



THE WINDOW

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Going Backwards

Last Friday afternoon, I decided it was time to tidy up my office here at our church facilities. I have been working out of this space for almost a year and a half now. So, things were a bit cluttered. Once I had talked myself into tackling this task, I decided I needed a bit of company to help offset the mundaneness of the job. I then pulled up Pandora from the web. Pandora is a website that enables you to request the type of music you want to listen to via creating channels. On this occasion, I created a new channel – a Keith Green channel – to go along with others I had created in the past. Green, who died in a plane crash with two of his small children in 1982, wrote and sang Christian music.

As an undergraduate student, I majored in communications studies - radio, television, and photography were my areas of concentration. For two summers, I worked at Windy Gap - a Young Life camp in Weaverville, NC. During my first summer I was the assistant video technician. This position served as an internship towards my degree. The second summer, I returned as the head video technician.

Each week the video department produced a fifteen-minute video of the campers and the various activities they participated in during the week. Once we were done with filming and editing, we then made copies to sell in the camp store. We had the ability, in the editing bay, to make ten copies at a time. So, it took the better part of an afternoon to complete the job. While I was making copies, I would listen to Christian music that was popular at the time - artists such as Rich Mullins, Twila Paris, Amy Grant, Steven Curtis Chapman, Keith Green, Susan Ashton and my favorite, Mar-

garet Becker (her song "The Hunger Stays" is spot-on). While listening to music, I would often reflect, pray, and write in my journal. These were holy times.

Of late, I've gone back to this practice of listening to once popular music and reflection while engaged in a task of some sort. I am not the same person I was in the early 1990s. I am more mature, wiser, and more knowledgeable about the Bible and the historical development of our faith. However, there is much I like about that guy, in his early twenties, hanging out in a dark video production suite. He had a passion for Christ and an enthusiasm for the church that, unfortunately, time often dulls. That guy had a strong desire to see people come to faith in Christ for the first time. All in all, he was an okay guy.

Sometimes it is good to go backwards. It is good to recreate a time in life when the flames of faith burned brightly. And then, while we are in the past, do our best to bring those flames back with us into the present.

In Christ,
Trey



Worshiping Together

July 8 2018

11:00 am

7th Sunday after Pentecost

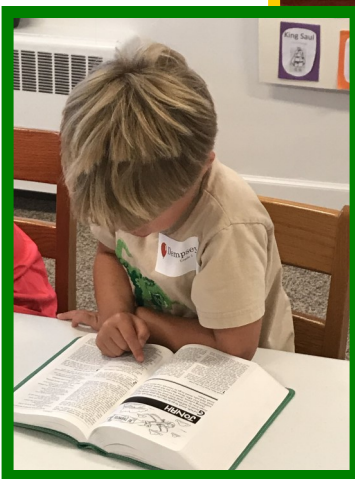
Dedication of Jesse James Freeman

The Bench

2 Samuel 5:1-10

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Sanctuary Choir





July 2018

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 • 10a Women On Mission (WOM) Groups 2 & 4 • 7p WOM Group 3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Office Closed	5 • 1p WOM Group 5	6 • 9a Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)	7
8 6th Sunday after Pentecost Child DEDICATION	9 • 3:30p Staff Meeting	10 • 3p CWJC Board Mtg	11	12 • 1p WOM Group 5	13 • 9a CWJC	14
15 7th Sunday after Pentecost	16 • 3:30p Staff Meeting	17	18	19	20 • 9a CWJC	21
NC Baptist All-State Youth Choir: July 15-22						
22 8th Sunday after Pentecost	23 • 3:30p Staff Meeting	24 • 6p Edith Freeman Class Covered Dish Dinner	25	26	27 • 9a CWJC	28
29 9th Sunday after Pentecost	30 • 3:30p Staff Meeting	31	Sunday Schedule 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship		Wednesday Schedule 6:00p Adult Bible Study 6:00p Christ's Kids (Grades 1-6)	

Birthdays of the Month

1 Cleo Mitchell	14 Nancy Freeman
3 Ed Copeland, Sr.	16 Jessica Brinkley
5 Sandra Hassell	21 Jeremy Roberts
6 Ernie Evans	21 Ben Woodard
8 Brian Outlaw	23 Eddie Allen
10 Ruthie Daniels	23 Ruth Ward
11 Spencer Matthews	27 Trey Byrum
11 Kari Pierce	29 Vicky Overman
11 Gretchen Zoch	30 Susan Copeland
12 Harriet Byrum	31 Kerrae Joyner
13 Sophia Byrd	

Stewardship Statement

July 1, 2018

Weekly Need	\$ 8,555.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 9,747.29
Difference	\$ +1,192.29
YTD Needs	\$ 222,430.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 210,445.54
YTD Difference	\$ -11,984.41
YTD Global Missions Offering	\$ 6,055.01

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Week of July 8 - 14

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Nancy Freeman, 287-9104

Margaret Winn, 309-1495

Extended Session - July 8

Birth-Age 2: Jean Parker, Debbie Rawls, &
Lou Riddick

Ages 3-5: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton

Ushers - July 8

Heath Britt, Tim Frei, Alan Myers, L. Taylor
Rose, Lane Slachta, & Peggy Springfield;
Balcony—Keith Rawls & Andy Woodard

Sound System - July 8

Frank Britt

Floral Offering - July 8

Jeffery & Rita (Myers) Bula; Alan, West, &
Mary Myers

Home Delivered Meals - July 9

Bill & Susan Earley

Food Pantry - July 6

Jim Daly

Week of July 15 - 21

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Jamie Burns, 332-9461

Brandon Zoch, 862-5510

Sunday School at Creekside Care - July 15

Genesis Class

Extended Session - July 15

Birth-Age 2: Jerri Harrell, Susan Early, &
JoAnn Herring

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

Ushers - July 15

Carolyn Arrington, Lanie Byrum, Lee Byrum,
Duck Harrell, Nat Riddick, & Edgar Swain, Jr.
Balcony—Patricia Hughes & Isabella Woodard

Sound System - July 15

James Early

Floral Offering - July 15

Bill & Debbie Magette

Home Delivered Meals - July 16

Penny & Frank Rose

Food Pantry - July 20

Vicky Overman & Melanie Byrum

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