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Elizabeth Miller-Villegas

It is my great pleasure to announce that First Baptist Ahoskie has a new youth and children's minister. Elizabeth Miller-Villegas will assume her responsibilities on January 2, 2018. Elizabeth is an extremely gifted and qualified minister of the good news of Jesus the Christ. She comes to us with the full approval of the personnel committee, the deacon body, and the ministerial staff. Allow me to share a few more details about Elizabeth so you can better understand why our church leadership is so pleased to have her on board.

Elizabeth graduated from Chowan University in 2012 with a degree in psychology. She then went to Campbell University Divinity School. She graduated from Campbell Divinity School in 2017 with a Master of Divinity degree. In the past, she has served as Co-Minister to Youth at Creedmoor United Methodist Church in Creedmoor, NC; volunteer youth minister at Rose Hill United Methodist Church in Rose Hill, NC; and as minister to youth and children at Ann Street United Methodist Church in Beaufort, NC. Elizabeth's husband Jason serves as pastor to Murfreesboro United Methodist Church. They have two preschool boys, Phillip and Worth. The Villegas family resides in Murfreesboro.

Please note that Elizabeth's responsibilities will include children as well as youth. I am especially pleased that we are able to call someone who has experience with children. Furthermore, we were impressed with Elizabeth's ideas for assisting the parents of children and youth in passing on their Christian faith to their daughters and sons. I sense strongly that Elizabeth is a great catch for us!

Merry Christmas to all,

Trey

Worshiping Together

☞ **December 24 at 11:00 am**
The 4th Sunday of Advent



In the Moment

Luke 1:46b-55

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Christmas Choir

☞ **December 24 at 5:00 pm**
Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

All

Luke 2:1-20

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

☞ **December 31 at 11:00 am**
The First Sunday after Christmas

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Musical Leadership: Mrs. Vicky Overman

First Wednesday Fellowship

Epiphany Party

January 3, 2018

6:00 pm

Join us for a wonderful meal, good fellowship, and a time of sharing the "Light of Christ" with the students at Chowan University by preparing comfort bags for them. Mari Wiles, Minister to the University, and her staff keep these "comfort bags" to give students who come down with colds or flu.

Sign-up for dinner by 12 :00 noon Tues., Jan. 2.

\$6 per adult, \$3 per child age 12 & younger,

\$15 max per family

From the Associate Pastor

As we grow ever closer to December 25th and the celebration of the birth of our Savior, I want to offer my thanks to the various leaders of and participants in our music ministry who have led us so beautifully during the Advent season. On the First Sunday of Advent, our children's choirs blessed us with their gifts. Chair-o, our intergenerational music ensemble, led us well on the Second Sunday of Advent, and the Christmas Choir provided beautiful music both in the morning and evening of the Third Sunday of Advent.

So let me say "thank you" to all the singers in all the choirs. Your faithfulness is very much appreciated, and each of you is well loved for the unique gifts you bring to each ensemble.

The success of our music ministry is greatly dependent on the faithfulness and giftedness of our Music Associates, Buddy Hyatt and Bland Baker. I am ever so thankful for these two men and the ministry partnership we share. It is a joy to serve with you and to make beautiful music with you.

Church, you have long been great supporters of a healthy and vibrant music ministry at FBC Ahsokie. Thank you for that continued support.

Whether we be singer, organist, pianist, director, or congregant, may we all be heralds of the "Good News of great joy for all people." Gloria in excelsis Deo!



The Week Ahead



Sunday, December 24

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Monday-Wednesday, December 25-27

Church Offices Closed for Christmas Holidays

Sunday, December 31

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship

Monday, January 1

Church Offices Closed for New Year's Holiday

Tuesday, January 2

- 10:00 am WOM Group 4
- 7:00 pm WOM Group 3

Wednesday, January 3

- 6:00 pm First Wednesday Fellowship

Thursday, January 4

- 1:00 pm WOM Groups 5

Friday, January 5

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

Thank You for Your Ministry

On December 31, 2017, Judd Byrd will retire as Custodian of FBC Ahsokie, a position he has held for 21 years. Judd, we thank you for your long and faithful service, and pray that in retirement you will find great joy and leisure . . . and perhaps many occasions to go fishing! Congratulations!



December 17, 2017

Weekly Need	\$ 8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 5,979.00
Difference	\$ -2,799.00
YTD Needs	\$ 447,678.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 414,886.68
YTD Difference	\$ -32,791.32
YTD Global Missions Offering	\$ 5,142.05
Capital Campaign to Date	\$ 346,240.53

Thank you for your generous gifts!

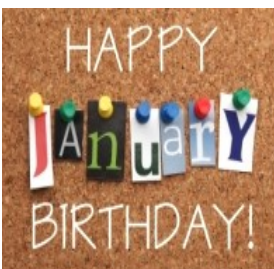
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JANUARY

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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9:45 a Sunday School •11:00a Worship •5:00p Chairo Music Ensemble 	<p>1</p> <p><i>happy new year</i></p> <p>Church Offices Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10a WOM Group 4 •7p WOM Group 3 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10:30 Ahoskie Garden Club •6p 1st Wed. Fellowship/ Epiphany Party •No Choir Rehearsals 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1p WOM Group 5 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9a Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) 	<p>6 Epiphany</p>
<p>7 Epiphany Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •11:00a Deacon Ordination & Communion 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10a WOM Group 2 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •3p CWJC Board Meeting •All Choirs Resume 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •12n JOY Fellowship 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9a CWJC 	<p>13</p>
<p>14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5p Chairo Music Ensemble Rehearsal 	<p>15 MLK Jr. Holiday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7p Building & Grounds Committee 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6p Missions Committee •7p Deacons' Meeting 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •12n Ahoskie Woman's Club 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9a CWJC 	<p>20</p>
<p>21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6p Edith Freeman Class Salad Supper, FH 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9a CWJC 	<p>27</p>
<p>28 4th Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Every Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •2:00p Staff Meeting •5:45p Girl Scout Trp 1702 	<p>Every Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5:00p Children's Music & Missions •6:00p Bible Study, FH •7:00p Sanctuary Choir •8:00p Vocal Ensemble 	



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|---|-----------------|----|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Jeanne Benthall | 9 | Maklynley Roberts | 24 | Bess Leary |
| | Virginia Chitty | 16 | Henry Byrd | 25 | Lisa Frederes |
| | Joyce Umphlett | | Tyson Frederes | 26 | Jerri Harrell |
| 2 | Oliver Fleming | 17 | Bonnie Revelle | | Beverly Bazemore |
| 4 | Lauren Harrell | | Bryan Harrell | | Dana Wiggins |
| 6 | Betsy McSwain | 18 | Billy Presley | 27 | Malcolm Copeland |
| | John Boyd | 20 | Debbie Rawls | | Chris Slachta |
| 7 | Rosa Swain | 21 | Linda Minton | | Isabella Woodard |
| 8 | Lou Wilson | | Tony Bracy | 31 | Jean Hudson |
| | Bennett Pierce | 23 | Kendall Harrell | | |

Thank You

Thanks to your efforts, 243 pairs of socks were collected for needy children, and distributed with the backpacks on Dec. 14th.

—Ahoskie Food Pantry Backpack Ministry

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of December 24-30

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Justin Freeman, 287-9750

James Early, 395-2163

Extended Session—December 24

Birth-Age 2: Austine & Ernie Evans,
& Bess Leary

Ages 3-5: James & Eva Early

Ushers—December 24

Carolyn Arrington, Ed Copeland Jr,
Charles Hughes, Chloe Rose, Peggy
Springfield, Carroll Thompson;
Balcony— Andy & Isabella Woodard

Sound System (11 am & 5 pm)—December 24

Rick Burns

Floral Offering—December 24

Worship Decorating Committee

Home Delivered Meals—December 25

Closed

Food Pantry—December 29

Margaret Winn & Henry Byrd

Week of December 31—January 6

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Bryan Harrell, 370-8440

Nancy Freeman, 287-9104

Extended Session—December 31

Birth-Age 2: Kay Byrd & Nancy Freeman

Ages 3-5: Lyndsay Britt & Drew Phillips

Ushers—December 31

Lee Byrum, Lanie Byrum, Gloria Freeman,
Steven Hollingsworth, Spencer Matthews,
Chip Rose;

Balcony— Colby Hauser & Keith Rawls

Sound System —December 31

Frank Britt

Floral Offering—December 31

Worship Decorating Committee

Home Delivered Meals—January 1

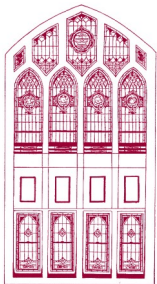
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Food Pantry—January 5

Bess Leary & Judy H. Pierce



Congratulations, Wilhemina Sessoms . . . on 7 years of service as FBC custodian. Wilhemina celebrates her 7th anniversary on December 20. Thank you for your faithfulness and dedication to our church and congregation.



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