

**SERVING** IN THE  
LOVE OF **CHRIST**

**Week of April 9—15**

**Minister on Call**

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

**Deacons on Call**

Claire Presley, 287-6132  
Lee Wilson, 332-4563

**Extended Session—April 9**

Birth-Age 2: Catherine Harrell, Sandra Pierce,  
Stephanie Rose

Ages 3-5: Heather Roberts & \_\_\_\_\_

**Ushers—April 9**

Lanie Byrum, J. C. Doughtie, Tim Frei,  
Debbie Greene, Mollie Frei Lamm, &  
Spencer Matthews;  
Balcony: Billy Greene & Pate Pierce

**Sound System—April 9**

Frank Britt

**Floral Offering—April 9**

Worship Decorating Committee

**Home Delivered Meals—April 10**

Jayne Frei & Margaret Winn

**Food Pantry—April 14**

Closed for Good Friday

**Week of April 16—22**

**Minister on Call**

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 252-398-7321

**Deacons on Call**

Don Joyner, 332-2484  
Chip Rose, 332-4019

**Extended Session—April 16**

Birth-Age 2: Mark & Michelle Abro,  
and Jessica Brinkley

Ages 3-5: Harriet Byrum and Kari Pierce

**Ushers—April 16**

Carolyn Arrington, Elijah Brown, Jameson  
Brown, Avery Byrum, Bill Magette, & Alan  
Myers;  
Balcony: Colby Hauser & Kathryn Outlaw

**Sound System—April 16**

Walt Pierce

**Floral Offering—April 16**

Worship Decorating Committee

**Home Delivered Meals—April 17**

Charles & Gloria Freeman

**Food Pantry—April 21**

Bess Leary & Judy H. Pierce

**Sunday School at Creekside—April 16**

Adult II Co-ed Class



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**Holy Week 2017**

*From Hosannas to Hallelujahs—  
Let us Journey with Christ*



**April 9 Palm Sunday**

*Blessed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord!*

11:00 am

Sermon: *Missed Opportunities*

Luke 19:28-40

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choirs: Chairo, The Children  
Choristers, and the Sanctuary Choir



**April 13 Maundy Thursday**

*Do this in remembrance of Me.*

6:00 pm

Meal & Communion around the Tables;  
Please make your reservations by 5 pm  
on Monday, April 10.

Preschool Childcare Provided



**April 14 Good Friday**

*It is finished.*

7:00 pm *Colors of Grace*

Presented by The Sanctuary Choir &  
Vocal Ensemble;

Preschool Childcare Provided



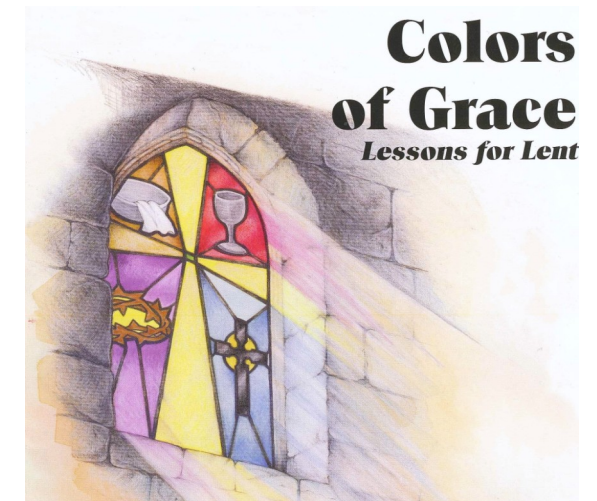
**April 16 Easter Sunday**

*Christ is risen; He is risen indeed!*

11:00 am A joyous celebration commemo-  
rating Christ's triumph over death.

Worship Choir: The Sanctuary Choir

**Good Friday Worship**

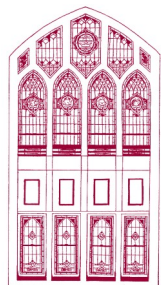


**Friday, April 14  
7:00 pm**

The Sanctuary Choir and Vocal Ensemble will pre-  
sent the cantata, *Colors of Grace*, based on Je-  
sus' invitation found in Matthew 29:11 – "Take my  
yoke upon you and learn from me."

As we follow Christ from the Palm Sunday proces-  
sion to the crucifixion, we will observe four "yokes"  
he invites us to take on as his followers:

- ✘ **The Yoke of Service**  
- represented by a basin & towel
- ✘ **The Yoke of Obedience**  
- represented by the cup
- ✘ **The Yoke of Humility**  
- represented by a crown of thorns
- ✘ **The Yoke of Forgiveness**  
- represented by the cross



*The Window*

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## From the Associate Pastor

Every year as Holy Week approaches, I usually use this space to encourage your participation in the entirety of the Holy Week worship services. I do so, because I learned long ago that my own celebration of Easter is more spiritually meaningful when I have journeyed with Christ through the difficult days of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

My Easter memories of childhood and teenage years at First Baptist Church of Ahoskie don't include worship on those difficult days. Perhaps we offered such worship services back then and my family did not attend. Or perhaps the tradition of providing worship experiences for the entirety of Holy Week came later to this church, as it did to many Baptist churches.



Although I don't remember when or where, I do remember my first experience of worshipping my way through Holy Week, beginning with the Palm Sunday celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to the shouts of "Hosanna," and the waving of palm branches. I remember what it felt like to celebrate the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday as we commemorated Jesus' institution of that holy meal. Celebrating communion in the context of the Holy Week journey was transformative.

And then there was Good Friday . . . a solemn, stark, and powerful re-telling of Jesus' conviction and cruel death. I remember what it felt like on Holy Saturday as my mind, heart and spirit continued to process all I had experienced as I worshiped on Good Friday.

And finally came Easter Sunday. After having worshiped my way through Holy Week, I was able to sing and pray and shout a more profound alleluia as I celebrated the good news of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

I don't think I've ever missed worshipping through all of Holy Week since that first experience. And I can't imagine celebrating Easter without having done so.

So, my brothers and sisters in Christ, you are invited to join me on the Holy Week journey, beginning with Palm Sunday on April 9th. Come share a meal and celebrate communion together on Maundy Thursday, April 13th. Let's worship together on Good Friday, August 14th, and remember the extent of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

And then, when we gather together on Easter Sunday, August 16th, we can all celebrate the risen Christ shouting and singing and praying a more profound alleluia.

Grace & peace,  
Anita



We look forward to receiving your responses to the survey that was mailed out to families last week. Your input is crucial for our work in discerning the gifts and skills that are most needed in the next pastor of FBC Ahoskie.



**Deadline for all surveys to be completed and returned to the church is Palm Sunday, April 9.** Extra copies are available in the church office if needed.

We covet your prayers as we work to secure the next pastor of our church.

FBC Pastor Search Committee:  
Linda Alexander      Scott Outlaw, Co-chair  
Sarah Grace Britton      Sandra Pierce  
Henry Daniels      Penny Rose, Co-chair  
Ernie Evans

## Staff Anniversary Appreciation Luncheon

Congratulations to Rev. Anita Thompson, who will celebrate 15 years on the FBC staff on April 15. Anita's strengths and leadership are evident in every endeavor, be it musical leadership, preaching, planning, or administration. We are indeed blessed to have her serving God and His church among us.



The church will recognize and honor Anita's 15th anniversary on Sunday, April 30, with a lunch in the fellowship hall following the morning worship service. Plan to join us on the 30th as we express our appreciation for Anita's ministry at First Baptist Church.

## Welcome to the Family

We extend a warm welcome to Steven Paul Hollingsworth, 15-year old son of Paul and Elizabeth, and brother of Jane Marie Hollingsworth. Steven joins us by profession of faith and requesting baptism. He is an active member of our youth and music ministries, serves as an usher for worship services, and is an honor roll tenth grader at Hertford County Early College High School. The First Baptist Church family is proud to welcome you as a



We offer our sympathy to Jessie Simons and family in the death of her husband, Lt. Col. (ret.) John David Simons, Jr., on March 25. A memorial service was held at FBC on Saturday, April 1st. A graveside service with full military honors will be held on Friday, April 7, in Hampton, VA.



First Baptist Church of Ahoskie has two scholarship opportunities for members attending college or seminary. Applications for the 2017-2018 academic year, due April 16, 2017, are available in the church office.

- The James Wilton "Wig" and Frances Freeman Bracy Scholarship**  
For students who have financial need, or for whom college may otherwise be unattainable.
- The Oscar Creech Scholarship**  
For students who plan to enter full-time Christian service through church-related vocations.



We offer our congratulations to FBC member, Sarah Beth Green Thompson, and her husband, Clay Thompson, on the birth of a daughter, Sarah Charlotte, on April 4th. Charlotte is supported by a host of FBC members: Debbie Greene, grandmother; Carroll Thompson, great grandfather; Anna Greene, aunt, and Anita Thompson, great aunt.



April 2, 2017

Weekly Need	\$ 8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 13,046.00
Difference	\$ 4,268.00
YTD Needs	\$ 122,892.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 112,022.69
YTD Difference	\$ -10,869.31
YTD Interest Income	\$ -0-
Heck-Jones (WMU of NC)	\$ 2,252.00

**Thank you for your generous gifts!**