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Elizabeth Villegas Ordination

I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth Villegas, our minister to children and youth, requests ordination from our church. Soon after her initial request, a deacon approved ordination committee was formed. This committee consists of me, Anita Thompson, Jamie Burns, Brandon Zoch, Cameron Jorgenson (Campbell Divinity School Professor), and Abdue Knox (Pastor, Bethel AME Church). The committee met with Elizabeth on the afternoon of Sunday, April 28.

Each committee member prepared a question for Elizabeth to answer and shared a personal experience relevant to Elizabeth's desire for ordination into vocational ministry. It was a rewarding and satisfying time as we gathered in my study. We provided Elizabeth with our questions in advance of the meeting. Therefore, she had sufficient time to reflect and then to react.

Our time together was reminiscent of the scene in Acts 13:1-4. In this text, Paul (though called Saul here) and Barnabas are set apart for Christian service by the church in Antioch. They are commissioned to begin what would be Paul's first missionary journey. We are informed that the congregation in Antioch sensed strongly that the Holy Spirit had called Paul and Barnabas to go out from them with the good news of Jesus the Christ. The congregation then fasted, prayed, and finally laid hands on Paul and Barnabas. After this the congregation sent Paul and Barnabas out to do what they were called to do. This was a time of encouragement and recognition of God's call upon Paul and Barnabas for a specific task.

And so, something very much like this occurred on April 28th when the ordination committee met with

Elizabeth. It was a time of affirmation of her gifts for service to the church. And it was a time of celebration; a celebration of God's call upon Elizabeth's life.

Now, the entire FBC Ahoskie congregation is invited to express its voice in relation to Elizabeth's perception of a call to vocational ministry. On Sunday May 19, our church will vote on whether to ordain Elizabeth Villegas. The motion to ordain Elizabeth will come from the ordination committee with full confidence in Elizabeth's call to ministry. Then, the congregation will be asked to voice its opinion.

What do you think? Do you agree with the conclusion of the ordination committee concerning Elizabeth's present and future career in service to the church of Jesus the Christ? Please pray over this, ponder, reflect, and, speak to Elizabeth in the days to come.

In Christ,
Trey



Worshiping Together

May 12, 2019

11:00 am

The 4th Sunday of Easter

Moving Forward

John 20:1-2,11-18

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choirs

Music Friends (Age 3-Kindergarten)

Children Choristers (Grades 1-5)

From the Associate Pastor

Quite a few of you were kind enough to tell me how much you enjoyed the Sanctuary Choir's anthem they sang last Sunday, May 5. Mary McDonald's arrangement, which combines two beloved hymns, "I Must Tell Jesus," and "Blessed Assurance," is one of the choir's favorite anthems too!

We sing a good bit of Mary McDonald's anthems. She is a gifted composer, arranger, pianist, organist, conductor, and singer. Most importantly, she is a disciple of Jesus Christ whom she serves through her musical gifts and talents.

That's why we've invited her to our church for the weekend of September 21 & 22, 2019. We are in the process of working out the details, and will share those specifics soon. In the meantime, I thought it would be good to go ahead and announce her coming. I hope you'll reserve those dates and plan to experience Mary's ministry. She is delightful! Here's a bit of her biography.

Mary McDonald is a lifelong resident of Knoxville, TN. She is the youngest in a large family with a mother who played the piano by ear. Committed to teach her children to read music, her mother schooled some of the older children using an old piano method book, but after they left the piano, it was five-year-old Mary who would slip onto the bench and play the music she'd hear her siblings playing. She never looked back and today her extraordinary natural gifting and her exuberant personality have carried her into the hearts of people in congregations all across the country. Whether engaging in passionate worship songs, fun gospel settings, uplifting, spirited originals or simply applying a fresh treatment to existing hymns, Mary's heart for ministry is to assist others in drawing close to the Christ she loves and serves.

Grace & peace,



Welcome New Member

On Sunday, May 5, Matt Noirot officially became a member of FBC Ahoskie. A new resident of our community, Matt has been worshipping with us, and participating in Sunday School and Adult Bible Study for several months.

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.

Stewardship Statement

May 5, 2019

Weekly Need	\$ 8,639.45
Weekly Offering	\$ 12,532.46
Difference	\$ 3,893.01

YTD Needs	\$155,510.10
YTD Offerings	\$150,785.72
YTD Difference	\$ -4,724.38

CBF— Global Missions Total	\$ 4,381.00
Benevolence Weekly Offering	\$ 1,498.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!



Baccalaureate Service

May 19 at 11:00 am



During worship we will honor our high school seniors and celebrate this important right of passage. A luncheon at the home of Frank & Penny Rose will follow (208 NC Highway 561

W.) Parents of the graduates as well as siblings and grandparents are invited.

Cade Harrell

Ridgecroft School

Steven Hollingsworth

Hertford County Early College High School

Sydney Lane

Ridgecroft School

Lawson Marsh

Hertford County Early College High School

Dawson Rose

Ridgecroft School

PASSPORT

Meet the Passport Campers

My name is Camille Pierce. I am in 7th grade at Ridgecroft School. I play tennis, basketball, and soccer. I am a member of FBC Ahoskie where I attend youth on Sunday nights. I am excited about the opportunity to travel to Boston and attend Passport Youth Camp! I am looking forward to being with my FBC youth friends and strengthening my faith in Jesus.

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

Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, May 19

5:30—7:00 pm



Our FBC Youth (grades 6-12) will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in our Fellowship Hall. Donations for our summer trips are appreciated.

Congratulations!

We offer our congratulations to . . .

- Austin Britton, who completed a Masters Degree in Business Administration, December 2018.
- Jordan Harrell, who completed a Masters Degree in Business Administration, December 2018.
- Katrina Cobb, daughter of Kevin & Noreen Hannon, on completion of a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, December 2018.

If there are others who have completed higher education degrees in December 2018 or May 2019, please let us know so we can help celebrate their accomplishment.

Elevator Repair Update

The problem with the elevator is a malfunctioning part which is on order. We are working diligently with the elevator repair company to get the elevator repaired as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.



On May 8, we transitioned to our summer schedule for Wednesday nights. Due to expectations of fewer people, the following applies:

1. Cost

\$8 per person age 6 & older

Children age 5 & younger eat free

2. Reservations

If you are planning to eat with the church on Wednesday nights, please let us know by calling the church office (252-332-4003) by 5:00 pm on the Monday beforehand.

3. Summer Wednesday Schedule

•5pm-6pm: Church-Wide Meal

You may eat anytime between 5pm-6pm.

•6pm: Bible Study

•6pm: Christ's Kids will meet on May 22, June 5 & 12, July 3 & 17, July 31, August 14

•7pm: Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

•8pm: Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of May 12-18

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Betty Joyner, 398-6104

Lee Wilson, 332-4563

Extended Session—May 12

Babies: Jean Parker & Debbie Rawls

Ages 1 & 2: Justin & Sarah Freeman

Ages 3-5: Jessica Britton & Anna G. Dawson

Floater Needed

Ushers - May 12

Carolyn Arrington, Heath Britt, Kay Byrd, Tim

Frei, Duck Harrell & Spencer Matthews

Balcony— Larry Freeman & Walt Pierce

Sound System—May 12

Rick Burns

Floral Offering - May 12

Dianne Packard

Home Delivered Meals - May 13

William & Bess Leary

Food Pantry - May 17

Bonnie Revelle

Week of May 19-25

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Debbie Magette, 209-7021

Jim Wiggins, 287-9790

Sunday School at Creekside Care

Genesis Class

Extended Session - May 19

Babies: Kari Pierce & Taylor F. Rose

Ages 1 & 2: Susan Earley & JoAnn Herring

Ages 3-5: Alex & Sarah G. Britton

Floater: Melanie Byrum

Ushers - May 19

Lanie Byrum, Ed Copeland Jr., J.C. Doughtie,

Pike Harrington, Fletcher Pierce & Lane Slachta

Balcony— Brad & Colby Hauser

Sound System - May 19

Frank Britt

Floral Offering - May 19

Larry Freeman

Home Delivered Meals - May 20

Bill & Susan Earley

Food Pantry - May 24

Virgia Nichols & Wanda VanNiel

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