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Our Benevolence Ministry



The following article was written by Anna Anderson, who serves as Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) field personnel, along with her husband LaCount, who serves as a CBF mission engagement partner in eastern North Carolina. The Andersons assist FBC

Ahoskie each Tuesday with our Benevolence Ministry; this article is a reflection about one of their experiences in Ahoskie.

Part of our work has become assisting a church with local benevolence needs. This assistance comes in the form of meeting people, talking with them and assessing their situation to determine whether the church can step in and intervene. Sometimes we cannot help. Sometimes we can. Sometimes we see desperate people who would do anything and promise anything if we would just help them this one time. Sometimes, we see people who are willing to give money back to the church after their next paycheck comes if we can help them this time. And we've seen that actually happen!

We are most interested in helping people keep their lights, water, and heat on; helping them to be able to stay in their home with a roof over their heads. We hear many stories – stories of a lot of anguish and struggle, stories of fear and disappointment and sadness, stories of loss without anywhere to find the kind of hope that is needed to carry on.

That particular day, he came in to the office, looking very weary and alone. He seemed like a tough guy, with dreads and tattoos, a ball cap hiding the top part of his face. Wayne was asking for help with

a water bill. He had recently been laid off from his job as a machine operator for reasons that never were revealed clearly. Having already applied for unemployment, Wayne was waiting. Waiting for the unemployment to come, waiting for the tax refund check, waiting for someone who could offer him something concrete. Waiting in the midst of the struggle to try and figure it out.

Wayne is a single father of four children, whose mother is helping him with his children in this period of waiting while he's without a job. He said that his water had been turned off for failure to pay, and he just could not pay the bill that was required to get it turned back on.

After talking to Wayne, we determined he may be a good candidate to work in our nephew's engineering and contracting business in a neighboring county. While I was talking with him, LaCount was taking care of his water bill online, so that he could get the water turned back on and his children could stay in their home and have running water that he just could not pay for at that time. Meanwhile, I called and talked with our nephew, and though he was not hiring at that time, he told me about a business in town where a friend works that was hiring people and he suggested he go by that industry and apply for a job there. I told Wayne that we would do all we could to help him. And I believe we did help him to get connected with a job prospect. He left in tears of gratitude and appreciation.

We don't know the rest of the story yet, but what we do know is this: Help in the form of a water bill was not that much in terms of dollars. It didn't cost the church's benevolence budget very much. But help in the form of a listening ear was worth so

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much more. Networking and making some phone calls, and taking time to be present with someone who is in need is part of what working with those who are experiencing poverty means. Poverty is not just a social issue we debate.

It's people like Wayne. People like you and me. All of us need help sometime. If we are truly seeking transformation, we will be sensitive to all the barriers and hindrances that are holding us back from becoming more of who God has created us all to be. The hindrance is never just a water bill that someone cannot afford, but we start with what we know, and we seek in every way we can to help move towards change.

Moving towards transformation takes time, it takes patience, and it takes incredible persistence in the face of setback after setback. Sometimes it can begin with just a few dollars.



Worshiping Together

May 26, 2019

11:00 am

The 6th Sunday of Easter

Follow Me

John 21:15-19

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir

Chairo

Church Conference Report

On Sunday morning, May 19, the church membership wholeheartedly affirmed the recommendation of the Ordination Council to ordain Elizabeth Villegas to the Gospel ministry. Her ordination service is scheduled for Sunday, June 2 at 5:00 pm.



Youth Car Wash Fundraiser

Saturday, June 8

10:00 am at the church parking lot

Deacon Ministry Update

Our 2019 Deacon Ministry has re-structured their ministry care assignments from family groups to widows, widowers, infirmed, and those with special needs.

Summer Day Camp 2019

July 22—28

Mon. - Thurs.

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 will need . . .

- 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.

College Scholarship Opportunity

The James Wilton "Wig" and Frances Freeman Bracy Scholarship is available for members of First Baptist Church of Ahoskie who will be attending college for the 2019-2020 academic year. Applications are available in the church office, or may be emailed upon request. The deadline for the return of completed forms is May 31.






May 19, 2019

Weekly Need	\$ 8,639.45
Weekly Offering	\$ 5,924.14
Difference	\$ -2,715.31
YTD Needs	\$172,789.00
YTD Offerings	\$166,060.86
YTD Difference	\$ -6,728.14
CBF- Global Missions Total	\$ 4,381.00
Benevolence Weekly Offering	\$ 0.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

June

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie • 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:45a: Sunday School 11:00a: Worship 5:00p: Youth Group: Gr. 6-12 6:00p: Youth Snack Supper		Every Monday 3p: Staff Meeting Every Tuesday 11a - 4p: Benevolence Appointments		Every Wednesday 5:00p: Churchwide Supper 6:00p: Adult Bible Study 7:00p: Sanctuary Choir 8:00p: Vocal Ensemble		1
2 7th Sunday of Easter Observance of the Lord's Supper & Dedication of Libby Pierce	3	4 • 10a: WOM Groups 2 & 4	5	6	7 • 9a: CWJC	8  • 10a: Youth Car Wash Fundraiser
9 Day of Pentecost 	10	11 • 6p: Missions Committee	12 • 6p: Christ's Kids: Gr.1-5	13	14 • 9a: CWJC	15
16 Trinity Sunday 	17 • 7p: Building & Grounds Committee	18 • 5:30p: Finance Committee • 6p: Deacons' Mtg.	19 • 12p: Ahoskie Women's Club	20 CBF National: Birmingham, Alabama	21 • 9a: CWJC	22 Youth Depart for Passport Camp
23 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	24	25	26 Adult Bible Study will not meet.	27	28 • 9a: CWJC	29
Youth Passport Camp: June 22-28 • Boston, Massachusetts						
30 3rd Sunday after Pentecost						

1 Nancy Bracy
 3 Adam Bracy
 4 Anita Thompson
 5 Alan Myers
 9 Joyce Brantley
 9 Jenny Burden
 9 Sarah Freeman
 10 Leah Woodard
 11 Ed Copeland Sr.
 12 Susan Earley

12 Andy Woodard
 14 Carol Jean Fretwell
 14 Joyce Leary
 15 Lanie Byrum
 15 Nikki Hyatt
 15 Chuck Revelle
 15 Bernice Umphlett
 16 Wilhamina Sessoms
 17 Jerry Alexander
 17 Nat Riddick

18 Calvin Harrell
 18 Barbara Holloman
 18 Ruth Overman
 18 Buzzy Swain
 19 Carroll Thompson
 21 Mike Henderson
 22 Eloise Miller
 23 Stuart Pierce
 25 Luann Joyner
 26 Buddy Hyatt

27 Mike Perry
 27 Leroy Pierce
 28 Betty Joyner
 29 Eva Early
 30 Liza Pierce



SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of May 26 - June 1, 2019

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Austine Evans, 398-2724

Don Joyner, 396-1957

Extended Session—May 26

Babies: Scott & Lisa Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Jessica Brinkley & Georgia Copeland

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

Floater: Judy H. Pierce

Ushers - May 26

Lee Byrum, Tim Frei, Dorothy Howell, Patricia
Hughes, Alan Myers & L. Taylor Rose
Balcony— Andy & Isabella Woodard

Sound System—May 26

James Early

Floral Offering - May 26

Tom & Carol Jean Fretwell

Home Delivered Meals - May 27

Closed for Memorial Day

Food Pantry - May 31

Carroll & Anita Thompson

Week of June 2 - 8, 2019

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Gloria Freeman, 395-0370

Buzzy Swain, 395-0255

Extended Session - June 2

Babies: Jenni Byrd & Betty Cooper

Ages 1 & 2: Michelle Boyd & Nancy Cobbs

Ages 3-5: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Floater: Cheryl Slachta

Ushers - June 2

Gloria Freeman, Jane M. Hollingsworth,
Spencer Matthews, Nat Riddick, Carroll
Thompson & Justice Zoch
Balcony— Larry Freeman & Dawson Rose

Sound System—June 2

Henry Daniels

Floral Offering - June 2

Doug & Nancy Cobbs

Home Delivered Meals - June 3

Charles & Gloria Freeman

Food Pantry - June 7

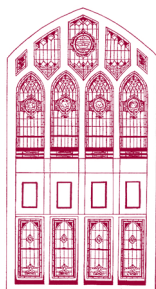
Sandra Pierce

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