



# THE WINDOW

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## Thank You, Anita!



On April 15, 2002, Reverend Anita Thompson became part of the ministry staff at First Baptist Church of Ahoskie. During these fifteen years, Anita has lead us well in various leadership positions. At the present time, she is our Associate Pastor, a position consisting of directing all aspects of our Music Ministry, administration, worship planning, and preaching.

Thank you for sharing your love, gifts, and talents as you lead us through the interim period in the life of this great church. Thank you for planning the wonderful worship service each Sunday morning that leads us as church to experience God. This is such a high and holy time as we worship the Father.

To show our love, support, and appreciation to Anita, she will be recognized on Sunday, April 30, during the morning worship hour, and with a church luncheon following the service. This will give everyone an opportunity to express their love and appreciation to Anita for her ministry at First Baptist Church.



Anita, may God continue to bless you in all you do to please Him.

With love and gratitude,  
Claire Presley, Deacon Chair

## May First Wednesday

May 3



6:00 pm Church-wide Meal  
6:45 pm Children's Music & Missions  
End of Year Program

Sign up for the meal by 5 pm on Monday, May 1st.



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      PennyRose, Co-chair  
Ernie Evans



## College Graduates Winter 2016; Spring 2017

FBC would like to recognize our graduates from college/university, grad school, or seminary. If you graduated in December 2016, or are graduating this spring, please let us know your school, and degree earned. You or your parents are asked to contact the church by phone (332-4003) or email (office@fbcahoskie.org) with this information as soon as possible.



Dear Church Family,

Since last Fall, your *Preservation and Preparation Committee* has been working behind the scenes in a "Silent Campaign" to get started on our ambitious project of raising \$350,000.00 for our church. Since announcing the campaign to the entire church last fall, we have solicited some individuals to help jumpstart the program. We have been patiently waiting for the results of these efforts before reporting back to you. Because some donors have elected to give in the form of stock transfers to the church, and others have taken some time to make their commitment, we are not yet able to know exactly what our total amount is. We anticipate having a number to report to you in the next week or two.

It's important to note that we've received some very generous contributions to help us get started. However, we are in need of several more such gifts. Moreover, it is important for each of us to give according to our individual gifts and abilities. We thank you for what you've already done. Our next step will be to present each giving family with a Pledge Card so our committee will know more clearly how we are doing in reaching our goal. We will be presenting these cards soon.

One response we've heard a few times is, "I like to give to a specific project, rather than a general one." Well, truthfully, we have one huge specific project. That is to restore our church with needed repairs and updates, while putting her in a position to never get in this shape again. THAT IS OUR PROJECT. It is an ambitious one and a necessary one. We cannot do this without the efforts of every single church member. If we can accomplish our goals, and develop a Planned Giving program, then we should not need to have this type of campaign every fifteen to twenty years.

Please be in prayer for our church as we move forward in this endeavor, and please be in prayer and in discussion with your family as to what your part will be. This campaign can only be successful if every one of us gives from the heart and does our part, while continuing to maintain our weekly budget.

We thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,  
The Preservation and Preparation Committee  
Co-Chairs: Austine Evans and Louis Mizelle



Sunday, May 21

We will honor our high school graduates during the worship service. A luncheon for the graduates, their families, and members of the FBC Youth Group will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship.

## Thank You

We have received thank you notes from Chowan University acknowledging our gifts to the Student Missions Fund, and the Christian Service Association—First Baptist Church of Ahoskie scholarship.

## Stewardship Statement

April 23, 2017

Weekly Need	\$ 8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 4,778.00
Difference	\$ -4,000.00
YTD Needs	\$ 149,226.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 135,407.01
YTD Difference	\$ -13,818.99
YTD Interest Income	\$ -0-

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*



**2017**  
First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

**SERVING IN THE  
LOVE OF CHRIST**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:00p Youth: Gr. 6-8 5:45p Youth Supper: Gr. 6-12 6:30p Youth: Gr. 9-12	<b>1 Every Mon.</b> •5:45p Girl Scout Troop 1702	<b>2</b> •9a Staff Mtg. •9a Pastor Search Committee •10a Women on Mission, (WOM), Groups 2 & 4 •7p WOM, Group 3	<b>3</b> •5p Children's Music & Missions •5p First Wed. Meal •6:45 Children's Music & Missions End of Year Program •7:30p Sanct. Choir •8:15p V. Ensemble	<b>4</b> •1p WOM, Group 5	<b>5 Every Fri.</b> •9a CWJC	<b>6</b>
<b>7 4th Sunday of Easter</b> •9:15a Chair Rehearsal	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> •9a Staff Mtg. •9a Pastor Search Committee •9:30a WMU Sewing Workshop •3p CWJC Board	<b>10</b> •7p Sanctuary Choir •8p Vocal Ensemble	<b>11</b> •12 noon JOY Fellowship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 5th Sunday of Easter</b>  <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>15</b> •7p Building & Grounds Com.	<b>16</b> •9a Staff Mtg. •9a Pastor Search Committee •6p Missions Com. •7p Deacons' Mtg.	<b>17</b> •12n Ahoskie Woman's Club •7p Sanctuary Choir •8p Vocal Ensemble	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 6th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Baccalaureate</b> •2p Nominating Committee	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> •9a Staff Mtg. •9a Pastor Search Committee	<b>24</b> •7p Sanctuary Choir •8p Vocal Ensemble	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  <b>ASCENSION SUNDAY</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>30</b> •9a Staff Mtg. •9a Pastor Search Committee	<b>31</b> •7p Sanctuary Choir •8p Vocal Ensemble			

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|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Joe Spicer        | 10 Leslie Lawrence   | 20 Blake Outlaw      |
| 1 Victoria Harris   | 15 Pat Byrd          | 20 Graham Lawrence   |
| 2 Violet Williams   | 16 Finette Matthews  | 24 Peggy Springfield |
| 4 Nancy Baker       | 17 Bryan Britton     | 27 Tom Fretwell      |
| 7 Kay Byrd          | 17 Camille Pierce    | 28 Howard Brown      |
| 7 Elijah Brown      | 18 Judy G. Pierce    | 28 Lachlan Fowler    |
| 8 Heather Roberts   | 18 Suzanne Newbern   | 28 Bridget Britt     |
| 9 Jessie Simons     | 18 Avery Hall        | 28 Mollee Frei Lamm  |
| 9 Richard Alexander | 18 Lily Ann Brinkley | 29 Bob Newsome       |
| 10 Geraldine Tucker | 19 Pike Harrington   | 31 Donna Burden      |



**Week of April 30—May 6**

**Minister on Call**

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

**Deacons on Call**

Charles Hughes, 356-1141  
Penny Rose, 332-2289

**Extended Session—April 30**

Birth-Age 2: Kay Byrd, Nancy Freeman, & Ginger Greene  
Ages 3-5: Drew Phillips & Anna Pierce

**Ushers—April 30**

Lane Slachta, Peggy Springfield, Edgar Swain, Chip Rose, Chloe Rose, & Reagan Zoch;  
Balcony: Andy Woodard & Isabella Woodard

**Sound System—April 30**

Frank Britt

**Floral Offering—April 30**

Bland & Nancy Baker

**Home Delivered Meals—May 1**

Joyce Leary & Noreen Hannon

**Food Pantry—May 5**

Sandra Pierce

**Week of May 7—13**

**Minister on Call**

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

**Deacons on Call**

Bill Arrington, 332-5257  
Andy Woodard, 332-2989

**Extended Session—May 7**

Birth-Age 2: Noreen Hannon, Debbie Sisler, & Tiffany Warren  
Ages 3-5: Landis Chamblee & Elizabeth Davis

**Ushers—May 7**

Kay Byrd, Lee Byrum, Lanie Byrum, Ed Copeland Jr, J. C. Doughtie, & Gloria Freeman;

Balcony: Larry Freeman & Dawson Rose

**Sound System—May 7**

James Early

**Floral Offering—May 7**

Gail Parker & Family

**Home Delivered Meals—8**

Penny & Frank Rose

**Food Pantry—May 12**

Kathy Maxim & Carolyn Harrell

**Sunday School at Creekside—May 7**

Bess Leary



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