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## *From the Capital Campaign Committee*

We did it! In fact, we reached our Preservation (Phase I) Capital Campaign Goal early. Our church has already donated or pledged to give \$354,145.53 by the end of 2018. Your Capital Campaign Committee of Lyndsay Britt, Austine Evans, Charles Hughes, Louis Mizelle, Walt Pierce, and Bonnie Revelle want to thank you for your devoted and quick response to the immediate restoration needs that we face. As most of you know, our original Co-Chair, Louis Mizelle, moved to Chapel Hill to be near his family, and felt that it would be in our best interest for him to resign from this committee. His contributions were extraordinary, and we will certainly miss Louis, but we are delighted that Charles has agreed to serve as Co-Chair, and that Penny Rose will be joining the Committee.

This church family faithfully responded to the call to contribute to the preservation of this beautiful church structure that has been entrusted to us for the worship and work of God. To date, we have actually received \$264,829.28 and have \$89,316.25 outstanding. It is important to remember that we need to fulfill each of our pledges so that by the end of 2018 we will have received all of the funds for Phase I.

Let me remind you what our collective generosity has allowed us to do.

- We have made significant repairs to the roof over the sanctuary for \$71,849.27.
- The West Street sidewalk has been replaced at the cost of \$17,190.
- We have paved the West Street parking lot with a gift in kind of \$7,800.
- Two pieces of property adjoining the church have been purchased, and a house on one of these properties has been demolished, all of which cost \$82,596.54.

- We have power washed the façade of the sanctuary for \$9,925.
- We are in the process of repairing, caulking, painting, and in some cases replacing windows in our sanctuary and education building, estimated to cost \$20,000.
- We will be able to set aside a fund of roughly \$60,000 for the repair and/or replacement of air-conditioning units when the need arises.
- We will have available about \$60,000 to evaluate and correct the flooding problem in our education building.

What's next? It is PREPARATION for the bright future of our church and our missions. Now that we can see our way through the stabilization of our church building, we can begin to dream. We have heard you mention:

- Renovating or constructing a Fellowship Hall and kitchen.
- Removing the carpet from the main floor of the sanctuary in order to improve acoustics.
- Replacing the carpet and seats in the balcony.
- Renovating several bathrooms.
- Improving the lighting under the balcony.
- Establishing a green space to include a play yard for children and youth activities.
- Building a back or side driveway with a covered portico entrance for our members and guests who need better access to our elevator and children's wing.

As your Capital Campaign Committee begins planning for the next phase of our campaign, we want to hear your thoughts. What capital changes do you envision that will help us prepare for a future of growth and Christian service?

Continuing your generosity,  
The Capital Campaign Committee



## Worshiping Together

February 25, 2018

11:00 am

*The Second Sunday in Lent*

*One Quarter at a Time*

Mark 8:31-38

Mrs. Elizabeth Villegas

Minister to Youth and Children

Worship Choir

The Sanctuary Choir



## Baptism on Easter Sunday—April 1

Anyone who is sensing the Holy Spirit's encouragement to be baptized, please speak with Dr. Gilliam, or Rev. Thompson about the possibility of being baptized on Easter Sunday.

### A Lenten Worship Practice

During the Season of Lent, the congregation is invited to be seated for the Postlude. We hope that resting together in this way will help us end worship well, and equip us to depart the church building ready to be the church in the world.

### From the Minister to Youth & Children...

Hello Church,

As we go through Lent, I pray that our minds become clear to how God is asking us to give of ourselves and to our community.

Youth Ministry is still going strong. We have brushed up on our Bible trivia this week after pondering what Jesus meant when he said, "Blessed are the poor." I look forward to digging deep into scripture with them this season.

If you are interested in helping with our youth or children's activities, let me know and I will be more than happy to discern your gifts and put you to work!

# PASSPORT

*Empowering Students • Embracing the World • Extending Grace*  
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We still need to know who will be going with us to Passport Kids and Passport Youth summer camps. We need to know about chaperones as well as children attending.

In Christ,  
Elizabeth Villegas  
757-434-6235  
elizabeth@fbcahoskie.org

### Thank You

A note of thanks has been received from Judd Byrd. This and other items of interest are posted on the bulletin board by the church office.

### Christian Woman's Job Corps Request



Christian Women's Job Corps is in need of sturdy metal or wood shelving to better organize items,

(dishes, household items, furniture) in the bus garage, and to better utilize the space to allow easier access for participants to locate items. If anyone has any sturdy shelves they would like to donate, please contact Pat Byrd at 332-4122 or 209-4301. Also once shelves are acquired, the help of some able bodied persons would be greatly appreciated to help put shelves up and organize the items. Call Mrs. Byrd if interested.

### Stewardship Statement

February 18, 2018

Weekly Need	\$	8,555.00
Weekly Offering	\$	8,324.93
Difference	\$	-230.07
YTD Needs	\$	59,885.00
YTD Offerings	\$	55,880.10
YTD Difference	\$	-4,004.90

YTD Global Missions Offering	\$	5,755.01
Capital Campaign to Date	\$	354,145.53

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

# MARCH

# 2018

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Every Sunday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:45a Sun. School</li> <li>• 11:00a Worship</li> <li>• 4:00p Chairo Ensemble</li> <li>• 5:00p Youth: Grades 6-8</li> <li>• 6:00p Youth Supper: Grades 6-12</li> <li>• 6:30p Youth: Grades 9-12</li> </ul>		<b>Every Wednesday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5:00p Children's Music &amp; Missions</li> <li>• 6:00p Bible Study, FH</li> <li>• 6:00p Children's Gathering (Gr. 1-6), Room 300</li> <li>• 7:00p Sanctuary Choir</li> <li>• 8:00p Vocal Ensemble</li> </ul>		<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1p WOM Group 5</li> <li>• 5p Nominating Committee</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9a Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:30a-12n Fellowship Hall Reserved</li> </ul>
<b>4</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3p Church Staff Meeting</li> <li>• 5:45p Girl Scout Trp 1702</li> </ul>	<b>6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10a WOM Groups 2 &amp; 4</li> <li>• 7p WOM Group 3</li> </ul>	<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30a Ahoskie Garden Club</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12n JOY Fellowship</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9a CWJC</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:15a Chairo Rehearsal</li> </ul> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3p Church Staff Meeting</li> <li>• 5:45p Girl Scout Trp 1702</li> </ul>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9a CWJC</li> </ul>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>5th Sunday in Lent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child Dedication</li> </ul>	<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3p Church Staff Meeting</li> <li>• 5:45p Girl Scout Trp 1702</li> <li>• 7p Bldg &amp; Grds Committee</li> </ul>	<b>20</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30a SeniorFest at Chowan Univ.</li> <li>• 6p Missions Committee</li> <li>• 7p Deacons' Meeting</li> </ul>	<b>21</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12n Ahoskie Woman's Club</li> </ul>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9a CWJC</li> </ul>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>26</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3p Church Staff Meeting</li> <li>• 5:45p Girl Scout Trp 1702</li> </ul>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6p Meal, Worship &amp; Communion</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7p Worship</li> </ul>	<b>31</b>
 <b>Holy Week</b>						



- 1 Charles Williford
- Nancy Neal
- Larry Meeks
- 2 Keith Rawls
- 3 Jean Rector

- 3 Pate Pierce
- 7 Noreen Hannon
- 8 Sherri Burgess
- 13 Lila Stuart Pierce
- 14 Dolores Matthews
- 14 Lee Byrum
- Justice Zoch
- 16 Makaylin Hall
- 17 Dorothy Newsome

- 18 Frances Bracy
- Amber Bracy
- 19 Taylor F. Rose
- 23 Sawyer Roberts
- 24 Betsy Bazemore
- Lyndsay Britt
- 24 Aaron Holloman
- 25 Anders Messer
- 26 Elizabeth Harrell

- 27 Ronald McSwain
- 28 Dianna White
- Brent Pierce
- Kerby Mercader
- 29 Perry Newbern
- 30 Dawson Rose
- 31 Jean Overton
- Beverly Spicer

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of February 25-March 3

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

### Deacons on Call

Nancy Freeman, 287-9107

Margaret Winn, 209-1495

### Extended Session—February 25

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

Ages 3-5: Eva & James Early

### Ushers—February 25

Carolyn Arrington, J. C. Doughtie, Chip Rose,  
Chloe Rose, Taylor Rose, Justice Zoch;

Balcony— Keith Rawls & Wally McKeel

### Sound System —February 25

Rick Burns

### Floral Offering—February 25

Duck & Jerri Harrell

### Home Delivered Meals—February 26

Gloria & Charles Freeman

### Food Pantry—March 2

JoAnn Downs, Patrise Godwin & Shirley

Stephenson—Winton Baptist

## Week of March 4-10

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

### Deacons on Call

Jamie Burns, 332-7583

Brandon Zoch, 862-5767

### Sunday School at Creekside—March 4

Bess Leary

### Extended Session—March 4

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

Ages 3-5: Landis Chamblee & Elizabeth  
Davis

### Ushers—March 4

J. C. Doughtie, Debbie Greene, Patricia  
Hughes, Pate Pierce, Frank Rose, Edgar Swain;

Balcony— Colby Hauser & Dawson Rose

### Sound System —March 4

Frank Britt

### Floral Offering—March 4

Jessie Simons

### Home Delivered Meals—March 5

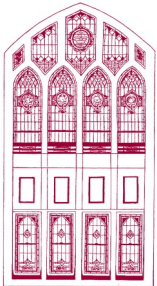
Bess & William Leary Sr.

### Food Pantry—March 9

Jim Daly



**FBC's Benevolence Fund** is running low. These funds are used to help our neighbors in need. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this ministry.



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