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Your Place

In recent years, it has become commonplace for churches to offer two worship services on Sundays. Usually, the earlier Sunday worship service is styled contemporary worship. And, usually, the second worship service is referred to as traditional. This practice of two Sunday morning worship offerings developed, in most cases, not due to an overcrowded sanctuary. In other words, the people who participated in both services could fit (often easily) in the sanctuary at the same time. Rather, this practice developed due to demands for different styles of worship.

Lately, I have encountered three different churches who either have already gone back to a single worship service on Sunday mornings, or are making plans to return to a single worship offering. Why the reversal? I cannot speak for all three churches. However, I did speak with the pastor of one church. He informed me that his church's sanctuary holds 900 people. The pastor tells me that on a low Sunday, they have 150 people in the early service and 200-300 people in the traditional service. He asked me, "If you were visiting on one of those Sundays, what would you think?" I responded, "Not much is happening around here." He said, "Right, the wagons are beginning to circle – this church's days are numbered."

Indeed, how things look and how things feel are important to the vitality of a church.

Therefore, I remind you of the importance of finding your place in our sanctuary for the worship of God each Sunday morning. Many people are aware that the neglect of gathering for worship with other believers is a detriment to their wellbeing. I frequently hear something along these lines, "Trey, I just don't feel right when I miss a Sunday." Gath-

ering for worship on the sabbath provides us with a strong foundation upon which to stand for the following six days.

However, there is more at stake when you fall short in your responsibility to participate in Sunday morning worship. Your absence has a ripple effect. When your place is empty it is noticeable to everyone else. When several people, or many people as sometimes happens, do not find their place in worship on Sunday morning, it begins to look like the wagons are circling. This atmosphere is not good for me – my pastor friend above referred to it as "preaching to wood" – or the larger congregation. Indeed, we do have folks visiting with us. Are you aware that we have a gentleman who drives from Hampton, Va. every Sunday to worship with us? We truly want to put our best foot forward in relation to our visitors.

If you are a member of FBC Ahoskie, please monitor closely how many Sundays you miss. When you are not in your place for worship on Sundays, not only is it bad for you; your absence also has negative consequences for our church as a whole.

In Christ,
Trey



Worshipping Together

April 7, 2019

11:00 am

The 5th Sunday in Lent

Get Excited!

Isaiah 43:16-21

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir

The Sanctuary Choir

Summer Day Camp 2019

July 22—28

Monday—Thursday

5:30—8:00 pm

Supper Provided



Preschool Group: Children whose birthday is between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2016.

Grade School Group: Completed Kindergarten through Grade 5

Registration: Register online at our church website: www.fbcahoskie.org, or pick up a registration form in the church office. The deadline for registration is July 8.

Volunteers: We'll be needing . . .

- a Supper Team
- a Decorating Team
- Childcare Workers for leaders' infants & toddlers
- Small Group Leaders (a lot!)
- Youth Volunteers (completed grades 6-12)

If you'd like to volunteer, please speak with Elizabeth Villegas or Anita Thompson.

Fundraisers for 2019 Passport Camps for Youth & Children

Pizza Inn

Monday, April 8

5:30—9:00 pm



Car Wash

Saturday, June 8

Time is TBA

Will be held at FBC Ahoskie



Holy Week at FBCA



✦ Palm Sunday, April 14

11:00 am Worship Service

Procession of the Palms, and music by Music Friends, Children Choristers, & the Sanctuary Choir

✦ Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:00 pm Meal & Worship Service

Commemoration of the Last Supper

✦ Good Friday, April 19

7:00 pm Tenebrae Worship Service

Music by the Sanctuary Choir, the Vocal Ensemble, & Chairo

✦ Saturday, April 20

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

At the home of Stuart & Sandra Pierce.
For children up to grade 5.

✦ Easter Sunday, April 21

11:00 am Worship Service

A joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection.



JOY Fellowship Senior Adult Lunch April 11 at 12:00 noon

Menu: Spiral ham, potato salad, green beans, rolls, lemon pound cake, tea & water.

Program: Rev. James Hutchinson, from Ahoskie American Legion, Commander of Post 102. This is the 100th anniversary of the American National Legion.

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



Easter Sunday Baptism April 21

Anyone who is sensing the Holy Spirit's encouragement to be baptized, please speak with Dr. Gilliam, Rev. Thompson, or Mrs. Villegas, about the possibility of being baptized on Easter Sunday.

PASSPORT

Meet the Passport Campers

My name is Colby Hauser and I'm 13 years old and an 8th grader at Ridgcroft School. My hobbies are playing all sports, especially basketball and baseball. Those are my favorite sports and I play both of these at Ridgcroft. I'm really excited about this Passport trip. I'm looking forward to being away from home by myself for the first time and being able to spend that time with my friends. I am excited about visiting Boston and having the opportunity to meet lots of new friends while experiencing the fellowship that Passport has to offer.

To donate to Colby's trip, send a check to the church with "Colby Hauser's Passport" on the memo line.

My name is Matthew Davis. I am fourteen years old and attend Ridgcroft School. I'm looking forward to attending Passport Camp this year. It will be a great opportunity for me to spend a week with my friends having fun and learning more about Christ, faith and discipleship. I believe it will strengthen my faith and empower me to make wise choices. Passport Camp will be an unforgettable experience!

To donate to Matthew's trip, send a check to the church with "Matthew Davis's Passport" on the memo line.

Hi, my name is Reagan Zoch. I enjoy being with my friends and family. I like to make slime and be creative. This summer, I will be going to Passport in Boston and I'm so very excited. I'm looking forward to making new friends and have better relationships with everyone there. I'm so excited.

To donate to Reagan's trip, send a check to the church with "Reagan Zoch's Passport" on the memo line.

My name is Fletcher Pierce and I go to FBC Ahoskie and attend Ridgcroft School. I am looking forward to going to Passport this summer. I am ready to help others and ready to represent Ahoskie and my church. I am super excited for this opportunity this summer.

To donate to Fletcher's trip, send a check to the church with "Fletcher Pierce's Passport" on the memo line.

The Week Ahead



Sunday, April 7

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm Chair
- 5:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Sunday Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Youth Group: Grades 6-12
- 6:00 pm Youth Snack Supper

Monday, April 8

- 11:00 am Book Study, *Soul Feast*
- 3:30 pm Church Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Youth Pizza Inn Fundraiser
- 5:45 pm Girl Scout Troops
- 6:00 pm Book Study, *Soul Feast*

Tuesday, April 9

- 6:00 pm Missions Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

- 5:00 pm Supper Line Opens
- 5:00 pm Children's Music & Missions
- 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Christ's Kids: Gr. 1-5
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11

- 12:00 pm JOY Fellowship

Friday, April 12

- 9:00 am Christian Women's Job Corps



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 am
At the home of Stuart & Sandra Pierce,
107 DT Rd., Ahoskie
For children up to grade 5.

Stewardship Statement

March 31, 2019

Weekly Need	\$ 8,639.45
Weekly Offering	\$ 5,317.68
Difference	\$ -3,321.77
YTD Needs	\$112,312.85
YTD Offerings	\$103,312.37
YTD Difference	\$ -9,000.48
CBF- Global Missions Total	\$ 4,215.00
Benevolence Weekly Offering	\$ 0.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of April 7-13

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Frank Britt, 642-2087

Gloria Freeman, 395-0370

Extended Session - April 7

Babies: Jenni Byrd & Betty Cooper

Ages 1 & 2: Michelle Boyd & Nancy Cobbs

Ages 3-5: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Floater: Cheryl Slachta

Ushers - April 7

Kay Byrd, Charles Hughes, Patricia Hughes,
Spencer Matthews, Fletcher Pierce & Lane
Slachta

Balcony— Larry Freeman & Isabella Woodard

Sound System—April 7

Rick Burns

Floral Offering - April 7

Betty Duke

Home Delivered Meals - April 8

Jayne Frei & Margaret Winn

Food Pantry - April 12

Vicky Overman

Week of April 14-20

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Nancy Freeman, 287-9104

Peggy Springfield, 287-5119

Extended Session - April 14

Babies: Jean Parker & Debbie Rawls

Ages 1 & 2: Justin & Sarah Freeman

Ages 3-5: Bea Harrison & Anna Pierce

Floater Needed

Ushers - April 14

Lee Byrum, J.C. Doughtie, Tim Frei, Mollee Frei
Lamm, Alan Myers, L. Taylor Rose
Balcony— Colby Hauser & Keith Rawls

Sound System - April 14

Frank Britt

Floral Offering - April 14

Don & LuAnn Joyner

Home Delivered Meals - April 15

Charles & Gloria Freeman

Food Pantry - April 19

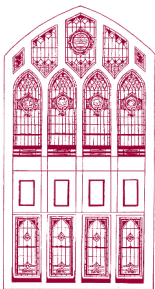
Closed for Good Friday

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