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Good News!

I have good news to share! Over a month ago, in a sermon from Revelation 2:18-29, I made known my desire to identify another mission project. There is wide-spread agreement that the North Street house renovation, for use by Christian Women's Job Corps, was not only good for the ladies who now live in the house, but the project was also very good for our church. A church fulfills its mission by loving God and neighbor. There is great satisfaction when the church does what the church is supposed to do!

In that sermon, I asked you to consider the need we have to refine our benevolence ministry. As it now stands, people come to the church office seeking assistance of some sort. They may need help with their electric bill, water bill, or the purchase of medication. Anita or I will meet with the person. We have an intake form that we fill out. This process helps us to better discern the person's need. Anita and I then decide what to do.

I affirm the church's role in assisting the needy – it is biblical! Furthermore, there is historical precedent, going back into the early layers of Christianity, for the practice of clergy distributing financial resources to the poor. However, there are problems with our practice as it stands now. 1) We do the best we can; however, neither Anita or I are trained to assist people in this fashion. 2) The process of meeting with people, while rewarding, is also time consuming. There are some days that we spend all morning with benevolence needs. This investment of time takes us away from what we are trained to do: prepare and lead in worship, provide pastoral care, and administer the day-to-day running of the church. 3) Our benevolence ministry currently serves as a band aid. While a band aid is indeed better than nothing, it would be nice to do more.

What if we could counsel people on how to better manage their finances? What if we could refer people to alcohol and drug recovery programs when needed? What if we had knowledge of the area resources available to help persons rebound from unfortunate circumstances and bad decisions?

During that sermon, I also asked the congregation to enter into discussion concerning how to improve our ministry to low-income people in our community. Due to the discussions that followed, this has emerged: Anna and LaCount Anderson, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries to Northeast North Carolina through Together for Hope, will be in Ahoskie on Tuesdays beginning November 13 from 10am to 3pm. They will set up shop in the youth building across the street from our sanctuary to meet with benevolence clients. As the focus of Together for Hope is poverty in rural America, Anna and LaCount are uniquely qualified to lead us in the refinement process of our benevolence ministry.

I am over the moon about this development. Please join me in praying for the successful refinement of our benevolence outreach. And please begin to consider a call from God to learn from Anna and LaCount so that you too might get involved with our low-income neighbors who are made in the image of God.

In Christ,
Trey



Worshiping Together

October 28, 2018

Children's Sabbath

Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23

Worship Choirs: Music Friends &
Children Choristers



Trunk or Treat 2018
Sunday, October 28
5:00—6:15 pm

This year the Missions Committee decided to return to our previous tradition of providing a free meal of hotdogs, chips and drinks. And during the meal we'll play Candy Corn Bingo.

We'd love to see adults of all ages seated side by side with our dear costumed little ones. And adults, if you'd like to come in costume, you're welcome to do so too! (But it's not required.)

- Here's the schedule for the evening:
- 4:00 pm Volunteers gather in Fellowship Hall
 - 5:00 pm Supper & Candy Corn Bingo
 - 5:45 pm Trunk or Treating (for Birth-Grade 5)
 - 6:15 pm Dismiss

**Christian Women's Job Corps
 Has Need of The Following:**

- Boys 4T Pants and/or Shirt
- Boys size 8 shoe

As you clean out closets, please remember that someone else is in need of your unwanted or unneeded items.

Thanks for your help with this ministry. Contact Pat Byrd, CWJC Director, for more information.



**November Church-wide
 Mission Project**

Throughout the month of November, we will join our fellow churches in the West Chowan Baptist Association in collecting items for the Christian Women's Job Corps North Street House ministry.

The items we have been assigned are: Rice, Dish-washing Detergent, Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Sanitary Pads, and One Inch 3-Ring Binders. Collection boxes are located under the "Hospital Board" on the first floor hallway.

- The Missions Committee

Deacon Nomination Results

On Sunday, October 21, the church received nominations for persons to serve as deacons for the 2019-2021 term. As a result, the following five persons received the most nominations and have agreed to serve: Austine Evans, Betty Joyner, Edgar (Buzzy) Swain Jr., Jim Wiggins, and Andy Woodard. Thank you, church, for your participation in this process. And thank you, Austine, Betty, Buzzy, Jim and Andy for your willingness to serve.


Children's Sabbath

The Grades 1-5 children will rehearse in the sanctuary at 9:15 am on Sunday morning, October 28. They should wear dark or khaki pants/skirt, and dark shoes. They will be given red turtlenecks upon their arrival at church.

The Age 3—Kindergarten children do not have early rehearsal. They'll gather in Room 105 at 10:45 am. They should dress in their usual Sunday morning fashion.

2019 Budget Process

You should soon receive in the mail a copy of the proposed 2019 budget. We will hold a budget discussion on Wednesday, November 7 as part of our November 1st Wednesday. We will vote on the budget on Sunday, November 18 at a called Church Conference at 10:50 am.



October 21, 2018

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| Weekly Need | \$ 8,555.00 |
| Weekly Offering | \$ 6,834.00 |
| Difference | \$ (-1,721.00) |
| YTD Needs | \$ 359,310.00 |
| YTD Offerings | \$ 346,274.47 |
| YTD Difference | \$ (-13,035.53) |
| YTD World Hunger Offering | \$ 294.00 |

Thank you for your generous gifts!

November

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie
2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|-----|
| Sunday Schedule •9:45a: Sunday School •11a: Worship •4p: Chairo •5p: Youth, Grades 6-8 •5p: Christmas Choir •5:40p: Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal •6p: Youth Supper •6:30p: Youth, Grades 9-12 | | Wednesday Schedule •5p: Children's Music & Missions •5p: Women's Bible Study •6p: Bible Study •7p: Sanctuary Choir •8p: Vocal Ensemble | | 1 •1p: Women on Mission, (WOM) Group 5 | 2 •9a: Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) | 3 |
| 4 24th Sunday after Pentecost All Saints Day Communion | 5 •3p: Staff Mtg. •5:45p: Girl Scout Troops | 6 •10a: WOM Groups 2 & 4 •7p: WOM Group 3 | 7 •10a: Ahoskie Garden Club •6p: First Wednesday Meal & 2019 Budget Discussion | 8 •12p: JOY Fellowship | 9 •9a: CWJC | 10 |
| 11 25th Sunday after Pentecost Youth groups will not meet. | 12 •3p: Staff Mtg. •5:45p: Girl Scout Troops | 13 •3p: CWJC Board Mtg. | 14 •12p: Ahoskie Woman's Club | 15 | 16 •9a: CWJC | 17 |
| Christmas Shoebox Collection at FBC: November 12-19 | | | | | | |
| 18 26th Sunday after Pentecost •10:50a: Budget Vote Christmas Shoebox Collection at FBC: November 12-19 | 19 •3p: Staff Mtg. •5:45p: Girl Scout Troops •7p: Building & Grounds Com. | 20 •7p: Deacons' Meeting | 21 No Afternoon or Evening Activities | 22  | 23 Church Offices Closed | 24 |
| 25 Christ the King Sunday | 26 •3p: Staff Mtg. •5:45p: Girl Scout Troops | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 •9a: CWJC | |



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Garnette Pierce
1 Cyndy Dilday
1 Bill Earley
1 Lane Slachta

2 Barbara Roberson
3 Gary Morris
5 Carol Paul
6 Susan Keel
6 Alex Britton
7 Virginia Minton
7 Jim Wiggins
8 Janice Morris
9 Trajan Frederes

10 Brandon Zoch
11 Jim Messer
11 Mary Ann Umphlett
12 Ann Carter Barnes
12 Rachael Modlin
13 Benjamin Britton
13 Sylvia Britt
16 Fletcher Pierce
16 Bryant Brinkley

18 John Burns
19 Scott Outlaw
20 Judy H. Pierce
28 Margaret Winn
29 Peggy Lowe

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of October 28-November 3

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Charles Hughes, 287-8403

Gloria Freeman, 395-0370

Extended Session - October 28

Babies: Austine Evans & Sandra Pierce

Ages 1 & 2: Jessica Brinkley, Georgia Copeland
& Bess Leary

Ages 3-5: Eva & James Early

Floater: Judy H. Pierce

Ushers - October 28

Tim Frei, Duck Harrell, Molle Frei Lamm, Bill

Magette, Chip Rose & Lane Slachta

Balcony— Larry Freeman & Andy Woodard

Sound System - October 28

James Early

Floral Offering - October 28

Jim Wiggins & Cecelia Bracy

Home Delivered Meals - October 29

Austine Evans & Mary Ann Umphlett

Food Pantry - November 2

Vicky Overman

Week of November 4-10

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Jean Parker, 395-1464

Frank Britt, 642-2330

Sunday School at Creekside Care

Bess Leary

Extended Session - November 4

Babies: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Lou & Nat Riddick

Ages 3-5: Landis Chamblee & Elizabeth Davis

Floater: Heath & Lyndsay Britt

Ushers - November 4

Kay Byrd, Ed Copeland Jr., Camille Pierce,

Lane Slachta, Peggy Springfield & Reagan Zoch

Balcony— Larry Freeman & Fletcher Pierce

Sound System - November 4

Henry Daniels

Floral Offering - November 4

Frank Rose & family

Home Delivered Meals - November 5

Bess & William Leary

Food Pantry— November 9

Bonnie Revelle

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