

# *The First Baptist Evangel*

*September 28, 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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*CCLI #2561039*

## *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...*

**If you have signed up**, the CPR training will be held immediately after morning worship service today in the Gold Room.

**Handbells will resume this afternoon.** 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.

**October is FBC's month** to help in the food closet. If you have signed up, the office will send you a reminder of your week to serve.

## *Ministry Leaders*

### *Nursery Workers*

Today: Dale Frazer  
Next Sunday: Mikki Dallas  
October 12: Ashlee Hill

### *PEW Ministry Leaders*

Today: Jeri Smith and  
Emma Dallas  
Next Sunday: Jane Abercrombie  
October 12: Susan Groover and  
Linda Combs

### *Offertory Prayer Leader*

Today: George Hester  
Next Sunday: Howard Bryan  
October 12: Donny Bolton

**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, September 28<sup>th</sup>*

9:45—Sunday School  
11:00—Worship  
12:00—CPR Training and Lunch  
4:00—Children’s Handbells  
4:45—Adult Handbells

### *Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>*

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

### *Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>*

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

*But Peter and the apostles  
answered, "We must obey God  
rather than men."*

*—Acts 5:29*

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

September 28, 2014

11:00 AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOM TUCKER

## **ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

**All the earth worships you  
and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.**

—Psalm 66:1-2,4

PRELUDE

DANIEL SMITH

*For your meditation:*

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

—Philippians 4:11-13

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

PSALM

KAREN HILL

### *Psalm 2*

- <sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage  
and the peoples plot in vain?
- <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- <sup>3</sup> “Let us burst their bonds apart  
and cast away their cords from us.”
- <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs;  
the Lord holds them in derision.
- <sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- <sup>6</sup> “As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”
- <sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree:  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;

today I have begotten you.  
<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
 and the ends of the earth your possession.  
<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron  
 and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."  
<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
 be warned, O rulers of the earth.  
<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD with fear,  
 and rejoice with trembling.  
<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son,  
 lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
 Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

*This is the word of the Lord*

*Thanks be to God*

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

TOM TUCKER

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ gathered here  
 today: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

—based on Colossians 1:2

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

...Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of  
 God.

—Romans 15:7

HYMN OF PRAISE (#395)

CWM RHONDDA

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

TOM TUCKER

**God—the great creator of all things—upholds, directs,  
 disposes, and governs all creatures, actions, and things,  
 from the greatest even to the least.**

**He exercises this most wise and holy providence  
 according to his infallible foreknowledge and the free and  
 unchangeable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the  
 glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.**

—*from The Westminster Confession of Faith in Modern English, 5.1*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

TOM TUCKER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TOM TUCKER

The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The  
 LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed  
 down.

—Psalms 145:13b-14

GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

TOM TUCKER

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

—Matthew 22:37-40

MISSIONS EMPHASIS

JERRI BOLTON

OFFERTORY HYMN (#448)

CLOSER WALK

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

GEORGE HESTER

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 GOSPEL LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*Matthew 17:24-27*

<sup>24</sup> When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the tax?"

<sup>25</sup> He said, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?" <sup>26</sup> And when he said, "From others," Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free.

<sup>27</sup> However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself."

THE EPISTLE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

*Romans 13:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup> For

rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,<sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.<sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.<sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.<sup>7</sup> Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

THE THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOE DOWNS

*Acts 25:1-27*

<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> asking as a favor against Paul that he summon him to Jerusalem—because they were planning an ambush to kill him on the way.<sup>4</sup> Festus replied that Paul was being kept at Caesarea and that he himself intended to go there shortly.<sup>5</sup> “So,” said he, “let the men of authority among you go down with me, and if there is anything wrong about the man, let them bring charges against him.”

<sup>6</sup> After he stayed among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day he took his seat on the tribunal and ordered Paul to be brought.<sup>7</sup> When he had arrived, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around him, bringing many and serious charges against him that they could not prove.<sup>8</sup> Paul argued in his defense, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I committed any offense.”<sup>9</sup> But Festus, wishing to do the Jews a favor, said to Paul, “Do you wish to go up to Jerusalem and there be tried on these charges before me?”<sup>10</sup> But Paul said, “I am standing before Caesar's tribunal, where I ought to be tried. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you yourself know very well.<sup>11</sup> If then I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything for which I deserve to die, I do not seek to escape death. But if there is nothing to their charges against me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar.”<sup>12</sup> Then Festus, when he had conferred with his council, answered, “To Caesar you have appealed; to Caesar you shall go.”

<sup>13</sup> Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus.<sup>14</sup> And as they stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, “There is a man left prisoner by Felix,<sup>15</sup> and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and

the elders of the Jews laid out their case against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation against him.<sup>16</sup> I answered them that it was not the custom of the Romans to give up anyone before the accused met the accusers face to face and had opportunity to make his defense concerning the charge laid against him.<sup>17</sup> So when they came together here, I made no delay, but on the next day took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought.<sup>18</sup> When the accusers stood up, they brought no charge in his case of such evils as I supposed.<sup>19</sup> Rather they had certain points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive.<sup>20</sup> Being at a loss how to investigate these questions, I asked whether he wanted to go to Jerusalem and be tried there regarding them.<sup>21</sup> But when Paul had appealed to be kept in custody for the decision of the emperor, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to Caesar.”<sup>22</sup> Then Agrippa said to Festus, “I would like to hear the man myself.” “Tomorrow,” said he, “you will hear him.”

<sup>23</sup> So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in.<sup>24</sup> And Festus said, “King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish people petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer.”<sup>25</sup> But I found that he had done nothing deserving death. And as he himself appealed to the emperor, I decided to go ahead and send him.<sup>26</sup> But I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore I have brought him before you all, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write.<sup>27</sup> For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not to indicate the charges against him.”

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

*“An Appeal ”*

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#550)

I’D RATHER HAVE JESUS

*“I’d Rather Have Jesus”*

## **DEPARTING TO SERVE**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Lunch and CPR Training
- Sunday School teachers are needed.
- Sign-up for Nursery, PEW Ministry and Scripture reading.

PASTORAL PRAYER

TOM TUCKER

THE CHARGE

TOM TUCKER

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

—Titus 3:1-2

THE BENEDICTION

TOM TUCKER

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

—2 Thessalonians 2:16–17

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](mailto:tucker@fbcwestpoint.com).

Sermon Notes

*“An Appeal ”*



# *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            |                         |

**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.

**Handbells will resume 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. Let Debra Downs know if you are interested.

## The Bulletin Board

### ***Families under the watch care of Deacon Jack Combs:***

Sara Jones  
Richard Reed  
Carolyn Hill  
Dan & Debbie McLane  
Skinner McLane  
Lamar & Pat Cantrell  
Florine Henderson  
Thomas & Ashlee Hill  
Thomas, Jr., Tristan & Tanner  
Chad & Mikki Dallas  
Nolan, Emma & Sarah  
Steve & Dodie Thompson  
Michael, Jenny & Penny



He changes the times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have no understanding.

Daniel 2:21



CPR Training  
today after worship

### ***Needed:***

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

How can *you* meet this need?

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