



IN THE WINDOW

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Update from the Capital Campaign Committee

The Capital Campaign's "Pony Express" has been circulating "saddlebags" containing pledge cards to our members and regular attenders. At this point, 80% of the cards have been completed and the saddlebags returned to the church office. *Thanks is due to the many who have responded with supportive pledges and gifts!* We are pleased to offer this report as evidence of your devotion to preserving our beautiful church property, while we begin to dream and prepare for her future ministry.

Pledge Money Received

\$70,113.75

Pledge Money Outstanding

\$125,921.25

Additional Donations Outside of Pledges

\$133,550.53

Total (toward goal of \$350,000)

\$329,585.53

If, for some reason, you have not been contacted with an opportunity to participate, please contact Martie in the church office. She will also receive any concerns or questions you may have about the campaign or your part in it.

Please continue to prayerfully consider and act on your commitment to this project.



Chowan University Freshman Move In Day Saturday, August 19

FBC will be serving sub sandwiches at our tent for the annual "Food Court" in Squirrel Park. The Missions Committee invites you to make a batch or two of homemade cookies to accompany the sandwiches. You may bring them by the church the week of August 14, or to the church on Saturday morning at 10:15 am. If you'd like to be part of the serving team, please contact Anita. Let's join together to offer Chowan's newest students a warm FBC welcome.



Memorial and Committal Service

The lives of Yvonne Willoughby Heath and her husband, Bill Heath will be remembered on Thursday, August 10, at 11 a.m. in the FBC sanctuary with the Rev. Anita Thompson officiating. A committal of their earthly remains will be in the columbarium following the service. Anyone who knew Yvonne, who grew up, was baptized, and later married Bill at FBC, is invited to attend. Yvonne was the beloved aunt of Jack Tayloe, husband of Martie, our Church Administrator.

From the Associate Pastor

Shortly after moving back to Ahoskie some fifteen years ago, I was invited to join the Ahoskie Rotary Club. I enjoyed getting to develop friendships outside my usual circle of acquaintances, and I appreciated being part of Rotary’s endeavors to help make the world a better place. But one of the most cherished things I carry with me from my Rotary days is the “Four-Way Test” which is recited at the end of every meeting. This test “is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.”



THE FOUR-WAY TEST
OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY AND DO

- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- IV. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

I’ve been thinking about this test a lot lately. I thought about it when I saw the news reports of the teenagers who stood aside and videoed (with their phone) a man drowning. For two minutes they laughed and ridiculed the man as they watched him die. Christ have mercy!

I think about the test as I watch our national leaders spend too much of their time disparaging one another instead of working together for the greater good of all citizens. I think about the test as I grieve the way we human beings are behaving. And I think about the test as I consider how my own actions and words are affecting those around me.

Though the Four-Way Test is not based on scripture, I believe it would receive Christ’s approval, for it reflects His teachings of love of neighbor, healthy love of self, forgiveness, grace, and mercy. It reflects Jesus’ teaching from the Sermon on the Mount, often called “The Golden Rule.”

*In everything do to others
as you would have them do to you.*

Matthew 7:12

Imagine what our communities would look like if each of us would employ the use of the Four-Way Test before we spoke or acted. Imagine what a blessing it would be to live in a world where the Golden Rule is used to monitor our speech and actions.

I’m going to make a more concerted effort to let this test and the Golden Rule guide me in all things. I won’t always succeed, nevertheless, with God’s help, I’m going to try. I invite you to try too.

Grace & peace,

Thank You Notes
... Have been received from WMU of NC, and Roanoke-Chowan S.A.F.E. House.



please join us for a
Baby Shower
in honor of

Taylor Futrell Rose

Sunday, August 6 • 2:00—4:00 pm
At First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Hosted by friends and family of the honoree.
Registered at Babies “R” Us, Buy Buy Babies, Pottery Barn, and Target

July 23, 2017	
Weekly Need	\$ 8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 7,099.12
Difference	\$ -1,678.88
YTD Needs	\$ 263,340.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 229,118.18
YTD Difference	\$ -34,221.82
<i>Thank you for your generous gifts!</i>	

AUGUST

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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship	MONDAYS 9a—11a Easter Seals/ UCP Adult Group in FH & Kitchen	1 •10a Women on Mission (WOM) Groups 2 & 4 •7p WOM Group 3	2	3 •1p WOM Group 5	4 •9a CWJC	5
6 •11a Commu- ion & Child Dedication •2p Rose Baby Shower	7 <i>Hertford County Early College High School Begins Classes</i>	8	9 •6p Bible Study w/Dr. Gilliam	10 •11a Memorial & Committal Service, Sanctu- ary & Colum- barium	11 •9a CWCJ	12
13	14 •7p Building & Grounds Com.	15 •6p Missions Committee •7p Deacons' Meeting	16 <i>Ridgecroft School Begins Classes</i> •6p Bible Study w/ Dr. Gilliam	17	18 •9a CWJC •Judd Byrd's 20th Staff Anni- versary	19 Chowan Freshmen Move-In Day
20 •10:50a Church Conference— Nominating Committee Report	21	22	23 •6p Bible Study w/Dr. Gilliam •7p Sanctuary Choir Resumes •8p Vocal Ens. Resumes	24	25 •9a CWJC	26
27 •9a Breakfast for 1st Graders & Parents •11a Bible Pres- entation to 1st & 7th Graders	28 <i>HCPS & Gates County Schools Begin Classes</i>	29	30 •6p Bible Study w/Dr. Gilliam •7p Sanctuary Choir •8p Vocal Ensemble	31	TUESDAYS 9:00a Staff Meeting	

- 1 Frank Rose
- Jameson Brown
- 4 Beverly Harrington
- 6 Landis Chamblee
- 9 Julian Abro
- 11 Claudia Morris
- 13 Cole Magette
Grady Sumner
- 14 Cade Harrell
- 15 Jessica Britton

- 17 Ann Daniels
- 18 Henry Britt
James Early
Debbie Greene
- Henry Pierce
- 19 Jackson Alexander
Madelyn Messer
Thristian Riddick
Reagan Zoch
- 21 Andy Burgess

- 21 Linda Futrell
- 22 Carolyn Arrington
- 24 Patsy Daniels
- 25 Henry Daniels
Justin Frederes
Garrett Magette
- 25 Sarah Grace Britton
- 31 Erin Messer
Steven Hollingsworth



SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of July 30-August 5

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Justin Freeman, 287-9750

James Early, 395-2163

Extended Session—July 30

Birth-Age 2: Kay Byrd, Nancy Freeman,
& Ginger Greene

Ages 3-5: Drew Phillips & Anna Pierce

Ushers—July 30

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

Sound System—July 30

Walt Pierce

Floral Offering—July 30

Ruth Overman & Family

Home Delivered Meals—July 31

Pat & Henry Byrd

Food Pantry—July 31

Sandra Pierce

Week of August 6-12

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Bryan Harrell, 370-8440

Nancy Freeman, 287-9104

Extended Session—August 6

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

Ages 3-5: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Ushers—August 6

Carolyn Arrington, Jamie Burns, Jane Marie
Hollingsworth, Steven Hollingsworth, Frank
Rose, Taylor Rose;

Balcony— Larry Freeman & Fletcher Pierce

Sound System—August 6

Rick Burns

Floral Offering—August 6

William & Carolyn Arrington

Home Delivered Meals—August 7

Joyce Leary & Noreen Hannon

Food Pantry—August 11

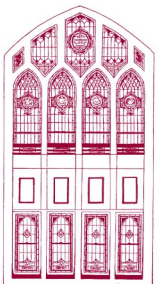
Kathy Maxim & Carolyn Harrell

Sunday School at Creekside—August 6

Bess Leary

Personnel News

On July 25, 2017, Clair Saunders resigned her position as Minister to Youth. We wish her well in her future endeavors.



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