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From the Associate Pastor



Under the leadership of beloved ministers of music, organists, and pianists, a strong music ministry has been a hallmark of First Baptist Church of Ahoskie for much of its 200+ year history. And for the past four years, Buddy Hyatt helped us continue that tradition as he served as Music Associate/Organist. Buddy concluded his ministry with us on September 5, therefore, with gratitude, we offer our thanks and wish him well.

Upon learning of Buddy's resignation, many of you have asked, "How long do you think it will take for us to find another organist." My answer remains the same: I have no idea, but I'm hopeful.

I have no idea because I know there's a nationwide shortage of organists. I have no idea because, even at my alma mater, East Carolina University, which has long had a very strong School of Music, there aren't enough organ majors to merit a full-time Professor of Organ. (The part-time organ professor also serves as the Organist/Choir Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville.)

We will make connections and get the word out. We will pray and hope for a new partner in ministry who has the musical gifts we need to continue the fine music tradition we've always had at FBCA. In the meantime, I remain grateful for the ministry of Bland Baker who is ever faithful and more than able to help us press on. Thank you, Bland.

Speaking of pressing on, our intergenerational ensemble, Chairó, begins rehearsals this Sunday, September 16. Chairó will meet each week at 4:00 pm in the choir room. Students in grades 6-12 as

well as adults of all ages are invited to come and sing. We sing praise & worship music as well as global church music. Chairó is a transliteration of the Greek word for "to rejoice."

Then at 5:00 pm, beginning September 16, I will lead a Sanctuary Choir rehearsal for any singers who would like to sing in the Sanctuary Choir but are not able to rehearse on Wednesday evenings.

All of our choir rehearsals are filled with beautiful music-making and lots of joyful laughter. Music and laughter, what better "medicine?" Come join us!

Grace & peace,



Worshiping Together
September 16, 2018
11:00 am
17th Sunday after Pentecost

How Nice
Revelation 2:18-29
Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Sanctuary Choir

Preparing for Hurricane Florence

As of Tuesday afternoon, September 11, hurricane Florence is predicted to impact our area with strong winds and heavy rain into the weekend. Should it be necessary to cancel Sunday School and Worship on September 16, we will spread the word, if able, through *Call One* phone calls and Facebook posts. May we all remain safe, and be ready to help one another, if needed, after the storm passes.



You're Invited to a Baby Shower



Our Youth Group kicks off the 2018-19 Church Year with a pool party this Sunday, September 16 at 5:00 pm at the Murfreesboro Pool. Contact Elizabeth Villegas, Minister to Youth & Children for

more information: elizabeth@fbcahoskie.org, 757-434-6235.

Beginning Sunday, September 23, the Youth will resume their regular Sunday evening gatherings. Here is the schedule:

5:00-6:00 pm

•*Middle School*—Grades 6 - 8

6:00-6:30 pm

•*Youth Snack Supper*—Grades 6 -12

6:30-7:30 pm

•*High School*—Grades 9 -12

Youth who are interested in singing with Chairó are invited to come at 4:00 pm for rehearsal in the choir room.



Parents of Youth and other interested adults . . .

Volunteers are needed to provide a Youth Snack Supper. If interested please contact Elizabeth and let her know of your willingness to help out.

**Saturday, September 29
2:00 to 4:00 pm**

Murfreesboro United Methodist Church

Our Minister to Youth & Children, Elizabeth Villegas, and her husband, Jason, pastor of Murfreesboro United Methodist Church, are preparing for the birth of a baby girl in early November. Baby Girl Villegas will join brothers, Worth, age 4, and Phillip, 14 months.

The congregation of Murfreesboro United Methodist Church has invited us to a floating shower for the Villegas' family; it will be held in their Fellowship Hall.

The Villegas' are registered at amazon.com, and walmart.com.



September 9, 2018

Weekly Need	\$ 8,555.00
Weekly Offering	\$ 10,075.00
Difference	\$ 1,520.00
YTD Needs	\$ 307,980.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 300,478.38
YTD Difference	\$ (-7,501.62)
YTD Global Missions Offering	\$ 6,448.97
YTD Heck-Jones Offering	\$ 2,320.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!



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 on Saturday, September 22 at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at First Presbyterian Church.

A steak dinner will be served, 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.

Pansy White, a faithful Food Pantry volunteer, is in charge of desserts for the dinner, and has asked for volunteers to bake homemade cakes. If you'd like to help in this way, please call Mrs. White at 332-3912.

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

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, September 17
 7:00 pm Building & Grounds Committee

Tuesday, September 18
 5:45 pm Missions Committee
 7:00 pm Deacons



Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Brandon & Dare (Allen) Harp of Fayetteville, NC, in the birth of twin sons, Cade & Luke, on September 2. Dare is the daughter of FBCA member, Eddie Allen, and the granddaughter of FBCA member, Katherine Allen.

Congratulations to Will & Landis Chamblee in the birth of their daughter, Helen Anderson Chamblee, on September 7. The proud big brother is Mac, and the equally proud FBCA grandmother is Georgia Copeland.

Congratulations to Walt & Mary Page Pierce in the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth "Libby" McClain Pierce on September 11. The proud siblings are Dempsey and Stuart, and the equally proud FBCA grandparents are Stuart & Sandra Pierce.



Chairo Music Ensemble

Sundays at 4:00 pm
 Beginning September 16

For Grades 6-12 and Adults

Sanctuary Choir
SUNDAY Rehearsal

Sundays at 5:00 pm
 Beginning September 16

For Grades 9-12 and Adults



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SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of September 16-22

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Jamie Burns, 332-9461

Margaret Winn, 209-1495

Sunday School at Creekside Care

Edith Freeman Class

Extended Session - September 16

Babies: Kari Pierce & Taylor F. Rose

Ages 1 & 2: Susan Earley & JoAnn Herring

Ages 3-5: Alex Britton & Sarah G. Britton

Floater: Melanie Byrum

Ushers - September 16

Heath Britt, Kay Byrd, Lanie Byrum, Jane M. Hollingsworth, L. Taylor Rose, & Edgar Swain
Balcony— Henry Joyner & Dawson Rose

Sound System - September 16

Frank Britt

Floral Offering - September 16

Jamie & Rick Burns

Home Delivered Meals - September 17

Penny & Frank Rose

Food Pantry - September 21

Margaret Winn & Henry Byrd

Week of September 23-29

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Bill Arrington, 395-0937

Brandon Zoch, 862-5767

Extended Session - September 23

Babies: Lisa & Scott Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Jessica Brinkley & Georgia Copeland

Ages 3-5: J.C. Doughtie, Billie Jo & Michael Harrell

Floater: Judy H. Pierce

Ushers - September 23

Carolyn Arrington, Ed Copeland Jr., Charles Hughes, Chloe Rose, Peggy Springfield, & Carroll Thompson

Balcony— Andy & Isabella Woodard

Sound System - September 23

James Early

Floral Offering - September 23

Family of Dot Williford

Home Delivered Meals - September 24

Bess & William Leary

Food Pantry— September 28

JoAn Downs, Patrise Godwin, Shirley Stephenson



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