¹³ And from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli.¹⁴ There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome.¹⁵ And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage.¹⁶ And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“Near To the Promise”

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#341)

RIDGECREST

“Forgiven”

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

—Colossians 3:15

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.

Sermon Notes

“Near to the Promise”

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 |

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.

The Bulletin Board

November Birthdays

7—Michael Hill
10—Wilmer Simpson
14—Paul Fiquette, Jr
19—Pal Barber
23—Debra Downs
23—Jeri Smith
24—Richard Kemp
25—Linda Combs
27—Catherine Curry
30—Althea Head



Looking ahead in November:

Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 23rd
after the worship
in the Gold Room



Looking ahead in December:

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

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

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