

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*October 5, 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...*

**WOM will meet** in the Gold Room tomorrow evening at 6:00.

**Handbells will meet today.** Joyful Noise will meet from 4:00-4:45 PM. Adults will meet at 5:00 PM. New players are welcome. Joyful Noise players are from first grade up.

**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.

**Sign-up sheets** for Nursery workers, PEW Ministry and Scripture readers are located throughout the church. To insure accuracy, we ask you to sign up even if this is a continuing ministry for you each year.

**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: Mikki Dallas  
Next Sunday: Ashlee Hill  
October 19: Debbie McLane

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Jane Abercrombie  
Next Sunday: Susan Groover and  
Linda Combs  
October 19: Debra Downs and  
Thomas Hill

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: Howard Bryan  
Next Sunday: Donny Bolton  
October 19: Joe Hill

**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 5<sup>th</sup>*

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

### *Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>*

6:00—WOM in the Gold Room

### *Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>*

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

### *Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>*

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

*Be silent before the Lord GOD!*

*For the day of the LORD is near;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
and consecrated his guests.*

*—Zephaniah 1:7*

# *Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship*

October 5, 2014

11:00 AM

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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:*

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish  
the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.”

—Zephaniah 1:12-18

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

JANICE DALLAS

### *Psalm 90*

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You return man to dust  
and say, “Return, O children of man!”

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning:

<sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.

<sup>7</sup> For we are brought to an end by your anger;

by your wrath we are dismayed.  
<sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you,  
 our secret sins in the light of your presence.  
<sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
 we bring our years to an end like a sigh.  
<sup>10</sup> The years of our life are seventy,  
 or even by reason of strength eighty;  
 yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
 they are soon gone, and we fly away.  
<sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger,  
 and your wrath according to the fear of you?  
<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days  
 that we may get a heart of wisdom.  
<sup>13</sup> Return, O LORD! How long?  
 Have pity on your servants!  
<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
 that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
<sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
 and for as many years as we have seen evil.  
<sup>16</sup> Let your work be shown to your servants,  
 and your glorious power to their children.  
<sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
 and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
 yes, establish the work of our hands!

*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 (#208)

BEECHER

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

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 (#527)

EWING

*“Jerusalem, the Golden”*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HOWARD BRYAN

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

*“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

*Judges 4:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD after Ehud died. <sup>2</sup>And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. <sup>3</sup>Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD for help, for he had 900 chariots of iron and he oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years. <sup>4</sup>Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. <sup>5</sup>She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her

for judgment.<sup>6</sup> She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali and said to him, “Has not the LORD, the God of Israel, commanded you, ‘Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun.’<sup>7</sup> And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand?”<sup>8</sup> Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, I will go, but if you will not go with me, I will not go.”<sup>9</sup> And she said, “I will surely go with you. Nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.<sup>10</sup> And Barak called out Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh. And 10,000 men went up at his heels, and Deborah went up with him.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*Matthew 25:14-30*

<sup>14</sup>“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.<sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.<sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.<sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.<sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money.<sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.<sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’<sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed,<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’<sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.’<sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and

he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.<sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

THE EPISTLE LESSON

JOE DOWNS

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> Now three days after Festus had arrived in the province, he went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. <sup>2</sup> And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews laid out their case against Paul, and they urged him, <sup>3</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*“Asleep in the Light”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#648)

GO WITH GOD

*“Go With God”*

**DEPARTING TO SERVE**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- WOM at 6:00 PM Monday in the Gold Room.
- Sunday School teachers are needed.
- Sign-up for Nursery, PEW Ministry and Scripture reading.

PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

—Romans 13:11-12

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](mailto:tucker@bcwestpoint.com).

Sermon Notes

*“Asleep in the Light”*



## *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            |                         |

**WOM will meet** in the Gold Room on Monday at 6:00 PM.

**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

### ***Needed:***

- Sunday School teachers
- Nursery Workers
- PEW ministry volunteers
- Scripture readers

How can *you* meet this need?

### **October Birthdays**

3—Florine Henderson  
3—Ken Henderson  
5—William Breedlove  
9—Dan McLane  
10—David Kerr  
11—Geneva Bartlett  
17—Pat Kemp  
18—Dot Jacobs  
24—Mary Cowart  
25—Dantz Frazer  
26—Mary Clark



Join us for a baby shower to honor

**Binar Suleman**

Sunday, October 12, 2014  
in the Gold Room

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