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The Vision

Throughout my nearly two years with First Baptist (as interim pastor and pastor), I have from time-to-time shared with you my desire to lead a congregation that bucks the negative trends in the church today. As is well known, fewer people choose to participate in a church community today than in years past. And many who do still choose to participate in a church community, do so with less enthusiasm and commitment than in years past.

The church, of course, is a predominately volunteer organization. Very few receive a paycheck from the church. It has always been this way, as it should be. However, in our day and time there are so many other activities and opportunities that compete with the church. Wednesday night Bible study and children's choir are not the only options on the table. Likewise, Sunday morning worship now competes with shopping, eating out, and athletic events just to name a few. I do not know if Christians were more committed to the church and their faith in the 1960s. However, I do know there was less competition for the church to deal with in the 1960s. Furthermore, the rise of secularization in western civilization has also taken its toll on the church. In other words, larger society no longer partners with the work of the church as it once did.

So, here we are fighting to buck these negative trends within our congregation.

I am a bit concerned that, at the beginning of this year, we may be letting our guard down. I've noticed that after Sunday morning worship, I find myself thinking more than usual, "I wonder where such and such was today." Or, "I haven't seen such and such in a few weeks." Also, my gut informs me that Wednesday nights have lacked their usual energy.

I sense that last year was successful, not only in our eyes, but more importantly in the eyes of God. We reached out to our neighbors via the North Street house and our benevolence ministry. We had greater participation in Sunday morning worship than the year before. We generated more revenue than we did expenses.

Proverbs 29:18 states, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". So, I remind you that one of our goals from last year remains the same this year: that First Baptist would not exist as another declining congregation in the American landscape. But, rather First Baptist will be a congregation growing with enthusiasm for the gospel and a high level of commitment to the church.

So, please keep a close eye on the number of Sundays you are away – strive for no more that 12 during a 12-month period. Continue to exert the necessary effort to take full advantage of Wednesday night activities for your family. And, continue to give generously of your finances to the good work of First Baptist Ahoskie. Let's buck the trends!

In Christ,
Trey



Worshiping Together

January 27, 2019

11:00 am

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Best We Can

Romans 14:1-10

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir

The Vocal Ensemble

Youth Super Bowl Party



Sunday, February 3rd
6:00 p.m.

At the home of the Gilliams
620 Lakeview Dr., Murfreesboro



JOY Fellowship
Senior Adult Lunch
February 14
12:00 noon

Menu: Chicken pastry, collards, baked sweet potatoes & red velvet sheet cake.

Program: Vicky Overman will entertain us with the Songs of the Seasons.

Cost: \$5 per person. Sign up is requested by 9:00 am Tuesday, February 12.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Matt & Tana Byrum in the birth of their daughter, Mary Collins Byrum, on January 17.

The proud grandparents are FBC members Phil & Debbie Sisler and Mike & Sue Byrum. The proud great-grandparent is FBC member Peggy Lowe.

In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Joyce Leary and family in the January 21st death of her husband, Thomas Leary. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 26 at 11:00 am in our sanctuary.

PASSPORT

2019 Passport Camps for Youth & Children

Passport Kids

June 18-21 Lynchburg, VA
For completed grades 3-5

Youth Passport Missions

June 23-28 Boston, MA
For completed grades 6-12

All deposits are due this Sunday, January 27.

An Angel Tree Thank You

If you purchased Christmas gifts for Angel Tree #1, the family has written you a thank you note which you'll find on the bulletin board outside the main office.

Volunteers Opportunities

1. Youth Snack Supper Providers

Prepare and serve a meal for our grades 6-12 students on Sundays at 6:00 pm. Plan to feed 15. Please contact Elizabeth Villegas, Minister to Youth & Children, for more information: 757-434-6235, or elizabeth@fbcahoskie.org.

2. Home Delivered Meals Ministry

Our church volunteers with the Hertford County Office of Aging to deliver meals to Ahoskie area citizens on Mondays. If you are willing to help, please contact Rev. Anita Thompson.

3. Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Volunteers serve approximately one Friday a month from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Besides greeting clients and preparing food boxes, volunteers restock shelves. If you would like to volunteer, as a regular worker or a substitute, please contact Vicky Overman at 252-396-5729.

4. Worship Care for Babies & Preschoolers

We've been blessed with a great number of children, and have a particularly large group of bed babies through preschoolers. We need your help staffing our care for these dear children during worship. Please speak with Debbie Magette if you are interested: 252-209-7021.



January 20, 2019

Weekly Need	\$ 8,639.45
Weekly Offering	\$ 7,113.15
Difference	\$ -1,526.30
YTD Needs	\$ 25,918.35
YTD Offerings	\$ 25,680.13
YTD Difference	\$ -238.22

CBF- Global Missions Total	\$ 4,093.00
Benevolence Weekly Offering	\$ 20.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

FEBRUARY

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie • 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p>Every Sunday 9:45a: Sunday School 11a: Worship 4p: Chair Ensemble Rehearsal 5p: Sanctuary Choir Sun. Rehearsal 5p: Youth Group Gr. 6-12 6p: Youth Snack Supper</p>				<p>Every Monday 1:45p: Staff Meeting 5:45p: Girl Scout Troops</p>		<p>1 •9a: Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)</p>	<p>2 •8:30a - Noon: WCBA WMU Prayer Retreat</p>
<p>3 4th Sunday after Epiphany 6p: Youth Super Bowl Party @ Gilliams</p>	4	<p>5 •10a: Women on Mission (WOM) Group 2 & 4</p>	<p>6 •10a: Ahoskie Garden Club •3p: Jr. Garden Club •6p: 1st Wed. Meal & Program</p>	<p>7 •1p: WOM Group 5</p>	<p>8 •9a: CWJC</p>	9	
<p>10 5th Sunday after Epiphany</p>	11	12	13	<p>14 Valentine's Day •12p: JOY Fellowship</p>	<p>15 •9a: CWJC</p>	<p>16 •1p: Church-wide Roller Skating Party</p>	
<p>17 6th Sunday after Epiphany</p>	<p>18 •6p: Girl Scout Ceremony •7p: Building & Grounds Com.</p>	<p>19 •5:30p: Finance Com. •6p: Deacons' Mtg.</p>	<p>20 •12p: Ahoskie Woman's Club Mtg.</p>	21	<p>22 •9a: CWJC</p>	23	
<p>24 7th Sunday after Epiphany</p>	25	26	27	28	<p>Every Wednesday 5p: Children's Music & Missions 6p: Adult Bible Study 6p: Christ's Kids: Gr. 1-5 7p: Sanctuary Choir 8p: Vocal Ensemble</p>		

2 Charlie Pierce
 2 Cheryl Slachta
 2 Kathryn Outlaw
 4 Inez Bracy
 4 Ken Dilday
 5 Jordan Harrell
 5 Nancy Perry
 5 Sharon Roope
 7 Butch Hassell
 8 Heath Britt

11 Larry Matthews
 12 Mac Chamblee
 13 Daniel Early
 13 Penny Rose
 14 April Futrell
 15 Madison Alexander
 15 L. Taylor Rose
 16 Roxie D. Thompson
 16 Boyd Tisdale
 17 Austin Britton

17 Avery Byrum
 17 Pat Dixon
 18 Shirley Pierce
 19 Victoria Outlaw
 21 Sarah Mizelle
 21 Mary Page Pierce
 21 Lee Wilson
 23 Beth Hassell
 23 Chloe Rose
 24 Mari Wiles

25 Arlene Raiford
 25 Trent Saunders
 28 Keith Brantley
 28 E. L. Holloman



SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of January 27- February 2

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Austine Evans, 398-2724

Don Joyner, 396-1957

Extended Session - January 27

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 - January 27

Josh Brinkley, Kay Byrd, Ed Copeland Jr.,
Duck Harrell, Patricia Hughes & Pate Pierce
Balcony— Colby Hauser & Keith Rawls

Sound System - January 27

Rick Burns

Floral Offering - January 27

Frances Bracy

Home Delivered Meals - January 28

Austine Evans & Mary Ann Umphlett

Food Pantry - February 1

Sandra Pierce

Week of February 3-9

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Gloria Freeman, 395-0370

Buzzy Swain, 395-0255

Extended Session - February 3

Babies: Jenni Byrd & Betty Cooper

Ages 1 & 2: Michelle Boyd & Nancy Cobbs

Ages 3-5: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Floater: Cheryl Slachta

Ushers - February 3

Carolyn Arrington, Heath Britt, Lanie Byrum

Lee Byrum, Tim Frei & Mollee Frei Lamm

Balcony— Brad Hauser & Larry Freeman

Sound System - February 3

Frank Britt

Floral Offering - February 3

E. L. & Barbara Holloman

Home Delivered Meals - February 4

Frank & Penny Rose

Food Pantry - February 8

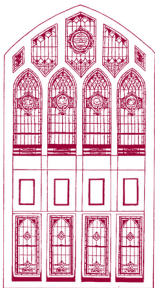
Pansy & Robert Earl White

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