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A Drug Problem?

I had to chuckle during a recent conversation I had with a dedicated Christian. She was sad that one of her children had decided not to participate in a local church as an adult. She then said, "he has a drug problem." Caught a bit off guard by the shift in conversation, I replied, "I am so sorry." She said, "It's true. I drug him to church as a child and now he is mad at me!"

While the turn of phrase was new to me, the sentiment is not. I remember Dan Wallace with fondness. He was the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Shelby, NC when I was there as minister to youth. Dan and his brother had a 'drug' problem as well. Their mother and father 'drug' them to church as children and then as adolescents. Dan, of course, was a committed servant of the church of Jesus the Christ in his adult years. His brother, however, decided not to continue participating in the life of a local church in his adult years. Dan said that his brother would complain that their parents made them go to church as a child. Dan's response: "they also made us go to the doctor when we were sick and to school to get an education – what's your problem!"

I've experienced this same dynamic in my own family. My paternal grandfather, who died when I was around seven, was a Baptist and a Methodist minister. Therefore, my father and his sister were preacher's kids. They had a 'drug' problem. In his adult years, my father stayed away from the church. His sister, however, was a deacon in her church and very active until the day of her death. Go figure.

My own take is that, if necessary, our kids should enter adulthood with a 'drug' problem. It is better to have a few fights with your kids over church than to miss the opportunity to plant the seeds of

the good news of Jesus the Christ. I say this for a couple of reasons: 1) While I *strongly* believe in eternal life and the future resurrection of the dead, I *know* that abundant life in the here and now comes through Christ. Perhaps the main reason I am a Christian is because I've tried the Christian life and it works. Naturally, I want this for my child. 2) The fact is kids do not know what is best for them. My understanding is that the brain is not fully developed until we are around 25 years old. Indeed, if we adults did not insist, many kids would not go to the doctor or to school!

I was thrilled last Sunday evening when I received word that we had 14 youth in attendance for Elizabeth's inaugural meeting and outing with them. I was curious so I asked for a list of those who were in attendance. As I read the list, I could not help but to smile with pleasure. Oddly enough, I am more pleased with the parents and guardians of the youth than I am with the youth themselves. Of course, I have no idea what went on behind closed doors. Hopefully, no one had to fight with their children and make them attend youth group. However, I suspect we might have a few kids with a 'drug' problem.

Well done!

In Christ, Trey



Worshiping Together

January 28, 2017

11:00 am

4th Sunday after Epiphany

So What?

Mark 1:21-28

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: Sanctuary Choir

From the Minister to Youth & Children

Greetings!

I am so thrilled to be on board at First Baptist Church of Ahoskie. Since graduating from seminary in May, and moving to the area in June, I have been praying and searching for a place to serve and love. This is certainly an answered prayer. Children and Youth are great passions in my life and I can't wait to get to know you all.

We have started youth group up with a wonderful beginning. On January 21, fourteen youth gathered and talked about a vision for the group as we move forward. We played games, read scripture, prayed together, and headed to Los Amigos for a meal. It was a great start to a wonderful journey.

On February 21, we will be adding a Wednesday evening gathering for children 1st grade through 6th grade from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. This program will be geared towards discipleship and service. Indeed, the Lord is working in this church and community through our young people.

We will need help with meals and volunteers of all ages. Keep a lookout for more information. Let's love boldly!

In Christ,
Elizabeth Villegas

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Each Sunday

- Middle School (6th-8th grade)
5:00 pm
- Youth Meal (Middle & High School)
6:00-6:30 pm
- High School Lesson (9th-12th Grade)
6:30 pm-7:30 pm

From the Associate Pastor

On Wed., Feb. 14, we'll gather for our annual **Ash Wednesday** meal and worship service to mark the beginning of our journey through Lent to Easter. That evening, and also on Feb. 18, the **First Sunday in Lent**, you will receive resources intended to help with your daily walk through Lent.



As you consider how you'll use the resources, you're encouraged to make room in your schedule, preferably a set time, to engage in your daily Lenten practice. Families are encouraged to do their Lenten practice together, at a family meal, or at bedtime, for example. For those who are single, perhaps you may find a partner or a small circle of friends with whom you observe Lent. Then again, you may be one who does very well by him/herself. Whatever the case, I hope you find the resources beneficial for your walk with Christ.

Grace & peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Anita".

Security Measures in Place

Our Deacons on Call have taken on a new responsibility each Sunday. At 9:15 am, all doors will be unlocked while Deacon 1 is stationed at the West St. entrance. At 10:45 am Deacon 2 takes over, locking all doors at 11:10 am except the Main & West St. corner door where Deacon 2 will then be stationed throughout the worship service.

Stewardship Statement

January 21 , 2017

Weekly Need	\$	8,555.00
Weekly Offering	\$	8,212.00
Difference	\$	-343.00
YTD Needs	\$	25,665.00
YTD Offerings	\$	23,386.74
YTD Difference	\$	-2,278.26
YTD Global Missions Offering	\$	5,705.01

Thank you for your generous gifts!



February 2018

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:45a Sun. School • 11:00a Worship • 4:00p Chair Ensemble • 5:00p Youth: Grades 6-8 • 6:00p Youth Supper: Grades 6-12 • 6:30p Youth: Grades 9-12 		Every Wednesday <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 		1 • 1p WOM Gp	2 • 9a CWJC	3
4 <i>5th Sunday after Epiphany</i> • 11a Worship & Communion	5 • 3p Staff Mtg. • 5:45p Girl Scout Trp. 1702	6 • 10a WOM Grps 2 & 4 • 7p WOM Gp 3	7 • 10:30a Ahoskie Garden Club NOTE: Feb. 1st Wed. moved to Feb. 14	8 • 12n JOY Fellowship	9 • 9a CWJC	10
11 <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i>	12 • 3p Staff Mtg. • 5:45p Girl Scout Trp. 1702	13	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Valentine's Day • 6p 1st Wed Fellowship Meal & Ash Wed. Worship	15	16 • 9a CWJC	17
18 <i>1st Sunday in Lent</i>	19 • 3p Staff Mtg. • 5:45p Girl Scout Trp. 1702 • 7p Building & Grounds Com.	20 • 6p Missions Committee • 7p Deacons' Meeting	21 • 12n Ahoskie Woman's Club • 6p Children's Gathering (Grades 1-6)	22	23 • 9a CWJC	24
25 <i>2nd Sunday in Lent</i>	26 • 3p Staff Mtg. • 5:45p Girl Scout Trp. 1702	27	28 • 6p Children's Gathering (Grades 1-6)	 <p>Ash Wednesday Meal & Worship • 6:00 pm Meal • 6:45 pm Worship \$6.00 Adult \$3.00 Child \$15.00 Family Deadline for sign-up is 5:00 pm on Monday, February 12.</p>		



2 Charlie Pierce
Cheryl Slachta
Kathryn Outlaw

3 Braxton Kinlaw
4 Ken Dilday
5 Nancy Perry
Sharon Roope
7 Butch Hassell
8 Heath Britt
11 Larry Matthews
12 Mac Chamblee
13 Penny Rose
Daniel Early
14 April Futrell

14 Chandler Curley
15 Taylor Rose
Madison Alexander
16 Roxie Daniels Thompson
Boyd Tisdale
17 Pat Dixon
Rosalie Mercader
Austin Britton
18 Shirley Pierce
19 Victoria Outlaw
20 Sarah Mizelle

21 Lee Wilson
Mary Page Pierce
23 Beth Hassell
Chloe Rose
24 Wallace McKeel
Mari Wiles
25 Arlene Raiford
Trent Saunders
27 Jerome Mercader
28 E. L. Holloman
Keith Brantley

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of January 28—February 3

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Bryan Harrell, 370-8440

Don Joyner, 396-1957

Extended Session—January 28

Birth-Age 2: Georgia Copeland, Scott &
Lisa Outlaw

Ages 3-5: Susan Copeland & J. C. Doughtie

Ushers—January 28

Carolyn Arrington, Ed Copeland Jr, Spencer
Matthews, Chip Rose, Taylor Rose, Carroll
Thompson;

Balcony— Wally McKeel & Isabella Woodard

Sound System—January 28

Rick Burns

Floral Offering—January 28

In Honor of Alex & Sarah Grace Britton's
Wedding Anniversary

Home Delivered Meals—January 29

Austine Evans & Mary Ann Umphlett

Food Pantry—February 2

Sandra Pierce

Week of February 4-10

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Charles Hughes, 287-8403

Gloria Freeman, 332-2806

Sunday School at Creekside—February 4

Bess Leary

Extended Session—February 4

Birth-Age 2: Jenni Byrd, Betty Cooper &
Cheryl Slachta

Ages 3-5: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Ushers—February 4

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

Balcony— Larry Freeman & Charles Hughes

Sound System—February 4

Frank Britt

Floral Offering—February 4

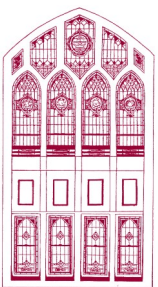
E. L. & Barbara Holloman

Home Delivered Meals—February 5

Joyce Leary & Noreen Hannon

Food Pantry—February 9

Vicky Overman & Barbara Roberson



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