



# THE WINDOW

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## *From our Interim Pastor . . .*

### **Thank You**

Do you recall the account of Jesus cleansing ten lepers? It is found in Luke 17:11-19, and it is only found in Luke's gospel. In other words, Matthew, Mark, and John do not have this account in their gospels. It is no surprise that Luke found this account from the life of Jesus attractive as it emphasizes a major theme found in Luke's writings (his gospel as well as the Acts of the Apostles) — concern for society's outcasts.

Luke informs us that Jesus was in route to Jerusalem. As he passed between Samaria and Galilee, Jesus entered a village and there encountered ten lepers. These were ten people with a skin disease that according to Leviticus 13 rendered them unclean and therefore untouchable. The lepers then were to live alone as long as the condition persisted and they were to call out, "Unclean, unclean." Luke tells us that these ten lepers asked Jesus to heal them. Jesus instructed them to go to the priest. As they went to the priest, they were healed. One of the ten then, a Samaritan, returned to Jesus. He praised God and fell at Jesus' feet "giving him thanks." Jesus then wanted to know about the other nine. Why did they not return to say thank you as well? Please note that this is the second time in Luke's gospel that a Samaritan is a model of faith in God. Remember Jesus' well-known account of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

It is indeed insensitive when we neglect to say thank you.

It occurred to me recently that I need to offer a BIG thank you to our congregation. Since I have been serving as your interim pastor, I have made three specific requests. And on all three occasions, you have responded in the affirmative.

First, early this year we received the Heck-Jones offering for the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union. Our church goal was \$1200. I challenged our congregation to exceed this goal. And we did. The total offering collected was \$2252. Thank you! Second, I asked our congregation, even in the midst of hectic schedules, to give priority to our Holy Week services. And we did. Attendance was good and, more important, worship was meaningful. Thank you! And finally, last week we began our Wednesday night studies. I heard that I should expect ten to twelve people. Thus, I thought I was perhaps too optimistic when I set out thirty chairs in our fellowship hall. I do not know the final count. However, I also made thirty copies of the handout we used. I gave all of those out and there were several people without one. I estimate that we had between forty and fifty people present. Thank you!

The church is a volunteer organization. Other than the Holy Spirit and your conscience (two biggies to be sure), there is nothing twisting your arm in order to make you take the right action. There is no paycheck, no threat to the advancement of career goals, no peer pressure, and no immediate consequences if we do not participate in the life of the church. As a minister, I am at your mercy. So, thank you for rising to the occasions for worship and growth during the past few months. It is a joy to serve as your interim pastor!

In Christ, Trey



### **Worshipping Together**

**May 28, 2017**

**Ascension Sunday**

*The Point*

Luke 24:44-53

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Sanctuary Choir



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Bringing Baptists of North Carolina Together for Christ-Centered Ministry

## CBFNC MISSIONS & MINISTRIES OFFERING

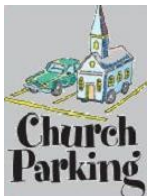
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina began a special annual offering in 2013 to support a wide variety of ministries in our state and beyond such as partnering with Mark & Kim Wyatt who work with Internationals, refugees, international students and human trafficking victims in the Triangle area; Campus Ministries across the state; and much more.

Continuing through the month of June, First Baptist Church will accept your donations to this offering. You are encouraged to pray for and give to the offering to enable CBFNC ministries to grow and thrive throughout our state.



### Sunday, June 4 is Pentecost Sunday

You are encouraged to come for worship June 4th dressed casually wearing the colors of fire—reds, oranges, yellows!



### Parking Near West St. Entrance

In order to provide the best hospitality for our senior adults, persons with mobility issues, and families with babies, let's make it a habit to reserve the parking spaces nearest the West St. entrance for those persons. This includes our newly paved parking lot on the corner of Main & West streets. Thank you.

### Open Dates for Worship Flowers

The FBC worship flower schedule has several open dates through the end of 2017. You are invited to choose one of the following dates if you would like to provide flowers for worship:

**June 25; July 9, 23, 30; Oct. 22; Nov. 19**

Please call or email the church office at 332-4003 or office@fbcahoskie.org, if interested.



## Children's Ministry Opportunity this Summer

**Kick-Off: Sunday, July 16 at 5:00 pm**  
**July 17 - 20 (Mon.-Thurs.) ■ 2:30 - 5:30 pm**  
**Preschoolers (Ages 3 -5) and**  
**Completed Kindergarten - Grade 5**

We're merging our annual *Music Day Camp* and *Vacation Bible School* ministries to form "The Connection." Through singing, drama, Bible study, crafts, and other activities, the children will connect with Christ and with one another as they learn a musical which will be presented on Thurs., July 20 at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$15 per child. Children will receive a theme t-shirt, and a listening CD and/or MP3 link. Registration forms with payment are due by June 30. They're available in the church office or online at [www.fbcahoskie.org](http://www.fbcahoskie.org).



**It's a Boy!**— David & Elizabeth (Riddick) Davis of Murfreesboro welcomed the birth of a son, Willis Pace, on April 29th. Pace's proud FBC grandparents are Nat & Lou Riddick. Congratulations, Davis family!

### Stewardship Statement

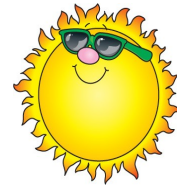
May 21, 2017

Weekly Need	\$ 8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 7,317.58
Difference	\$ -1,460.42
YTD Needs	\$ 184,338.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 160,750.70
YTD Difference	\$ -17,730.14
CBFNC Missions & Ministries	\$ 200.00

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*

# June 2017

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday</b> 9:45a Sunday School  11:00a Worship		<b>Every Tuesday</b> 9:00a Staff Meeting 9:00a Pastor Search Committee	<b>Every Wed.</b> 6:00p Bible Study	1 •1:00p WOM Gp 5	2 •9:00a CWJC •4:00p Wedding Rehearsal — Anna Greene & Jeremy Dawson	3 •5:00p Wedding of Anna Greene & Jeremy Dawson
4 	5 •5:45p Girl Scout Troop 1702	6 •10:00a WOM Groups 2 & 4 •7:00p WOM Group 3	7 •7:00p Sanctuary Choir •8:00p Vocal Ensemble	8	9 •9:00a CWJC •4:00p Wedding Rehearsal— Danielle Coleman & Drew Phillips	10 •3:00p Wedding of Danielle Coleman & Drew Phillips
11 	12	13	14 •7:00p Sanctuary Choir •8:00p Vocal Ensemble	15	16 •9:00a CWJC	17
18 	19	20 •7:00p Deacons' Meeting	21 Sanctuary Choir & Vocal Ensemble Summer Break Begins	22	23 •9:00a CWJC •7:00 Sr. Organ Recital—Jordan Prescott	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 •9:00a CWJC Summer Day Camp Registration Forms Deadline	
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly Atlanta, GA						



1 Nancy Bracy  
 3 Adam Bracy  
 4 Anita Thompson  
 5 Alan Myers  
 9 Joyce Brantley  
 9 Jenny Burden

10 Jarod Curley  
 10 Leah Woodard  
 11 Edward Copeland Sr.  
 12 Susan Earley  
 12 Andy Woodard  
 14 Joyce Leary  
 15 Lanie Byrum  
 15 Nikki Hyatt  
 15 Chuck Revelle

15 Bernice Umphlett  
 17 Jerry Alexander  
 17 Nat Riddick  
 18 Calvin Harrell  
 18 Barbara Holloman  
 18 Ruth Overton  
 18 Edgar Swain  
 19 Carroll Thompson  
 21 Mike Henderson

22 Eloise Miller  
 23 Stuart Pierce, Jr.  
 25 LuAnn Joyner  
 26 Buddy Hyatt  
 27 Mike Perry  
 27 Leroy Pierce  
 28 Betty Joyner  
 29 Eva Early  
 30 Liza Pierce

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of May 28-June 3

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

### Deacons on Call

Nancy Freeman, 332-4949

Scott Outlaw, 287-6721

### Extended Session—May 28

Birth-Age 2: Georgia Copeland, Beverly  
Bazemore, & Kathy McCaskey

Ages 3-5: Susan Copeland & J.C. Doughtie

### Ushers—May 28

Carolyn Arrington, Elijah Brown, Jameson  
Brown, Avery Byrum, Bill Magette, & Alan  
Myers;

Balcony—Wally McKeel & Kathryn Outlaw

### Sound System — May 28

Rick Burns

### Floral Offering — May 28

Tim & Jayne Frei

### Home Delivered Meals—May 29

Closed—Memorial Day

### Food Pantry— May 26

Vicky Overman

## Week of June 4-10

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

### Deacons on Call

Pat Byrd, 332-4122

Jim Wiggins, 209-5831

### Extended Session—June 4

Birth-Age 2: Jenni Byrd, Betty Myers, &  
Cheryl Slachta

Ages 3-5: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

### Ushers—June 4

Lee Byrum, Jamie Burns, Jane Marie  
Hollingsworth, Steven Hollingsworth,  
Frank Rose, & Taylor Rose;

Balcony—Larry Freeman & Dawson Rose

### Sound System — June 4

Frank Britt

### Floral Offering — June 4

Worship Decorating Committee

### Home Delivered Meals—June 5

Gloria & Charles Freeman

### Food Pantry— June 2

Sandra Pierce

### Sunday School at Creekside—May 28

Bess Leary

**Church Offices will be Closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day**

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