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Things that Matter Most

I am still basking in the glow of our worship experience together last Sunday. We agreed to partner with Taylor and Taylor Rose to raise their newborn daughter, Carson Rose, in Christian faith. It was, then, a fitting Sunday for two of our youth – Fletcher Pierce and Camille Pierce – to come forward, make professions of faith, and request baptism on Easter Sunday. During our time together, I reminded our congregation, as I have before, how fortunate we are to have such a sizeable group of young persons in our fellowship – babies, children, youth, and more babies on the way! And I asked all our parents to renew their commitment to raising their children in the church of Jesus the Christ. We all have a divine directive to pass on our Christian hope to the next generation. I am reminded of Jesus' words, "From everyone to whom much is given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." (Luke 12:48 – NRSV) We have been given much here at First Baptist.

As we approach Holy Week, I would like to extend a similar challenge to our entire congregation that I extended to the parents of our young persons on Sunday. I would like to ask all of us to renew our commitment to the church of Jesus the Christ. Perhaps you are a member of First Baptist but have not participated in the life of the church for a long time. Holy Week presents a wonderful opportunity to come back to the church. Perhaps you are disappointed in yourself because you have allowed "the cares of the world, and the delight in riches, and the desire for other things" to weaken your once strong commitment to the church. (Mark 4:19) Holy Week presents a wonderful opportunity to renew your more fervent involvement. Perhaps you are curious about the claims of Christianity and would like to investigate a bit. Holy Week presents a wonderful opportunity to seek after Christ. Perhaps you are a faithful participant in the life of our church and you

have been for years. Nonetheless, you sense that you have become a bit dry in your daily walk with God through Christ. Holy Week presents a wonderful opportunity to rejuvenate a faith that has become rather lackluster.

Holy Week begins this Sunday with Palm Sunday. In worship, the children will assist as we consider Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem for the beginning of the last week of his life. Later in the week we will gather, in the fellowship hall, for a Maundy Thursday meal and communion. On Good Friday we will experience the beauty and tragedy of the Tenebrae service. After walking with Jesus through the last week of his life, we will gather on Easter Sunday to proclaim his resurrection from the dead. Halleluia!

I know that we are a busy people. I understand that life does not stop during Holy Week. However, I also know that we manage to find a way to do those things that matter most. I suggest that what God has done for us through Jesus the Christ should be in the category of things that matter most. If this is not the case in your life, will you consider renewing your commitment to the church of Jesus the Christ? Holy Week presents us with a wonderful opportunity to do so.

In Christ,
Trey



Worshiping Together

March 25, 2018 11:00 am
Palm Sunday

A Sore Thumb

John 12:12-16

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choirs: Music Friends, Children
Choristers, and the Sanctuary Choir

Holy Week Worship 2018



Sunday, March 25
11:00 am Palm Sunday Worship

Join us for worship in the church sanctuary as we praise Christ Jesus, who rode to Jerusalem on the back of a donkey while followers waved palm branches shouting, "Hosanna, Hosanna!"



Thursday, March 29
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Supper and Communion Service

Join us for a family-style meal together in the fellowship hall followed by a service of communion around the table.



Friday, March 30
7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Join us for worship in the church sanctuary as we reflect upon Christ's death through dramatic readings and choral music. (Childcare provided for birth-age 5.)



Sunday, April 1
11:00 am Easter Sunday Worship

Join us for worship in the sanctuary as we celebrate and praise the risen Savior! After the journey through Lent, we will want to join together to proclaim the full glory of Jesus' name and his love for us.

New Members & Baptism

On March 18, Fletcher Pierce and Camille Pierce, son and daughter of Pate and Anna Pierce, shared their profession of faith, and a desire for membership and baptism. We rejoice with them in this most important step of faith, and look forward to celebrating their baptism on Easter Sunday.

FBC Staff News

On Thursday, March 8, we received a letter of resignation from our Music Associate/Organist, Buddy Hyatt. We are grateful for the ministry we have shared with Buddy for the past four years, and wish him well in his future endeavors. His last Sunday with us will be April 1st. Between now and then please offer your thanks to Buddy for his ministry, and your best wishes.



Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 am

for Children up to 5th Grade

At the farm of Stuart & Sandra Pierce
 107 DT Road, Ahoskie

*Bring your Easter baskets and a friend.
 Fun for all!*

Donations of individually wrapped candies are needed to fill plastic eggs for the hunt. A collection box is located in the first floor hallway. Thank you for your help.

You are invited to
**Roanoke-Chowan Christian
 Women's Job Corps**

Thank You Meal

to show appreciation for your help and support.

Saturday, April 7, 2018
 5:00 pm FBC Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP by April 1 to Pat Byrd 332-4122 or pbyrdcwjc@gmail.com that you are coming and how many will be in your family.

Stewardship Statement


March 18, 2018

Weekly Need	\$ 8,555.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 8,041.14
Difference	\$ -513.85
YTD Needs	\$ 94,105.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 88,350.50
YTD Difference	\$ -5,754.50
YTD Parsonage Interest	\$ 1,564.50
YTD Global Missions Offering	\$ 5,855.01

Thank you for your generous gifts!



2018 First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1  Easter No afternoon or evening activities.	2 Church Offices Closed for Easter Holiday	3 •10a WOM Groups 2 & 4 •7p WOM Gp. 3	4 •10:30a Ahoskie Garden Club No Children's & Music Activities •6p First Wed. Fellowship Meal	5 •1p WOM Gp 5	6 •9a CWJC	7 •5p CWJC Volunteers' Thank You Dinner	
8 <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	9	10	11	12 •12n JOY Fellowship	13 •9a CWJC	14	
15 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> •9:15a Chair Rehearsal	16 •7p Bldg & Grds Committee	17 •7p Deacons' Meeting	18 •5p Ahoskie Woman's Club	19	20 •9a CWJC	21 •11:30a Edith Freeman Class Lunch Social	
22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	23	24	25	26	27 •9a CWJC	28	
29 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	30	EVERY SUNDAY •9:45a Sunday School •11:00a Worship •4:00p Chair •5:00p Youth Grades 6-8 •6:00p Youth Supper Grades 9-12 •6:30p Youth Grades 9-12		EVERY MONDAY •3:00p Church Staff Meeting •5:45p Girl Scout Troop 1702		EVERY WEDNESDAY •5:00p Children's Music & Missions •6:00p Bible Study, FH •6:00p Christ's Kids Grades 1-6 •7:00p Sanctuary Choir •8:00p Vocal Ensemble	



- 1 Lou Riddick
- 3 Bill Arrington
- 5 Mike Neal
- 5 Debbie Sisler
- 7 Rebecca Cale

- 10 Stephanie Rose
- 12 Claire Presley
- 13 Ella Harrell
- 13 Haley Warren
- 15 Gloria Freeman
- 16 Charles Hughes
- 16 Debbie Magette
- 16 Kathy McCaskey
- 22 Arthur Brown
- 23 Jennifer Kellett
- 23 Austine Evans

- 24 Sarah Newbern
- 24 Anna Pierce
- 24 Chloe Dunn
- 25 Wally McKeel
- 26 Walt Pierce
- 26 Anna G. Dawson
- 27 Emily Marra
- 27 Ian Kinlaw
- 28 Jane Marie Hollingsworth
- 29 Pace Davis
- 30 Josh Brinkley

April First Wednesday

A fundraiser to support
 Passport Summer Camp
 for our Youth



June 10-15, 2018
 Averett University, Danville, VA

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of March 25-31

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Lee Wilson, 332-4563

Justin Freeman, 287-9750

Extended Session—March 25

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

Ages 3-5: Melanie Byrum & J. C. Doughtie

Ushers—March 25

Kay Byrd, Lanie Byrum, Jane Marie
Hollingsworth, Steven Hollingsworth,
Bill Magette, Taylor Rose;
Balcony— Camille & Fletcher Pierce

Sound System —

March 25 (*Palm Sunday*)—Walt Pierce

March 29 (*Maundy Thursday*)—Rick Burns

March 30 (*Good Friday*)—Frank Britt

Floral Offering (Palms)—March 25

Gayle Cross & Family

Home Delivered Meals—March 26

Austine Evans & Mary Ann Umphlett

Food Pantry—March 30

Closed—Good Friday

Week of April 1-7

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Debbie Magette, 209-7021

Bryan Harrell, 370-8440

Sunday School at Creekside—April 1

Bess Leary

Extended Session—April 1

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

Ages 3-5: Anna Pierce

Ushers—April 1

Carolyn Arrington, Tim Frei, Mollee Frei
Lamm, Chip Rose, Lane Slachta, Reagan Zoch;
Balcony— Charles & Patricia Hughes

Sound System —April 1

James Early

Floral Offering —April 1

Worship Decorating Committee

Home Delivered Meals—April 2

Bess & William Leary Sr.

Food Pantry—April 6

Sandra Pierce

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS. . . for students who are members of FBC Ahoskie, are available for the Bracy and Creech Scholarships which will be awarded this Spring for the 2018-19 year of study. Deadline for receipt of applications is Sunday, April 15, 2018.

The Window

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