



IN THE WINDOW

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We are so proud and thankful for the generous response of our congregation in our Preservation and Preparation Capital Campaign. As of September 5th, we have received contributions or pledges totaling \$339,231.53! We still have until the end of 2018 to collect these pledges and continue to reach our goal. We have repaired our roof at a cost of over \$70,000.00; repaired and replaced our West Street sidewalk; paved our West Street parking lot; power washed the exterior of our building, and paid for our adjoining property purchase.

Your Campaign Committee thanks you so much! We still have much to do, and hope to continue to Hope and Dream for what we want to accomplish next for our church body. We also want to encourage the use of our **Planned Giving Program** (more info to come soon) to put our church in position to take care of expenses as they occur without the need of such significant campaign amounts in the future.

If for any reason you were not reached by our Pony Express or by our committee in any way, and you would like to participate, please contact Martie Tayloe in our church office. If you need additional information feel free to contact Austine Evans, Louis Mizelle, or any committee member.

With Sincere Appreciation,
The Capital Campaign Committee



Worshiping Together

September 10, 2017

11:00 am

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Simplicity

Romans 13:8-14

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Sanctuary Choir

**Sunday,
September 10
6:00 pm**



at
Ahoskie Creek Recreation Complex

This annual event is a gift from our Deacons to you, and is a highlight of the Church Year. You are invited to gather under the large pavilion at the park, located on Lakeview Dr., behind the hospital. Deacons will cook hamburgers and hot dogs, prepare all the trimmings, and provide beverages. This casual event is a great time to invite your neighbors, friends, and co-workers and introduce them to our church family. Bring a lawn chair and join us for a fun time of fellowship! In case of inclement weather, the picnic will be moved to the church's Fellowship Hall.

From the Associate Pastor

On the last Sunday in August we hosted a breakfast for our new first graders and their families to celebrate their transition from preschool to grade school ministry. It gives me joy to watch them proudly enter the fellowship hall, greatly pleased that they've arrived at a new rite of passage!

One of the things we do during this breakfast is give the first graders and their parents suggestions and tools to help them learn to be good worshipers in "big church." I encourage them to be seated on the floor level near the chancel because it's the best location for the children to stay engaged. I introduce them to the Children's Worship Bags, found at all four entrances to the sanctuary. We take out each item—a pouch of crayons, pencils, a pencil sharpener, bible bookmarks and hymnal bookmarks. I invite the parents to help the children find the hymns in the hymnal and mark them with the bookmarks, and to do the same with the bible bookmarks. I encourage them to read the scriptures together before worship begins, and to save the Children's Worship Bulletins to be used during the sermon. Most importantly, we talk about the fact that worshiping God takes work. (That last statement usually gets me some speculative glances from the children *and* their parents. Worshiping God takes work? Yes, indeed, it does!)

It's so easy to come into the sanctuary, sit in the pew, and be bored. That usually happens when we come with the mindset of an audience member waiting to be entertained. But, when we gather for worship, we're not the audience member, God is. We're the actors who, together, perform an ancient ritual filled with praise and thanksgiving, confession and forgiveness, intercession and tithing, proclamation and prayer. Worshiping well requires us to engage in all of those elements. Worship takes work!

At the beginning of the new Church Year, I invite you to think about your own mindset when it comes to worship. Do you come ready to work? Are you sitting where you can best stay engaged? During the prelude are you reading the scriptures for the day, the hymn texts? When the offering plate comes to you, do you prayerfully offer yourself and your gifts as you place your tithe in it? Do you take notes during the sermon and review them at home? Do you meditate on the symbolism in our

stained glass windows? Throughout the service do ask yourself, "Why did they choose this hymn? This scripture passage?" (We're very intentional about every element of worship.)

As we gather for worship each Sunday, let's do the good, hard work of worshiping well the God who created us, Christ who redeemed us, and the Holy Spirit, who guides, convicts, and teaches.

Grace & peace,



Chairo Music Ensemble



Rehearsals begin September 17.
Grade 6—Adults are invited.
We meet every Sunday at 4:00 pm

Chairo is a transliteration of the Greek word, *χαίρω*, meaning "to rejoice." This music ensemble sings Praise & Worship music as well as global church music.

Dr. Trey Gilliam's FBC Office Hours/Visitation

Sundays	8:30 am—4:30 pm
Mondays	1:30 pm—5:00 pm
Tuesdays	2:00 pm—5:00 pm
Wednesdays	5:00 pm—8:00 pm
Thursdays	2:00 pm—5:00 pm
Fridays	2:00 pm—5:00 pm

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Save the Date

Service of Installation

for

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III (Trey)

October 15, 2017

11:00 am

Rev. Dr. Larry Hovis, Guest Preacher
Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist
Fellowship of North Carolina



It's a Boy!

Congratulations are extended to the Hughes family in the birth of Lucas Benton Hughes on Friday, September 1. Luke is the son of Tyler & Mandy

Hughes, grandson of Michael & Ellen Hughes, and the great-grandson of FBC members Judy H. & Charlie Pierce.

Texas Relief Kits Needed

Winton Baptist Church is leading an effort to provide relief kits for our brothers and sisters affected by Hurricane Harvey. If you'd like to join in this effort, the details are below:

- 1) **Hygiene Kit:** soap, lotion, shampoo, deodorant, washcloth, comb/brush, facial tissue, shaving cream/razor, toothbrush/toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products. Place in a 1-gallon resealable bag.
- 2) **First Aid Kits:** that can be purchased at most drug or grocery stores
- 3) **Diapers and Formula**

Items are due at FBC Tues., September 19 for delivery to the West Chowan Baptist Association Office. Winton Baptist will depart Fri., Sep 22, to deliver items to Texas.

Woman's Missionary Union *By All Means*

September Mission Project *Kairos Prison Ministry Cookie Project*

Purchase chocolate chip cookies (precut ones in dairy dept. as they will melt down to correct size, 2 to 2 1/2 inch). Do not add anything to the batter. Completely cool before bagging. Bag one dozen cookies in quart re-sealable freezer bags only. DO NOT use zipper bags. Due at West Chowan Baptist Association (WCBA) Mission Resource Center (MRC) on September 19.

WCBA WMU Cookbooks Reprinted

40th Anniversary Edition—\$15 each available in FBC Office.

*Betty Myers &
Anthony Cooper*

*invite you to share in our happiness
as we exchange marriage vows*

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER TWENTY-THIRD
2:00 P.M.**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF AHOSKIE

Cake Cutting to follow

Calling All Senior Adults



Our monthly luncheon gatherings will resume in **October**. If you have not been a part of JOY (*Just Older Youth*) Fellowship, or if you have been a regular attender in the past, plan to set aside 12:00 noon on the 2nd Thursday each month for a lunch date with your friends at FBC. Cost for each meal is \$4.50 per person. We are working on securing interesting speakers or entertainment for each gathering. Keep abreast of Senior Adult happenings in *The Window*, and join us on October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, and May 10. Looking forward to seeing you!

Senior Adult Ministry Committee



September 3, 2017

Weekly Need	\$	8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$	8,797.25
Difference	\$	19.25
YTD Needs	\$	316,008.00
YTD Offerings	\$	273,485.10
YTD Difference	\$	-42,522.90
CBF Hurricane Harvey Relief	\$	2,563.00
<i>(Gifts are still being received.)</i>		

Thank you for your generous gifts!

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of September 10-16

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Don Joyner, 396-1957

Chip Rose, 287-7827

Extended Session—September 10

Birth-Age 2: Jean Parker, Debbie Rawls,
& Lou Riddick

Ages 3-5: Jessica Britton & Anna Dawson

Ushers—September 10

Jamie Burns, Lee Byrum, Debbie Greene,
Bill Magette, Camille Pierce, Fletcher Pierce;
Balcony— Larry Freeman & Keith Rawls

Sound System—September 10

Rick Burns

Floral Offering—September 10

Whit & Chris Powell

Home Delivered Meals—September 11

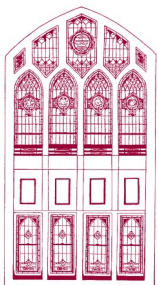
Pat & Henry Byrd

Food Pantry—September 15

Margaret Winn & Henry Byrd

THANK YOU!

A note of thanks has been received from Mari Wiles, Chowan University Campus Minister, for our church's participation in Chowan Freshman Move-in Day.



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Week of September 17-23

Minister on Call

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Deacons on Call

Jamie Burns, 332-7583

Austine Evans, 332-5280

Extended Session—September 17

Birth-Age 2: Susan Earley, Jerri Harrell,
& JoAnn Herring

Ages 3-5: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton

Ushers—September 17

Jameson Brown, Kay Byrd, Malcolm Copeland,
Jane Marie Hollingsworth, Edgar Swain,
Taylor Rose;

Balcony— Dawson Rose & Wally McKeel

Sound System—September 17

Frank Britt

Floral Offering—September 17

Betsy Bazemore

Home Delivered Meals—September 18

Penny & Frank Rose

Food Pantry—September 22

Vicky Overman

Sunday School at Creekside—September 17

Edith Freeman Class

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