

The First Baptist Evangel

October 12, 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...

There will be a baby shower for Binar Suleman this afternoon at 2:00 PM in the Gold Room.

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.

The Deacon's will meet next Sunday at 9:00 AM in the library.

Sunday School teachers are needed. If you are interested please sign your name by the position of interest on the sheet on your pew. If you wish to continue in the class you are already teaching, please sign the sheet also.

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: Debbie McLane
October 26: Stephanie McLain

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Susan Groover and
Linda Combs
Next Sunday: Debra Downs and
Thomas Hill
October 26: Jerri Bolton

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Donny Bolton
Next Sunday: Joe Hill
October 26: Dantz Frazer

David Kerr is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **October** followed by **Chuck Smith** in **November**.

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, October 12th

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
2:00—Baby Shower in Gold Room
for Binar Suleman
4:00—Children's Handbells
4:45—Adult Handbells
6:00—Christmas Cantata practice

Wednesday, October 15th

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

Sunday, October 19th

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

*“But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come
upon you, and you will be my
witnesses in Jerusalem and in all
Judea and Samaria, and to the end
of the earth.”*

— Acts 1:8

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

October 12, 2014

11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

the name of the LORD is to be praised!

—Psalm 113:1-3

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

For your meditation:

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

—Mark 16:15-16

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

JERRI BOLTON

Psalm 123

A SONG OF ASCENTS.

¹ To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

² Behold, as the eyes of servants

look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maidservant

to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the LORD our God,

till he has mercy upon us.

³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD,

have mercy upon us,

for we have had more than enough of contempt.

⁴ Our soul has had more than enough

of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

TOM TUCKER

You whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, “You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off”; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

—Isaiah 41:9-10

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE (#36)

HYFRYDOL

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

TOM TUCKER

**I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.**

—Job 19:25-27

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TOM TUCKER

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—Romans 8:34 & 2 Corinthians 5:17

GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

—Micah 6:8

OFFERTORY HYMN (#338)

FOUNDATION

“How Firm a Foundation”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

DONNY BOLTON

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

“At The Name of Jesus”

“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

HOWARD BRYAN

Ezekiel 1:26-2:10

²⁶And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance.²⁷And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him.²⁸Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

2And he said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.”²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day.⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.⁶And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.⁷And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house.

⁸“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a

scroll of a book was in it.¹⁰ And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

JOE DOWNS

Acts 26

¹ So Agrippa said to Paul, “You have permission to speak for yourself.” Then Paul stretched out his hand and made his defense:

² “I consider myself fortunate that it is before you, King Agrippa, I am going to make my defense today against all the accusations of the Jews, ³ especially because you are familiar with all the customs and controversies of the Jews. Therefore I beg you to listen to me patiently.

⁴ “My manner of life from my youth, spent from the beginning among my own nation and in Jerusalem, is known by all the Jews. ⁵ They have known for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that according to the strictest party of our religion I have lived as a Pharisee. ⁶ And now I stand here on trial because of my hope in the promise made by God to our fathers, ⁷ to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly worship night and day. And for this hope I am accused by Jews, O king! ⁸ Why is it thought incredible by any of you that God raises the dead?

⁹ “I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰ And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. ¹¹ And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

¹² “In this connection I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. ¹³ At midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, that shone around me and those who journeyed with me. ¹⁴ And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew language, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.’ ¹⁵ And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.’ ¹⁶ But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, ¹⁷ delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you ¹⁸ to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’

¹⁹ “Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly

vision,²⁰ but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.²¹ For this reason the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.²² To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass:²³ that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.²⁴ And as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind; your great learning is driving you out of your mind.”²⁵ But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I am speaking true and rational words.²⁶ For the king knows about these things, and to him I speak boldly. For I am persuaded that none of these things has escaped his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.”²⁸ And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?”²⁹ And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.”

³⁰ Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them.³¹ And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, “This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment.”³² And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“Called to Go”

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#473)

MORE LOVE TO THEE

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Sunday School teachers are needed.
- Remember the shower for Binar Suleman this afternoon.
- If you'd like to participate, Christmas Cantata practice begins tonight at 6:00 PM.

PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

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.”

—Isaiah 6:8

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

—1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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@bcwestpoint.com.

Sermon Notes

“Called to Go”

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 | |

Join us in the Gold Room this afternoon at 2:00 for a baby shower for Binar Suleman.

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.

Youth 4/12 is back in full swing for the fall. We have begun a 5-week study entitled *Faith Commander* with the children from the TV show *Duck Dynasty*. Join us upstairs at 6:30.

The Bulletin Board

Still Needed:

- Sunday School teachers

How can *you* meet this need?

Families under the watch care of George Hester:

Charles and Mary Clark
Laine Dallas
David and Ann Kerr
Catherine and Kaitlyn
David and Beverly Boehm
Joshua and Jacob
Vi Hudmon
Robert and Susan Groover
Billy and Althea Head
Lehman and Grace Scott



Join us for a baby shower to honor

Binar Suleman

this afternoon at 2:00

in the Gold Room

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