



# THE WINDOW

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## Installation Sunday

Words cannot express how pleased I am with our service of installation that took place on October 15, 2017. As I write, over a week later, the overflow of that shared worship experience continues to speak to me. Though words fail me, I must say something, no matter how inadequate to the magnificence of the occasion. Therefore, thank you. My sincere thanks go out to all who assisted with the day, whether in the spotlight or behind the scenes. My gratitude is expressed to everyone who attended as well as to all those who wish they could have attended. Indeed, Sunday, October 15 was not my day. It was our day. It was the church's day. It was God's day.

I left Installation Sunday experiencing both the privilege of serving as your pastor and the inspiration to serve as your pastor. With all of these emotions still very much fresh, I want to elaborate on my brief comments that occurred at the conclusion of our time together. I alluded to Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, "But we were gentle among you, like a nurse taking care of her children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us." (RSV) Paul's affection for this congregation is palpable. I am motivated not only by Paul's willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty, but by his desire to do so. I suspect the formal job description for a missionary/pastor like Paul stops with sharing the gospel (the good news) about God. As Paul looks back on his time with the Thessalonians, he states that he certainly carried out this fundamental task. However, he did more. He shared his very self with the folks of Thessalonica.



## Worshiping Together

October 29, 2017

21st Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am

*Children's Sabbath*

Avery Byrum & Reagan Zoch, preaching

Worship Choirs: Music Friends, The Children Choristers, & Chair

I wonder what this sharing of self looked like exactly. Did Paul go fishing with the people? Did he attend birthday parties and anniversary gatherings? Did he share with them his own doubts and insecurities? I do not know. However, the point is that Paul was more than a preacher. He was a pastor.

And this is what I desire to be among you — more than a preacher, a pastor.

I am grateful for the unique relationship that I share with the congregation of First Baptist Ahoskie, perhaps something akin to the relationship Paul shared with the Thessalonians. In the days ahead, let our installation service serve as our foundation in relation to any obstacles or conflict we may experience. Let us work hard to keep the lines of effective communication open between pastor and congregation. Let us always remember how good we felt on October 15, 2017. As I said on that day, I suspect that the journey ahead, while not without challenges, will be mutually rewarding and satisfying as we share with each other not only the gospel of God but our very selves.

In Christ,  
Trey

## From the Associate Pastor



Five years ago our church held its first observance of Children's Sabbath, a day on which the children lead the majority of the worship service. "Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the *National Observance of Children's Sab-*

*baths* Celebration is a way for faith communities to celebrate children as sacred gifts of the Divine, and provides the opportunity for houses of worship to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care, protect and advocate for all children."

This Sunday, October 29, we are looking forward to celebrating our fifth annual Children's Sabbath. The theme for this year's Children's Sabbath—and for the entire Music & Missions year—is "All Creation Sings." The scripture focus is Psalm 150:6:

*Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.*

Since Children's Music & Missions began in September, we've been working toward this end. Preschoolers through sixth graders have been learning songs, writing prayers, memorizing scripture, and preparing sermons. We've spent time talking about each element of worship and the purpose it serves in the whole of the worship service. We've written the prayers together as a group. We've talked about the difference between being a performer and a worship leader. The children are excited, and they are ready!

At FBC Ahoskie, Children's Sabbath serves as a reminder that the children among us are an important part of the church *today*, not just the church of the future. Children's Sabbath is one of the many ways we let our children know they are loved and valued.

In the days leading up to October 29, I hope you'll spend some time praying for our children as they prepare to lead us. Pray for their leaders too, that we might help them lead well: J. C. Doughtie, April Futrell, Molly Hairston, Jane Marie Hollingsworth, Steven Hollingsworth, Buddy Hyatt, and Suzanne Newbern.

Grace & peace,

## First Wednesday Fellowship November 1, 2017

6:00 pm—Meal

Sign up by 5:00 pm Monday, Oct. 30  
Cost—\$6 per adult; \$3 per child age 12 or younger

6:45 pm—Program

*A Celebration of CBF Global Missions*

## Columbarium Dedication

Sunday, November 5, 2017

You are cordially invited to gather on the church's east lawn immediately following the worship hour for a brief service dedicating the First Baptist Church's Columbarium.

## Save the Date!

Sunday, December 10  
3:00 pm — until

The Gilliams — Trey, Lou Ann and Matty Grace  
— cordially invite you to their home for

**Desserts & Coffee**

620 Lakeview Dr., Murfreesboro NC

## Stewardship Statement


October 22, 2017

Weekly Need	\$ 8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 9,356.26
Difference	\$ 578.26
YTD Needs	\$ 377,454.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 342,351.79
YTD Difference	\$ -35,102.21
CBF Hurricane Relief To Date	\$ 3,065.00
<i>(Gifts are still being received.)</i>	
World Hunger To Date	\$ 235.00
Capital Campaign To Date	\$ 344,150.53

***Thank you for your generous gifts!***

# November

## First Baptist Church of Ahoskie 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Every Sunday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•9:45a Sunday School</li> <li>•11:00a Worship</li> </ul>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Every Wednesday</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•5:00p Children's Music &amp; Missions</li> <li>•6:00p Reformation Study, FH</li> </ul>		<p>1 <b>All Saints Day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•10:30a Ahoskie Garden Club</li> <li>•6p First Wednesday Meal &amp; Program</li> <li>•7:15p Sanctuary Choir</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1p WOM Group 5</li> <li>•6p Edith Freeman Class Dinner</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•9a CWJC</li> </ul>	4
<p>5 <b>22nd Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•11a Communion</li> <li>•12n Dedication of Columbarium</li> <li>•4p Chairo</li> <li>•5p Christmas Choir</li> <li>•6p Christmas Handbells</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1:30p Staff Mtg.</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•10a WOM Groups 2 &amp; 4</li> <li>•7p WOM Group 3</li> </ul>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•3p CWJC Board</li> <li>•6p 2018 Budget Discussion</li> <li>•7p Christmas Choir</li> <li>•7:45p Sanctuary Choir</li> <li>•8p Vocal Ensemble</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•12n JOY Fellowship Lunch</li> </ul>	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•9a CWJC</li> </ul>		
<p>12 <b>23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4p Chairo</li> <li>•5p Christmas Choir</li> <li>•6p Christmas Handbells</li> </ul>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1:30p Staff Mtg.</li> </ul>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•12n Ahoskie Woman's Club</li> <li>•7p Christmas Choir</li> <li>•7:45p Sanctuary Choir</li> <li>•8p Vocal Ensemble</li> </ul>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•9a CWJC</li> </ul>	<p>18</p>	
<p>19 <b>24th Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•10:50a Budget Vote</li> <li>•4p Chairo</li> <li>•5p Christmas Choir</li> <li>•6p Christmas Handbells</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1:30p Staff Mtg.</li> <li>•7p Building &amp; Grounds Committee</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•6p Missions Committee</li> <li>•7p Deacons' Meeting</li> </ul>	<p>22</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No afternoon or evening programs.</p>	<p>23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thanksgiving DAY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Church Offices Closed</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	
<p>26 <b>Christ the King Sunday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•4p Chairo</li> <li>•5p Christmas Choir</li> <li>•6p Christmas Handbells</li> </ul>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1:30p Staff Mtg.</li> </ul>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•7p Christmas Choir w/Handbells</li> <li>•8p Vocal Ensemble</li> </ul>	<p>30</p>			



1 Garnette Pierce  
Bill Earley  
Cyndy Dilday  
Lane Slachta

2 Barbara Roberson  
3 Gary Morris  
5 Carol Paul  
6 Susan Keel  
Alex Britton  
7 Virginia Minton  
Jim Wiggins  
8 Janice Morris  
9 Trajan Frederes

10 Brandon Zoch  
11 Mary Ann Umphlett  
Jim Messer  
Colleen Curley  
12 Rachael Modlin  
Ann Carter Barnes  
13 Sylvia Britt  
Benjamin Britton

16 Fletcher Pierce  
Bryant Brinkley  
18 John Burns  
19 Scott Outlaw  
20 Judy H. Pierce  
24 Burnell McKeel  
28 Margaret Winn  
29 Peggy Lowe

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of October 29-November 4

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

### Deacons on Call

Pat Byrd, 332-4122

Jim Wiggins, 209-5831

### Extended Session—October 29<sup>5</sup>

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

Ages 3-5: Harriet Byrum & Kari Pierce

### Ushers—October 29

Carolyn Arrington, Jameson Brown, Ed  
Copeland Jr., Jane Marie Hollingsworth,  
L. Taylor Rose, Carroll Thompson;  
Balcony— Colby Hauser & Isabella Woodard

### Sound System—October 29

James Early

### Floral Offering—October 29

Jim Wiggins & Cecelia Bracy

### Home Delivered Meals—October 30

Austine Evans & Mary Ann Umphlett

### Food Pantry—November 3

Sandra Pierce

## Week of November 5-11

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

### Deacons on Call

Jean Parker, 332-3550

Edgar Swain, 332-3950

### Extended Session—November 5

Birth-Age 2: Noreen Hannon, Brian &  
Victoria Outlaw, & Tiffany Warren

Ages 3-5: Landis Chamblee & Elizabeth  
Davis

### Ushers—November 5

Kay Byrd, Steven Hollingsworth, Camille  
Pierce, Lane Slachta, Peggy Springfield,  
Reagan Zoch;

Balcony— Larry Freeman & Billy Greene

### Sound System—November 5

Henry Daniels

### Floral Offering—November 5

Rhonda Morris

### Home Delivered Meals—November 6

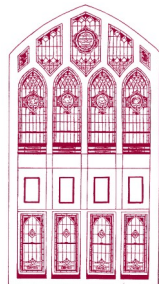
Bess & William Leary Sr.

### Food Pantry—November 10

Bonnie Revelle

### Sunday School at Creekside—November 5

Bess Leary



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