



IN THE WINDOW

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From the Associate Pastor . . .

This week, we've been making preparation for our Nominating Committee to begin their work of matching your ministry gifts and passions with places of service for the 2017-18 Church Year. As I scrolled through the 2016-17 list of leaders, it warmed my heart as I was reminded of the many beautiful ways we are church together. Some of you teach; others rock babies. A great many of you serve on committees that help us organize well for missions and ministry, or help us be good stewards of our monies and property. Thanks be to God for every working part of the body of Christ that is First Baptist Church of Ahoskie!

As we begin to look toward the new Church Year which begins on September 1st, I invite you to join me in praying that all the members of this church body would find a place of service that brings them joy and gives glory to God. We're going to need new teachers, might that be you? We're going to need more persons to serve in Extended Session, providing care for our youngest during worship. Perhaps that would be a great place of service for you. Our committees will need new members. Might you serve well on one of them?

Throughout June, the members of our Nominating Committee will be contacting you to learn where and how you are willing to serve in the new Church Year. Please begin now to pray about this. And if you already know where and how you'd like to serve, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members and share this good news with him/her: Harriet Byrum, Melanie Byrum, Butch Hassell, Henry Joyner, Judy G. Pierce, and Cheryl Slachta.

Grace & peace,

Worshiping Together

June 11, 2017



Trinity Sunday

Connecting the Dots

Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Vocal Ensemble



The Capital Campaign Committee will introduce Phase II of our campaign on Sunday, June 11 at 10:55 am. Please plan to join together as we learn about this next phase of this important campaign.



Our Pastor Search Committee covets our prayers as we work to secure the next pastor of our church: Linda Alexander, Sarah Grace Britton, Henry Daniels, Ernie Evans, Sandra Pierce, Penny Rose, & Scott Outlaw.

The Committees of FBC

Where would you like to serve for the 2017-2018 Church Year?

COMMITTEE	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
Audio Services	On a rotating basis, operates the sound system for weekly worship services, funerals, weddings, and other programs and activities.	
Bereavement	Upon the death of a church member, prepares and serves a meal in our Fellowship Hall for the family of the deceased and out of town guests.	
Building & Grounds	Maintains the church property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9 members (+2 deacon reps) •Serve 3 years •Meets monthly
Children's Ministry Council	Oversees our ministry with preschoolers and children up to grade 6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6 members •Serve 3 years •Meets as needed
Development	Handles property purchases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •3 members •Serve 3 years •Meets as needed
Finance	Monitors the financial health of the church; prepares and presents annual budget; makes recommendations as needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9 members (+2 deacon reps) •Serves 3 years •Meets as needed.
Hostess	In charge of most church-wide meals, particularly First Wednesday meals. Teams take turn planning; all members help execute and serve.	
Investments/ Endowment	Monitors investments and endowment funds, and makes recommendations for use of said funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5 members •Serve 5 years •Meets as needed
Missions	Coordinates local missions and service opportunities for individuals, small groups, and the entire church family.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9 members •Serve 3 years •Meets bi-monthly
Music	In partnership with the Minister of Music, makes decisions regarding the church's music ministry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6 members •Serve 3 years •Meets as needed
Senior Adult	Oversees our ministry with senior adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6 members •Serve 3 years •Meets as needed
Technology	Consults regarding technological needs and difficulties.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •3 members •Serve 3 years •Meets as needed
Ushers/ Greeters	On a rotating basis, serve as a greeter for worship services and other programs; take up the offering.	
Wedding	On a rotating basis, serve as the Wedding Coordinator for weddings held at First Baptist Church.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6 members •Serve 3 years •Meets as needed
Worship Decorating	Coordinate with the church staff in decorating the church, particularly the sanctuary, for the Seasons of the Church Year, and other occasions.	
Youth Ministry Council	Serves along side youth in evaluating, planning, and implementing the Youth Ministry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9 members •Serve 3 years •Meets as needed

Children's Ministry Opportunity this Summer



July 17 - 20

(Mon.-Thurs.)

2:30 - 5:30 pm

**Preschoolers (Ages 3 -5) and
Completed Kindergarten - Grade 5**

Kick-Off: Sunday, July 16 at 5:00 pm

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.



Sunday, June 25

10:50 a.m.

We will vote by ballot on the proposed change in the by-laws with regard to membership/baptism. In preparation for voting, members are encouraged to study the letter you received in early May. The following paragraph from that letter may be helpful for your discernment.

Our new proposed membership section seeks to eliminate the concept of Affiliate Membership from our bylaws and instead, welcome all baptized believers from other Christian traditions. Although we, as Baptists, will continue to baptize our newly-professing members by immersion, we would acknowledge the baptism rituals of all Christian traditions and welcome them into our church upon their profession.



Congratulations

The church family extends congratulations and best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. Jeremy Wayne Dawson who were married at FBC on June 3. Mrs. Dawson is the former Anna Grey Greene, daughter of FBC member, Ms. Debbie Greene, and Mr. David Greene, Jr.

Church-wide June Mission Project

June's mission project will benefit both Britton Ministries and SAFE House. You are asked to provide one or more of the items listed below. These will be divided equally between the two ministries. Donations are due June 30.

Needed Items:

Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Dish Detergent	Laundry Detergent
Bath Towels (only)	Cleaning Supplies
Trash Bags	

For your donations, we extend a hearty *'Thank You!'*

Thank You

Notes of thanks and appreciation have been received from: Chowan University for the Chowan Christian Service Association-First Baptist Ahoskie Scholarship; Ahoskie Food Pantry; Lauren Harrell, and Ruthie Daniels. These notes may be found on the bulletin board beside the church office.



June 4, 2017

Weekly Need	\$ 8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 10,780.95
Difference	\$ 2,002.95
YTD Needs	\$ 201,894.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 176,397.24
YTD Difference	\$ -25,496.76
CBFNC Missions & Ministries	\$ 250.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of June 11-17

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Jean Parker, 332-3550
Edgar Swain, 332-3950

Extended Session—June 11

Birth-Age 2: Catherine Harrell, Sandra Pierce,
& Stephanie Rose
Ages 3-5: Heather Roberts & TBA

Ushers—June 11

Elijah Brown, Jameson Brown, Kay Byrd,
J. C. Doughtie, Tim Frei, Mollee Frei Lamm;
Balcony— Charles & Patricia Hughes

Sound System—June 11

James Early

Floral Offering — June 11

Oliver Fleming

Home Delivered Meals—June 12

Jayne Frei & Margaret Winn

Food Pantry— June 16

JoAn Downs, Patrise Godwin & Shirley
Stephenson

Week of June 18-24

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Betty Joyner, 332-8279
Lee Wilson, 332-4563

Extended Session—June 18

Birth-Age 2: Mark & Michelle Abro, &
Jessica Brinkley
Ages 3-5: Harriet Byrum & Kari Pierce

Ushers—June 18

Carolyn Arrington, Gloria Freeman,
Alan Myers, Camille Pierce, Fletcher Pierce,
Carroll Thompson;
Balcony— Colby Hauser & Keith Rawls

Sound System — June 18

Henry Daniels

Floral Offering — June 18

Garnette & Judy G. Pierce

Home Delivered Meals—June 19

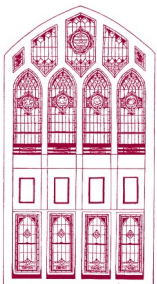
Rosa & Edgar Swain

Food Pantry— June 23

Vicky Overman

Sunday School at Creekside—June 18

Hannah Brown Class



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