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THANK YOU!

Please know how pleased I was (and am) with our “Get Everybody Here Day” / “12 Sundays Challenge” kickoff on August 19. My official counter and our organist tells me we had 225 people in worship. Thank you for putting forth such effort to mark this day with such a high level of participation. I am especially grateful to the hostess committee for a delicious and expertly organized meal. It was a joy to see our fellowship hall overflowing with people enjoying one another’s company. There was good energy and a sweet spirit all around.

Going forward, I want to encourage us with a brief summary of last Sunday’s sermon (August 26). In Revelation 2:1-7, the resurrected Christ commends the Ephesian church for many good qualities. They do not tolerate evil. They stand firm in the midst of persecution they suffer for the name of Christ. They reject the influence of false messengers and messages. Yet, the resurrected Christ rebukes the Ephesian Christians because they left their first love. It is not clear exactly what their first love was. Was it Christ himself? Was it their love for one another? We do not know. However, it does appear that the rebuke has something to do with fading passion as the resurrected Christ instructs the Ephesians to do the deeds they once did.

I am hopeful that going forward we can bottle the enthusiasm and passion that was present in our sanctuary and fellowship hall on August 19. It is a challenge to maintain passion over the long haul. However, I think this is exactly what the Ephesian church is challenged with in Revelation 2. And, I sense that this is the challenge before us now. It takes work and it takes effort to maintain a passionate career, a passionate marriage, and a passionate church. If we will continue to give First Baptist the priority and love that we gave on the

19th, our church will indeed buck the trend of churches on the decline.

I am very optimistic that we are on this trajectory – the trajectory of overcoming the odds and existing as a vibrant church even in a culture that competes with rather than complements the church’s ministries. I am not angry at the culture. It is simply that we Christians need to stand, and not buckle, as we move about in contemporary American culture.

My optimism about First Baptist is based on evidence. Among other items, I understand we had 17 children in extended session, during worship, last Sunday August 26th. We had 170 people in worship. I interpret this evidence to mean that our people are moving the church more to the center of their lives. And this is beautiful to watch because repeated exposure to the gospel is a bulwark against racism, sexism, greed, and all other sins. We need the church to enable us to love our neighbor in faithfulness to the revelation of God in Christ.

It is my great joy to serve as your pastor!

In Christ,
Trey



Worshiping Together

September 2, 2018

11:00 am

*15th Sunday after Pentecost
Bible Presentation*

The Point

Revelation 2:8-11

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Sanctuary Choir

Welcome the New Church Year Begins September 1



1. **Sunday School Promotion on Sept. 2**
 ★New 1st graders join the Grades 1-5 class in room 104.
 ★New 6th & 7th graders join the Youth Sunday School class in the Youth Building.
2. **Bible Presentation on Sept. 2**
 During worship, our new 1st, 6th & 7th graders will be presented bibles.
3. **Children's Music & Missions on Sept. 5**
 Will meet every Wednesday at 5:00 pm.
 ★Ages 3-K meet in room 105.
 ★Grades 1-5 meet in the Choir Room.
4. **Picnic in the Park, Sept. 9 at 6:00 pm**
 Annual Hamburger and Hot Dog Cookout hosted by our deacons.
5. **Chairo Music Ensemble on Sept. 16**
 Will meet every Sunday at 4:00 pm.
 Students in grades 6-12 as well as adults of all ages are invited to sing Praise & Worship music as well as global church music.
6. **Sanctuary Choir Sunday Rehearsal**
 Will meet every Sunday at 5:00 pm.
 For students in grades 6-12 and adults.



We offer our sympathy to the family of Wallace McKeel who passed away on August 28. A graveside service will be held Friday, August 31 at 1 p.m. at Highland Memorial Gardens.

YOU CAN HELP



Ahoskie Food Pantry Fundraiser Saturday, September 22 6:00 pm

A fundraiser for the Ahoskie Food Pantry is being held at the United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at First Presbyterian Church. A steak dinner will be provided, and the entertainment will be provided by Marquis Laughlin, who has a ministry called *Acts of the Word*. Marquis is an actor who has memorized large sections of Scripture. He will be dramatizing the Book of Daniel.

Deadline for the purchase of tickets is September 16. Brenda Whitaker, secretary for First Presbyterian Church, may be reached at pre-schurch@embarqmail.com, or 252-332-2145.

Welcome New Members

We welcome Walter and Linda White into the membership of First Baptist Church. They joined, by promise of letter, on Sunday, August 19th. Thank you, Walter and Linda, for partnering with us in ministry.

Stewardship Statement

August 26, 2018

Weekly Need	\$ 8,555.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 6,592.03
Difference	\$ (-1,962.97)
YTD Needs	\$ 290,870.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 279,922.56
YTD Difference	\$ (-10,947.44)
YTD Global Missions Offering	\$ 6,448.97
YTD Heck-Jones Offering	\$ 2,155.00


Thank you for your generous gifts!



September 2018

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Sunday Schedule 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 4:00p Chairo (Beginning 9/16) 5:00p Youth (Grades 6-12) Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Beginning 9/16)		Wednesday Schedule 5:00p Children's Music & Missions 6:00p Adult Bible Study 6:00p Christ's Kids (Grades 1-5) 7:00p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 8:00p Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal					1 New Church Year Begins
2 15th Sunday after Pentecost  Bible Presentation to 1st, 6th & 7th Graders	3 Church Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday	4 •10a Women on Mission (WOM) Group 4 •7p WOM Group 3	5 •10a Ahoskie Garden Club	6 •1p WOM Group 5	7 •9a CWJC	8	
9 16th Sunday after Pentecost •6p Picnic in the Park, Ahoskie Creek Recreational Center	10 •3:30p Staff Meeting	11 •10a Women on Mission (WOM) Group 2 •3p CWJC Board	12	13	14 •9a CWJC	15	
16 17th Sunday after Pentecost	17 •3:30p Staff Meeting •7p Building & Grounds	18 •6p Missions Committee •7p Deacons' Mtg.	19 •12 noon Ahoskie Woman's Club	20	21 •9a CWJC	22 •6p Food Pantry Fundraiser Dinner	
23 18th Sunday after Pentecost	24 •3:30p Staff Meeting	25	26	27	28 •9a CWJC	29	
30 19th Sunday after Pentecost							



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| 1 Betty Cooper | 12 Betty Duke | 23 Henry Joyner |
| 4 Tony Marra | 13 Earl Futrell | 25 Sandra Pierce |
| 6 John Alexander | 14 Patricia Hughes | 27 Clair Saunders |
| 7 David Barnes | 15 Reid Burgess | 30 Katherine Jernigan |
| 9 Jayne Frei | 18 Alice Brown | |
| 10 Larry Freeman | 19 Jim Minton | |
| 11 Rick Burns | 22 Joanna Dunn | |
| 12 Jean Parker | 22 Millie Britt | |

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of September 2 - 8

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Frank Britt, 642-2087

Claire Presley, 287-6132

Sunday School at Creekside Care

Bess Leary

Extended Session - September 2

Babies: Victoria Outlaw & Brian Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Lou Riddick & Nat Riddick

Ages 3-5: Landis Chamblee & Elizabeth Davis

Ushers - September 2

J.C. Doughtie, Tim Frei, Patricia Hughes,

Mollee Frei Lamm, Frank Rose, & Reagan Zoch;

Balcony—Brad Hauser & Colby Hauser

Sound System - September 2

Walt Pierce

Floral Offering - September 2

Edward Copeland Sr.

Home Delivered Meals - September 3

CLOSED for Labor Day

Food Pantry - September 7

Vicky Overman

Week of September 9 - 15

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Nancy Freeman, 287-9104

Peggy Springfield, 287-5119

Extended Session - September 9

Babies: Jean Parker & Debbie Rawls

Ages 1 & 2: Sarah & Justin Freeman

Ages 3-5: Jessica Britton & Anna Dawson

Ushers - September 9

Carolyn Arrington, Josh Brinkley, Lee Byrum,

Bill Magette, Camille Pierce, & Fletcher Pierce;

Balcony—Larry Freeman & Keith Rawls

Sound System - August 26

Rick Burns

Floral Offering - September 2

Whit & Chris Powell

Home Delivered Meals - September 10

Pat Byrd & Henry Byrd

Food Pantry - September 14

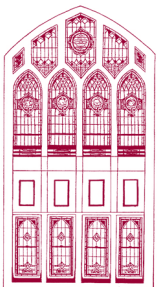
Pansy & Robert Earl White

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