

The First Baptist Evangel

February 5, 2023



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 leave 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....

Youth Prayer Time is this Monday at 7:30 PM via Google Meet.

Youth Bible Study is Wednesday at 5:30 PM.

Point University will present a guest artist recital on Friday at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Guest artist will be Layne Anspach who will play the horn.

A called church business session will be held next Sunday to discuss and vote on proposed changes to our shared worship services with West Point Presbyterian Church.

The Little Pantry located on 4th Avenue near Sweet Georgia Brown is our responsibility and is always in need of replenishing. Please contribute non-perishable grocery items and take them directly to the Little Pantry, or you may bring them to church and someone will take them for you.

Ministry Leaders

Nursery/PEW Ministry Leaders

Today: Ann Kerr & Lisa Tucker
February 12: Linda Combs & Janice Dallas
February 19: Jane Abercrombie & Catherine Curry
February 26: Debra Downs & Jerri Bolton

Adult Sunday School Leaders

Today: Carolyn Scannell
February 12: Jerri Bolton
February 19: Linda Combs
February 26: Linda Combs

Youth Sunday School Leaders

Today: Sherrad Hayes
February 12: Joe Downs
February 19: Joe Downs
February 26: Joe Downs

Weekly Schedule of Activities

Sunday, February 5th

9:30—Lord's Day Worship
11:00—Sunday School

Monday, February 6th

11:00—Meals on Wheels
(Catherine Curry)
7:30—Youth Prayer Time

Wednesday, February 8th

11:00—Meals on Wheels
(Catherine Curry)
5:30—Youth Bible Study

Friday, February 10th

11:00—Meals on Wheels
(Jane Abercrombie)
7:00—Point University guest recital

Sunday, February 12th

9:30—Lord's Day Worship
11:00—Sunday School

*For this is the covenant that I will make
with the house of Israel after those days,
declares the Lord:*

*I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.*

— Hebrews 8:10

Celebrating the Presence and Love of God in Worship

February 5, 2023

9:30 AM

PRELUDE

RANDALL SMITH

For your meditation:

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,

and write them on their minds,”

then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

—Hebrews 10:15–18

ENTERING INTO GOD’S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

TOM TUCKER

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the LORD. And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.

We come with the promise of the Lord Jesus: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

—Zechariah 2:10–11 & Matthew 18:20

HYMN OF PRAISE (#243)

MANNA

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

INVOCATION

TOM TUCKER

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY OF THE SAINTS

To those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Corinthians 1:2–3

HYMN (#206)

BLESSED BE THE NAME

“Blessed Be the Name”

Psalm 37

OF DAVID.

- 1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
- 2 For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- 4 Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
- 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,
over the man who carries out evil devices!
- 8 Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
- 9 For the evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.
- 10 In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.
- 11 But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant peace.
- 12 The wicked plots against the righteous
and gnashes his teeth at him,
- 13 but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he sees that his day is coming.
- 14 The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows
to bring down the poor and needy,
to slay those whose way is upright;
- 15 their sword shall enter their own heart,
and their bows shall be broken.

- 16 Better is the little that the righteous has
than the abundance of many wicked.
- 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
but the LORD upholds the righteous.
- 18 The LORD knows the days of the blameless,
and their heritage will remain forever;
19 they are not put to shame in evil times;
in the days of famine they have abundance.
- 20 But the wicked will perish;
the enemies of the LORD are like the glory of the pastures;
they vanish—like smoke they vanish away.
- 21 The wicked borrows but does not pay back,
but the righteous is generous and gives;
22 for those blessed by the LORD shall inherit the land,
but those cursed by him shall be cut off.
- 23 The steps of a man are established by the LORD,
when he delights in his way;
24 though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong,
for the LORD upholds his hand.
- 25 I have been young, and now am old,
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or his children begging for bread.
- 26 He is ever lending generously,
and his children become a blessing.
- 27 Turn away from evil and do good;
so shall you dwell forever.
- 28 For the LORD loves justice;
he will not forsake his saints.
They are preserved forever,
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 29 The righteous shall inherit the land
and dwell upon it forever.
- 30 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks justice.
- 31 The law of his God is in his heart;

- his steps do not slip.
- 32 The wicked watches for the righteous
and seeks to put him to death.
- 33 The LORD will not abandon him to his power
or let him be condemned when he is brought to trial.
- 34 Wait for the LORD and keep his way,
and he will exalt you to inherit the land;
you will look on when the wicked are cut off.
- 35 I have seen a wicked, ruthless man,
spreading himself like a green laurel tree.
- 36 But he passed away, and behold, he was no more;
though I sought him, he could not be found.
- 37 Mark the blameless and behold the upright,
for there is a future for the man of peace.
- 38 But transgressors shall be altogether destroyed;
the future of the wicked shall be cut off.
- 39 The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
- 40 The LORD helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

HYMN

TOWNEND

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

CALL TO CONFESSION

SHERRAD HAYES

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

—Isaiah 1:18

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

SHERRAD HAYES

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHERRAD HAYES

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

—Romans 5:8–10

GOD’S WILL FOR OUR LIVES

SHERRAD HAYES

Walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

—Galatians 5:16–24

HYMN

DIM OND JESU

“Here Is Love”

GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

TOM TUCKER

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PHOEBE GRABEN

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their

God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

TOM TUCKER

Romans 7:21–8:8

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

8 ¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

SERMON

TOM TUCKER

“Life in the Spirit”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

CONGREGATION

**I believe in God the Father Almighty;
Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

—*The Apostles' Creed*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

HOLY SPIRIT

“Holy Spirit”

DEPARTING TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP & REACHING OUT

- Youth Prayer Time is this Monday at 7:30 PM via Google Meet.
- Youth Bible Study is Wednesday at 5:30 PM.
- Point University will present a guest recital Friday at 7:00 PM.
- A called church business session will be held next Sunday.

PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

THE EXHORTATION

SHERRAD HAYES

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

—Galatians 5:25

THE BENEDICTION

SHERRAD HAYES

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

—2 Corinthians 13:14

POSTLUDE

RANDALL SMITH



POINT UNIVERSITY FINE ARTS PRESENTS

GUEST ARTIST RECITAL

LAYNE ANSPACH, HORN



FEBRUARY 10 AT 7 P.M.

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February Birthdays

10—Vi Hudmon
12—Eloise Bowen
19—Billy Head
20—Pat Cantrell
22—Marsha Fitzgerald
25—Lisa Tucker
26—Amy Hayes

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