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Safety and Security at First Baptist

In the wake of the church shooting that occurred in Texas, killing 26 people and wounding many others, I was relieved just a bit when I received an email from a concerned member of our church. He articulated the concern that perhaps all of us have had in recent days: what happened at First Baptist Sutherland Springs could also happen to First Baptist Ahoskie. This gentleman not only expressed his concern, he also shared his ideas for how to improve our safety and security. After significant discussion with various members of our church leadership, this is the plan we have decided to implement, beginning this Sunday, November 12, 2017.

We will have people in place at strategic places inside and outside of our church facilities as folks arrive and exit for morning activities. The role of these people will be to discern suspicious activity and respond accordingly via, for example, telling the suspicious party they must exit our premises, contacting police authorities or, if necessary, physical restraint. A few minutes after 11am worship begins, all doors will be locked with the exception of the main sanctuary door nearest West Street. There will be someone monitoring this sanctuary door during worship. The door on the West Street side entrance (the glass door across from the new parking lot; the door we use during the week) will remain locked throughout morning activities, with someone stationed inside to open the door as people arrive. There will be signs on the locked doors directing people, who may arrive late, to the doors they can enter after worship has begun. If you are late for worship, you will still be able to enter. If you need to leave early, you will be able to do so.

So, this is the basic plan for this Sunday and the

near future. It likely will change here and there as new and better alternatives become known.

Please know that safety during church activities has been under discussion well before the horrific happenings in Texas. In fact, our deacons have an initial price quote for the installation of security cameras on our building and grounds. If we purchase these cameras, the ability to monitor our grounds during church activities will be made less complicated. In the meantime, we feel an urgency to do something now.

It is truly a disappointment that we have to be concerned about our physical safety and that of our children while we gather for the worship of God – a time and occasion that by its very nature should be safe and secure. However, life is not as it should be yet. While we await the future coming of the kingdom of God on earth, when as we saw from Revelation 7 last Sunday, every tear will be wiped away, we must face the reality of sin and evil. I am most pleased that our church leadership desires to be proactive in relation to our safety and security.

If you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact Claire Presley, Charles Hughes, Walt Pierce, or me.

In Christ,
Trey



Worshiping Together

November 12, 2017

11:00 am

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Not Enough

Amos 5:18-24

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

From the Associate Pastor

With the turning of our calendars to November, the end of the 2016-17 Church Year is in sight. On November 26 we'll celebrate the last Sunday of the Christian Year, *Christ the King Sunday*, by proclaiming Christ is Lord! *Christ the King Sunday* is a most fitting way to conclude our journey through the life of Christ and the celebration of His church.

As we conclude one Church Year and begin a new one, I thought a review of the entire Church Year might be helpful. The following material is adapted from the blog of the Rev. Dr. Mark Roberts, www.patheos.com/blogs/markdroberts/.

Advent—the Beginning of the Church Year

When: The four Sundays prior to Christmas. Includes all days until Christmas (or Christmas Eve).

Themes: Waiting, expectation, hope, yearning, our need for a Savior. Christians remember the Jewish yearning for the “advent” (Latin for “coming”) of the Messiah. We also acknowledge our hope for the Messiah’s second advent.

Christmas

When: December 25th through January 5, a twelve-day season.

Themes: Celebration of the Incarnation of the Word of God, salvation, joy, kingdom, peace.

Epiphany

When: January 6, the day after the season of Christmas. Often observed on the Sunday nearest January 6.

Themes: The visit of the Magi (Wise Men), the baptism of Jesus, and the truth that salvation through Christ is for all.

Lent

When: Forty weekdays prior to Easter, beginning with *Ash Wednesday*. The precise dates vary according to the date of Easter. The six Sundays during the season of Lent are not counted in the forty days.

Themes: Penitence, morality, human limitations, need for a Savior; self-denial. Some Christian traditions emphasize Lenten fasting (from food, etc.) or adding spiritual disciplines.

Holy Week

When: The last seven days of Lent, prior to Easter. Includes: *Palm Sunday*, *Maundy Thursday*, *Good Friday*, and *Holy Saturday*.

Themes: The last week of Jesus’ life; the death of Jesus and its meaning.

Easter

When: A fifty-day season, beginning on the evening before Easter and continuing for seven Sundays until Pentecost. Includes *Ascension Day*. Easter Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring equinox.

Themes: Salvation, victory, new life, joy.

Pentecost

When: The seventh Sunday after Easter.

Themes: The outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the church, power for service in the church and the world, the inclusion of all of God’s people in ministry.

Ordinary Time

(also called “Sundays after Pentecost”)

When: From the day after Pentecost through

Christ the King Sunday; about five months.

Themes: The basic elements of the Christian life. Ordinary time is not “plain, boring time,” but rather “counted” time. Includes *All Saints Day* and *Trinity Sunday*,

Grace & peace,



With Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Larry & Nancy Freeman, Justin & Sarah Freeman, and family in the death of Larry’s brother and Justin’s uncle, Donald Freeman of Greenville, on Nov. 1.



Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Schedule

at FBC of Ahooskie

Mon., November 13. 4:00 pm — 7:00 pm
Tues., November 14. 8:30 am—12:30 pm
Wed., November 15. 4:00 pm — 6:30 pm
Thur., November 16. 8:30 am—12:30 pm
Fri., November 17. 8:30 am—12:30 pm
Sat., November 18. 10:00 am—12:00 pm
Sun., November 19. 4:00 pm — 8:00 pm

The Week Ahead



Sunday, November 12

- 9:15 am Directory Pictures Taken, Sanctuary
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm Chair Music Ensemble
- 5:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Christmas Handbells

Monday, November 13

- 1:30 pm Church Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

- 12:00 n Ahoskie Woman's Club, FH
- 5:00 pm Children's Music & Missions
- 6:00 pm Reformation Study
- 7:00 pm Christmas Choir
- 7:45 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday, November 16

- 12:00 n JOY Fellowship

Friday, November 17

- 9:00 am Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)

Save the Date

Sunday, December 10th

3:00 pm until ...

Desserts and Coffee

at the home of

Trey, Lou Ann, & Matty Grace Gilliam

620 Lakeview Drive, Murfreesboro

2018 Directory

Pictures for the new directory will be taken on the following Sundays, Nov. 12 and 26, in the sanctuary starting at approximately 9:15 am prior to Sunday School, or following worship. If you cannot be here, please contact Don Joyner at 252-396-1957 to arrange a time for your picture.

We also need updated contact information: mailing address, phone numbers (home and/or cell), and email addresses so that information is as up to date as possible in the new directory.

Newly Elected Deacons

On Sunday, October 22, the church nominated five (5) persons to service in our Deacon Ministry for the 2018-2020 term. Those persons with the highest number of nominations and willing to serve are:

Gloria Freeman	Chuck Revelle
Peggy Springfield	Margaret Winn
Brandon Zoch	

They will begin serving in January 2018. An ordination service will be held for Peggy and Margaret in early January.

Easter Seals/UCP Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, November 17 • 4:00—7:00 pm

Tickets—\$8 donation per plate

Plates include Fried Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, String Beans, Roll (catered by Captain Bob's of Hertford NC). Brownies with or without nuts will be available for 50¢ each. Plates may be picked up at the church's Main St. parking lot next to Edward Jones Investments.

Tickets are available from Sarah Grace Britton at Easter Seals/UCP, and from Claire Presley or Debbie Magette.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We extend our hand of welcome to Erik Kirskey & Dorothy Howell who joined our church on November 5. They have been in our area for several weeks, and have been faithful Sunday School attenders and worshipers. Welcome to the FBC Ahoskie family.



November 5, 2017

Weekly Need	\$ 8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 10,047.47
Difference	\$ 1,269.47
YTD Needs	\$ 395,010.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 357,902.89
YTD Difference	\$ -37,107.11
Bapt. Children's Homes to Date	\$ 48.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of November 12-18

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Betty Joyner, 398-6104

Lee Wilson, 332-4563

Extended Session—November 12

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

Ages 3-5: Jessica Britton & Anna Dawson

Ushers—November 12

Jamie Burns, Lanie Byrum, Tim Frei,
Bill Magette, Pate Pierce, Edgar Swain;
Balcony— Wally McKeel & Dawson Rose

Sound System—November 12

Walt Pierce

Floral Offering—November 12

Oliver Fleming

Home Delivered Meals—November 13

Pat & Henry Byrd

Food Pantry—November 17

Kathy Maxim & Carolyn Harrell

Week of November 19-25

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Claire Presley, 287-6122

Don Joyner, 332-2484

Extended Session—November 19

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

Ages 3-5: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton

Ushers—November 19

Debbie Greene, Jane Marie Hollingsworth,
Spencer Matthews, Fletcher Pierce, Chloe Rose,
Carroll Thompson;

Balcony— Colby Hauser & Andy Woodard

Sound System—November 19

Rick Burns

Floral Offering—November 19

Spencer & Dolores Matthews

Home Delivered Meals—November 20

Rosa & Edgar Swain

Food Pantry—November 24

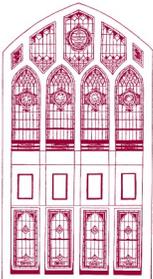
Closed—Thanksgiving

Sunday School at Creekside—November 19

Genesis Class

Thank You

A note of thanks and appreciation has been received from Dana Wiggins. You may view this note on the bulletin board by the church office.



The Window

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