

The First Baptist Evangel

September 21, 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...

On September 22nd and 23rd, Dr. Claude King, who co-wrote the book, *Experiencing God* will be at Troup Baptist Association Missions and Ministry Center, located at 1301 Washington Street in LaGrange. He will lead in a time of Spiritual Renewal entitled "Fresh Encounter." Reservations are required. Call the church office if you wish to attend. (See page 12 for details.)

Sunday School teachers are needed. If you are interested please sign your name by the position of interest on the sheet on your pew.

Sign-up sheets for Nursery workers, PEW Ministry and Scripture readers are located throughout the church.

Please join us this week for Prayer Meeting at 5:30, supper at 6:00 and other activities after supper. You can still make a permanent reservation by calling or emailing the church office. Remember, we need to know if you will be coming for the meal.

There will be a CPR class immediately after morning worship on Sunday, September 28th. Lunch will be provided. Sign-up sheets are located in the Sunday School classes, Café, Gold Room and other locations throughout the church.

October is FBC's month to help in the food closet. Sign-up sheets are located in the Sunday School rooms, the Café and the Gold Room.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery Workers

Today: Carolyn Scannell
Next Sunday: Dale Frazer
October 5: Mikki Dallas

PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Phoebe Graben and
Lisa Tucker
Next Sunday: Jeri Smith and
Emma Dallas
October 5: Jane Abercrombie

Offertory Prayer Leader

Today: Roger Hales
Next Sunday: George Hester
October 5: Howard Bryan

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, September 21st

9:00—Deacons' Meeting
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship

Wednesday, September 24th

5:30—Prayer Meeting
6:00—Family Night Supper
Menu: Husband's Delight
6:30—Team KID
6:30—Youth 4/12
6:35—Choir Practice

Sunday, September 28th

9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
12:00—CPR Training and Lunch

Phil Abercrombie is responsible for the opening and closing of the church during the month of **September** followed by **David Kerr** in **October**.

*For the foolishness of God is wiser
than men, and the weakness of
God is stronger than men.*

—1 Corinthians 1:25

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

September 21, 2014

11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOWARD BRYAN

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

HOWARD BRYAN

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:

And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much
trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible
words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of
power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men
but in the power of God.

—1 Corinthians 2: 3-5

INVOCATION

JACK COMBS

PSALM

FAITH GRABEN

Psalm 105:1-6

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
- ⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!
- ⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- ⁶ O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

HOWARD BRYAN

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 (#56)

CWM RHONDDA

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

DONNY BOLTON

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

DONNY BOLTON

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DONNY BOLTON

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

DONNY BOLTON

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

OFFERTORY HYMN (#405)

MUSKOGEE

“Have Faith in God”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ROGER HALES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FBC CHOIR

“Blessing, Glory and Wisdom”

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

DANTZ FRAZER

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

HOWARD BRYAN

2 Corinthians 11:16–12:10

¹⁶ I repeat, let no one think me foolish. But even if you do, accept me as a fool, so that I too may boast a little. ¹⁷ What I am saying with this boastful confidence, I say not as the Lord would but as a fool.

¹⁸ Since many boast according to the flesh, I too will boast. ¹⁹ For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰ For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face.

²¹ To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death.

²⁴ Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one.

²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶ on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷ in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸ And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³ but I

was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands.

12 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows.³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter.⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—⁶though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

SERMON

CHUCK PEEK

HYMN OF RESPONSE (#245)

MORECAMBE

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP AND REACHING OUT

- Remember the *Fresh Encounter* conference tomorrow night or Tuesday.
- Sunday School teachers are needed.
- Sign-up for Nursery, PEW Ministry and Scripture reading.
- Volunteer for the Food Closet in October.
- Attend CPR training next Sunday after worship.

THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HOWARD BRYAN

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption....

—Hebrews 4:7

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

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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 | ● Sara Jones |
| ● William & Margaret Breedlove | ● Lillian Barber |
| ● Florine Henderson | ● Charles & Mary Clark |
| ● Dot Jacobs | ● Richard & Pat Kemp |
| ● Byron & Mary Ann McEachern | ● Paul and Ann Fiquette |
| ● Jessica Bolton | ● George Hester |
| ● Margaret Bartlett | |

Be sure to join in our 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 on September 28th. 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.

Reaching Out to the Community with Christ's Unconditional Love

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The Monday night session from 6:30-8:30 PM, will be a condensed version of the presentation Dr. King will lead on Tuesday from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

During the Tuesday session, we are requesting that all who can and will come prepared to "fast" lunch. We will have nutritious snacks for those with medical conditions that might prevent you from fasting.

There is no charge for either of the two days of "Fresh Encounter." However, we do request that each church RSVP the number that will attend.

The Bulletin Board

Making the Dream a Reality

Support for Lynn Smith & Glad Tidings in August:

\$122.59

West Point Food Closet through August:

\$1,980.00

Looking ahead:

A CPR class will be held immediately after the worship service on Sunday, September 28th. Lunch will also be provided. Sign up sheets are located in various places throughout the church.

Summary of Operations

Received: \$111,925.75

Disbursed: \$115,273.17

Needed:

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

How can *you* meet this need?

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