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From the Pastor

12 Sundays?

Pentecost Sunday was such a joy. I do not think I have ever experienced such a meaningful Pentecost. Our sanctuary was decorated with the colors of fire (red, yellow, and orange) because we are told in Acts 2 that tongues as of fire appeared to the disciples with the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our evening choral concert and birthday party for the church, coupled with our morning worship, had me high on the church – so proud to be a part of the universal church of Jesus the Christ and proud, once again, to serve as pastor to First Baptist Church.

As a result of this high that I experienced on Pentecost, I would like to follow up on my Pentecost sermon – “Life to life” from Ezekiel’s account on the valley of dry bones. During this sermon, I suggested that the Spirit of God gives LIFE to life. That is, life with the Spirit is richer and more satisfying than a life not submitted to the Spirit of God. When compared with life in the Spirit, life outside of the Spirit is like a valley of dry bones.

Since the church is designed to assist us as we seek to live a life in the Spirit, it is imperative to the Christian life that we give high priority to our participation in the church. Yet we live in a day and time when wider cultural patterns do not make it easy for us to do this. The days of protestant privilege – when most businesses closed on Sunday and schools would never schedule an activity on a church night – are behind us. So, this means we must work a bit harder to give church participation / life in the Spirit the high priority it deserves.

To help us do this, I would like to issue a friendly pastoral challenge. Will you commit, for the next year, to miss no more than one (1) Sunday a

month? This means, for the entire year you will do your best to miss no more than twelve (12) Sundays. I would love to get at least 30 people to accept this invitation!

I am very curious what this will do for our church. Likely, our weekly average attendance will increase. I’ve noticed though the years a sanctuary that feels full leaves people feeling good. However, more important than higher attendance numbers, I suggest more people of First Baptist will live lives that are more pleasing to God. And I suggest our lives will feel less and less like dry bones and more and more ALIVE as God, through Christ, intends. We will move from living life to living LIFE.

So, what do you think? Will you sign the dotted line to miss no more than 12 Sundays for one year? Of course, there is no dotted line to sign! And, if you should miss 13 Sundays, there will be no handcuffs. However, I am curious concerning the benefits that meeting this challenge might bring to your life and to our life together as First Baptist Church. Are you curious too? If you would like to give this friendly challenge a go, or if you have questions, please let me know via email (trey@fbcahokie.org), text, phone, or face-to-face conversation.

In Christ,
Trey

Worshiping Together

May 27, 2018

11:00 am

Trinity Sunday

Glory Be

2 Corinthians 13:13

Rev. Anita Thompson

Worship Choir: The Sanctuary Choir

From the Associate Pastor

Last Sunday, May 20th, we wonderfully celebrated Pentecost Sunday. Our sanctuary was beautifully adorned for the season with the colors of fire, and our worship was filled with the Spirit. And that good and full Spirit continued when we gathered that afternoon for the Music Ministry's Spring Concert followed by the Birthday Party for the Church complete with birthday cake and ice cream. I loved it when I entered the Fellowship Hall after the concert and immediately spied one of our 3 year olds joyfully exclaiming, "We're having a party!" Yes, Sophia, we did indeed have a party! Happy Birthday, Church!

We have another concert opportunity coming up next week. Tim Ward, a long-time friend and ECU School of Music classmate, is bringing his youth choir from Church Street United Methodist Church in Knoxville, TN, to present a concert in our sanctuary at 5:00 pm. I hope you'll not only plan to come, but you'll invite your friends, co-workers, and neighbors. Tim has always had a special gift for youth choir ministry. No doubt you'll enjoy experiencing the fruit of his ministry.



Thursday, May 31 at 5:00 pm
The Youth Choir of
Church Street United Methodist Church
Knoxville, TN

Summer Day Camp

June 25-28

2:30—5:30 pm

For age 3 through completed grade 5.

Registration forms are due by June 10.

Grace & peace,

From the Minister to Youth & Children



Passport Camp Fund Raiser

Saturday, May 26

Beginning at 10:00 am

Join us for a car wash on Saturday May 26th at 10:00 am at FBCA. The donations from the car wash will go to the Youth Passport Team. The Passport team will be heading to Averett University on June 10 -15 to serve the Danville, VA community. If you have any questions, please direct them to Elizabeth Villegas.

See you there!



Buddy Hyatt will celebrate his 4th staff anniversary on June 1. Thank you, Buddy, for your ministry to and with FBC Ahoskie.

Stewardship Statement

May 20, 2018

Weekly Need	\$	8,555.00
Weekly Offering	\$	5,303.33
Difference	\$	-3,251.67

YTD Needs	\$	171,100.00
YTD Offerings	\$	158,225.48
YTD Difference	\$	-12,874.52

YTD Global Missions Offering	\$	6,055.01
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Thank you for your generous gifts!



June 2018

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Schedule 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship 5:00p Youth (Grades 6-12)		Wednesday Schedule 6:00p Adult Bible Study 6:00p Christ's Kids (Grades 1-6) 7:00p Sanctuary Choir Reh. 8:00p Vocal Ensemble Reh.			1 •9a CWJC	2
3 2th Sunday after Pentecost  BACCALAUREATE	4 •3:00p Staff Meeting •5:45p Girl Scout Trp 1702	5 •10a WOM Groups 2 & 4 •7p WOM Group 3	6 •10:30a Ahoskie Garden Club	7 •1p WOM Group 5	8 •9a CWJC	9
10 3rd Sunday after Pentecost ★Summer Day Camp Registration Deadline No Youth Meeting	11 •3:00p Staff Meeting •5:45p Girl Scout 1702	12	13 No Christ's Kids Mtg.	14	15 •9a CWJC	16
Youth Passport Camp: June 10-16 • Averett University, Danville, VA						
17 4th Sunday after Pentecost No Youth Meeting	18 •3:00p Staff Meeting •5:45p Girl Scout 1702 •7p Bldg & Grounds Com.	19 •7p Deacons' Meeting	20 •12n Ahoskie Woman's Club	21	22 •9a CWJC	23
24 5th Sunday after Pentecost	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Summer Day Camp: June 25-28 • 2:30—5:30 pm					
			No Christ's Kids Mtg.	6:30p Summer Day Camp Performance		



1 Nancy Bracy	5 Alan Myers	15 Bernice Umphlett	25 LuAnn Joyner
3 Adam Bracy	9 Joyce Brantley	17 Jerry Alexander	26 Margie Minton
4 Anita Thompson	9 Jenny Burden	17 Nat Riddick	26 Buddy Hyatt
	9 Sarah Freeman	18 Barbara Holloman	27 Mike Perry
	10 Leah Woodard	18 Ruth Overman	27 Leroy Pierce
	11 Edward Copeland, Sr.	18 Ruth Overton	28 Betty Joyner
	12 Susan Earley	18 Edgar Swain Jr.	29 Eva Early
	13 Andy Woodard	19 Carroll Thompson	30 Liza Pierce
	14 Joyce Leary	21 Mike Henderson	
	15 Nikki Hyatt	22 Eloise Miller	
	15 Chuck Revelle	23 Stuart Pierce Jr.	

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of May 27-June 2

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

James Early, 395-2163

Lee Wilson, 332-4563

Extended Session—May 27

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

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

Ushers—May 27

Carolyn Arrington, Lanie Byrum, Jane Marie
Hollingsworth, Bill Magette, Alan Myers,
Reagan Zoch; Balcony— Camille Pierce & Pate
Pierce

Sound System —May 27

Rick Burns

Floral Offering—May 27

Tom & Carol Jean Fretwell

Home Delivered Meals—May 28

Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

Food Pantry—June 1

Sandra Pierce

Week of June 3-9

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Justin Freeman, 287-9750

Debbie Magette, 209-7021

Sunday School at Creekside Care—June 3

Bess Leary

Extended Session—June 3

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

Ages 3-5: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Ushers—June 3

Carolyn Arrington, Josh Brinkley, Jane Marie
Hollingsworth, Steven Hollingsworth, Spencer
Matthews, Frank Rose;
Balcony— Larry Freeman & Dawson Rose

Sound System —June 3

Frank Britt

Floral Offering—June 3

Worship Decorating Committee

Home Delivered Meals—June 4

Charles & Gloria Freeman

Food Pantry—June 8

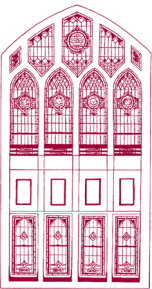
Henry Byrd & Margaret Winn

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North Street House Update

May 23, 2018

Some of you have asked how you can help with the North St. House. Here are some items we need. Perhaps you or your Sunday School class, WMU group, or friend group would like to pick an item, or adopt the needs in one room, etc. So that we don't duplicate items, please indicate your contribution on the list on 2nd floor bulletin board.

I am specific about a few items, like towels, because each family will be given specific colored towels for their room, so we know which towels belong to which family. I have given a choice of colors for each room; please choose just one. For example, Bedroom 1 needs all the towels and wash cloths to be either beige, purple, or lavender, not a combination of those colors.

Bedroom 1

- Alarm clock •One full blanket
- 4 towels and washcloths (beige, purple, or lavender)
- Laundry hamper (stands upright). *Plastic ones with wheels found at Walmart are perfect.*

Bedroom 2

- Alarm Clock •3 twin blankets, same colors if possible
- 4 towels and washcloths (black or grey)
- Laundry hamper (stands upright). *Plastic ones with wheels found at Walmart are perfect.*

Bedroom 3

- Alarm clock •3 twin blankets, same colors if possible
- 4 towels and washcloths (yellow or brown)
- Laundry hamper (stands upright). *Plastic ones with wheels found at Walmart are perfect.*

Bathroom

- Toilet brush and holder —•Toilet plunger
- Shower rod (spring loaded) —•Shower curtain

Kitchen

- Dishcloths —•Toaster (4-slices) •Wall clock
- Dishtowels —•Set of cutting knives •Pot holders —

Other Items

- Iron •3 Outside doormats •Clock for living room
- Ironing board •3 Inside doormats •Chairs and/or swing for porch
- 3 Baskets with handles; large enough for a resident to carry toiletries from bedroom to bathroom,
Since residents will share a bathroom, personal items cannot be left in the bathroom.

More costly items that are on the wish list:

- Computer and printer •Flat screen TV

Thanks for your continued support of the North Street House ministry project. Together, we've accomplished a great deal.

Pat Byrd, Director

Roanoke Chowan Christian Woman's Job Corps

Pictures from the North Street House Workday on May 19, 2018

