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## An Important Update from the Pastor Search Committee

It is our pleasure to announce that on Sunday, June 25, the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie Pastor Search Committee will recommend Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey) as our next pastor. The congregation will vote on this recommendation two weeks later, on Sunday July 9th. On Wednesday night, June 28th, at 6 pm, we will have an informal question and answer time in the church fellowship hall. If approved, Trey will begin his responsibilities as permanent pastor on August 4, 2017. The Pastor Search Committee, the deacons, and Trey sense strongly that this is God's will for our church. However, the circumstances are a bit different. Therefore, the initial contract between the church and Trey calls for a one year trial period. Let us explain.

The dilemma that the Pastor Search Committee faced is that Trey senses a call to serve as our pastor *and* remain employed at Chowan University. Initially, all parties (Trey included) thought this could not be done. However, after much prayer, discussion, and, we believe, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we have arrived at the following agreement with Trey. First, Trey will continue with his employment at Chowan, with the full blessing of Chowan's President Dr. M. Christopher White and the university administration. In order to provide Trey with more time to devote to his pastoral responsibilities, he will be granted a one course per semester teaching reduction. Second, this means that Trey will serve as our pastor on a 3/4 time basis, approximately 29 hours a week. His duties will include preaching and teaching, worship leadership, weddings and funerals, supervision of church staff, and overall spiritual guidance for our congregation.

This is a different model for First Baptist Ahoskie. Thus, some additional comments are in order. Based on our observations of Trey's ministerial skills as our interim pastor, we believe that he will be able to meet the pastoral needs of the church while maintaining employment at Chowan. Nonetheless, it will be even more important for church members to use *their* ministerial gifts in service to our church. In relation to funerals, Trey can officiate a funeral any day of the week. However, when classes are in session the service must take into consideration his class schedule. We will all need to learn to consult with him as part of our planning.

This model for pastoral ministry represents uncharted waters for First Baptist Ahoskie. Yet, it is presented with the full approval of the Pastor Search Committee and the deacon body. During Trey's time as our interim pastor, we have experienced a time of refreshment and even revival. Trey assures us that the positive feeling we have towards him are mutual. In fact, he tells us that First Baptist Ahoskie is the church he has always wanted to serve.

The desire of the Pastor Search Committee as well as the deacons of our church is to make our relationship with Trey permanent. This is also Trey's desire. We believe that, with the assistance of the church body, this model will work. And, again, we sense strongly what is yet to be determined: that God is leading us in this direction.

Sincerely,  
The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie Pastor Search Committee

Penny Rose and Scott Outlaw, co-chairs  
Ernie Evans, Henry Daniels, Linda Alexander,  
Sarah Grace Britton, and Sandra Pierce

## Sunday, June 25



### Church Conference

10:50 a.m.

Vote on Proposed By-Laws  
Change Regarding  
Membership/Baptism



### Worshiping Together

11:00 a.m.

*3rd Sunday after Pentecost*

*God and the Outcast*  
Genesis 21:8-21  
Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir  
The Sanctuary Choir

## Pray For

. . . our Nominating Committee as they work to secure leadership for the 2017-18 Church year, and prayerfully consider where and how you will serve in the new Church Year. Committee members are: Harriet Byrum, Melanie Byrum, Butch Hassell, Henry Joyner, Judy G. Pierce, and Cheryl Slachta.

## June Mission Project

The items destined for Britton Ministries and SAFE House are due at FBC on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Items collected will be divided evenly between the two locations. Needed items are: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Dish Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Bath Towels, Cleaning Supplies, and Trash Bags. Collection boxes for your donations are located in the first floor hallway.

## Congratulations



The church family extends best wishes to Rev. & Mrs. Drew Steven Phillips who were united in marriage at FBC on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Phillips is the former Danielle Elizabeth Coleman. The Phillipses are employed by Chowan University. Drew is Associate Minister to the University, and Danielle is Assistant Dean of Students for Residence Life.

## Thank You

Notes of thanks have been received from Alvin Newsome, Kathryn Outlaw, and from N. C. District 9 of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. These and other notes of interest may be found on the bulletin board beside the Church Office.

## Dr. Gilliam on Study Leave

From July 9 through August 4, Dr. Gilliam will be on study leave as he attends the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on the campus of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Specifically, he will be participating in the institute's offering of "Challenges of Teaching World Religions." While Dr. Gilliam is away, we are grateful for our staff ministers as well as our two beloved retired ministers/members who will preach on the following schedule:

July 9	Rev. Anita Thompson
July 16	Rev. Bill Presley
July 23	Rev. Ron McSwain
July 30	Ms. Clair Saunders

## Summer Day Camp Registration Deadline

June 30

Registrations for our July 17-20 Summer Day Camp are being received through June 30. The camp is for preschoolers and children, age 3 through completed 5th grade. Registration forms are available in the church office and on the church's website. Please note that the June 30th deadline is a firm one.

## Stewardship Statement

June 18, 2017

Weekly Need	\$ 8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 5,618.12
Difference	\$ -3,159.88
YTD Needs	\$ 219,450.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 192,000.25
YTD Difference	\$ -27,449.75
Capital Campaign Total	\$ 257,641.23

*Thank you for your generous gifts!*



# July



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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sundays</b> 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship		<b>Tuesdays</b> 9:00a Staff Meeting & Pastor Search Com.				1
2	3 <i>Church Offices Closed for July 4th Holiday</i>	4th <i>Church Offices Closed for July 4th Holiday</i>	5 •6:00p Bible Study, FH	6 •1:00p WOM Group 5	7 <b>Church Offices OPEN</b> •9:00a CWJC	8
9	10	11 •10:00a WOM Group 2	12 •No Bible Study	13	14 •9:00a CWJC	15
						6:00p Fri.—Sat. Fellowship Hall Reserved
16 •5:00p Summer Day Camp Kick-Off Dinner	17	18	19	20	21 •9:00a CWJC	22
<b>the connection—SUMMER DAY CAMP</b> First Baptist Church 2:30 — 5:30 pm Daily						
	•7p Building & Grounds Com.	•6p Missions Com.	•No Bible Study	•6:30p Day Camp Performance		
23	24	25	26 •No Bible Study	27	28 •9:00a CWJC •7:00p Organ Recital—Jordan Prescott	29
30	31					



- 1 Cleo Mitchell
- 2 Jane Jones
- 3 Edward Copeland, Sr

- 5 Sandra Hassell
- 6 Aubrey Abro
- 6 Ernie Evans
- 8 Brian Outlaw
- 9 Gertrude Myers
- 10 Ruthie Daniels
- 11 Spencer Matthews
- 11 Kari Pierce

- 11 Gretchen Zoch
- 12 Harriet Byrum
- 13 Sophia Byrd
- 14 Nancy Freeman
- 16 Jessica Brinkley
- 21 Jeremy Roberts
- 22 Ben Woodard
- 23 Eddie Allen

- 23 Ruth Ward
- 24 Kelly Mercader
- 24 Kent Mercader
- 27 Trey Byrum
- 29 Vicky Overman
- 30 Susan Copeland
- 31 Kerrae Joyner

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of June 25-July 1

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

### Deacons on Call

Claire Presley, 357-4374

Don Joyner, 332-2484

### Extended Session—June 25

Birth-Age 2: Austine & Ernie Evans, &

Bess Leary

Ages 3-5: Eva & James Early

### Ushers—June 25

Chip Rose, Chloe Rose, Lane Slachta,

Peggy Springfield, Edgar Swain, Reagan Zoch;

Balcony— Andy & Isabella Woodard

### Sound System — June 25

Walt Pierce

### Floral Offering — June 25

TBA

### Home Delivered Meals—June 26

Austine Evans & Mary Ann Umphlett

### Food Pantry— June 30

Pansy & Robert Earl White

## Week of July 2-8

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

### Deacons on Call

Chip Rose, 332-4019

Jamie Burns, 332-7583

### Extended Session—July 2

Birth-Age 2: Noreen Hannon, Debbie Sisler,

Tiffany Warren

Ages 3-5: Landis Chamblee & Elizabeth

Davis

### Ushers—July 2

Lee Byrum, Jane Marie Hollingsworth,

Steven Hollingsworth, Charles Hughes,

Fletcher Pierce, Frank Rose;

Balcony— Billy Greene & Pate Pierce

### Sound System—July 2

Rick Burns

### Floral Offering — July 2

Jane Holloman & Family

### Home Delivered Meals—July 3

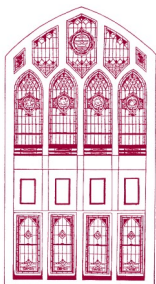
Bess & William Leary, Sr.

### Food Pantry— July 7

Sandra Pierce

### Sunday School at Creekside—July 2

Bess Leary



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