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The Pope Is Coming!

Well, not exactly! However, I am pleased to announce that Paul Baxley will be with us **February 2, 2020**. Paul is the new Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He will be our guest preacher on Sunday, February 2. He will also lead a discussion about the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in our church fellowship hall that afternoon at 2:30pm. We plan to invite area Cooperative Baptist Fellowship churches to this gathering.

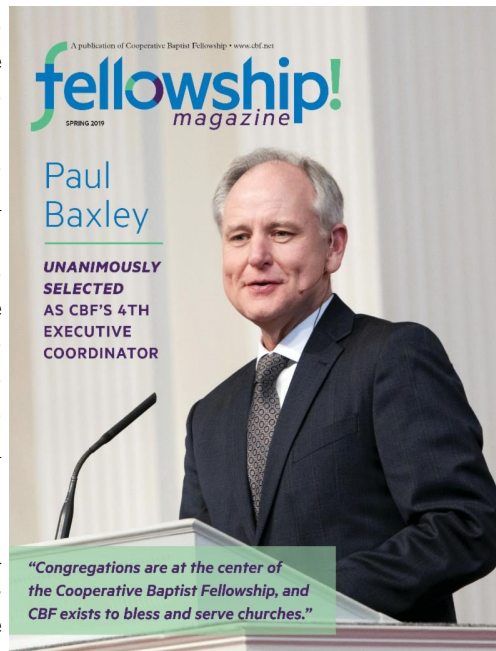
It is truly a monumental opportunity for our church to host the national Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Executive Coordinator, no matter the person in the position. In fact, this event has been on the calendar for over a year. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Executive Coordinator role is a big job! While true that whoever holds this position is a dignitary in Cooperative Baptist Fellowship life, I believe you will like Paul a lot.

I spoke briefly with Paul at a North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship meeting a while back. This was the first conversation I ever had with Paul. During this brief encounter, I wished him well in his new position. I then thought, "We should invite Paul to Ahoskie; I would love for our people to have exposure to Paul and to learn a bit more about the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship." After I returned to Ahoskie, from the meeting, I sent Paul an email. I reintroduced myself because I knew he had had brief conversations like ours with many people. And, then, I asked him about coming to Ahoskie. He responded quickly to my email (as is his custom), assured me that he re-

membered our conversation, and indicated that he would be delighted to visit with us. How nice! A man, like the Pope with a big job, who is approachable.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is our denominational home and has been for years now. A large percentage of our missions' budget goes towards the work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship – on both the state and national level. In fact, we are receiving now the Annual Global Missions Offering

which supports the mission work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Our goal is \$8000. As it now stands, we are more than half way there. As you are aware, Anna and LaCount Anderson meet with people from our immediate neighborhood who are in financial need. They provide advice to these folks and distribute, when they deem it appropriate, our benevolence monies to meet needs. Anna and LaCount are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries. It is a very fruitful partnership that we share with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship – both on the state and national level.



Please do save the date: **FEBRUARY 2, 2020**. Again, Paul Baxley, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Executive Director will be in our pulpit that morning and then he will lead a discussion, with area churches, in our fellowship hall that afternoon at 2:30pm. The Pope is coming; we should too!

In Christ,
Trey



Worshiping Together

January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord

11:00 am

Be Brave

Acts 10:34-43

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir

The Sanctuary Choir

Welcome to Our New Organist



On Sunday, January 5, we welcomed our new Music Associate/Organist, Belinda Butler, to our church staff.

Ms. Butler is a graduate of Wesleyan College, Macon, GA, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville,

KY. She has served in various music ministry roles, and comes to us after serving as Director of Music Ministry/Organist at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Greenville, NC.

Ms. Butler's fulltime job is as Chief Compliance Officer at Milestone Wealth in Greenville, NC. She and her two dogs live in Winterville. We look forward to the many ways she'll lead us in worship as she plays our beautiful pipe organ.



Sunday Afternoon Activities Resume January 12

Chairo Music Ensemble

4:00—4:50 pm

In the Choir Room

Students in grades 6-12 as well as adults of all ages are invited to sing.

Sanctuary Choir Sunday Rehearsal

5:00—5:50 pm

In the Choir Room

If Wednesday night rehearsals are difficult to attend, this Sunday rehearsal offers another opportunity to learn the Sanctuary Choir music. Students in grades 9-12 as well as adults of all ages are invited to sing.

January Youth Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, January 12



The Youth's January gathering will be a local scavenger hunt where they will have a series of missions to complete to help local outreach projects.

Beginning at 5 pm, FBC Ahoskie Youth (grades 6-12) *may* visit your house to collect items for the food pantry, our benevolence fund, items for Christian Women's Job Corps, etc. For each mission that the team completes, they must video or take a picture and that team will earn points. The team with the most points wins! Please help support our youth mission project by having items ready in the event you are visited. For more information, please contact Lyndsay Burns Britt, scavenger hunt coordinator.

The Season of Epiphany



The Epiphany season celebrates Christ's incarnation for all people of the world. Epiphany, a Greek word meaning "appearing" or "revealing", celebrates the discovery that Someone has come, sent by God, to bring righteousness into our world and to reveal

the unimaginable depth of God's love. The Epiphany season ends on Transfiguration Sunday which falls in 2020, on February 23.

Wednesday Night Update

Because Wednesday night meals have been suspended, the 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study will now meet in the Fellowship Hall.



January 5, 2020

Weekly Need	\$ 9,130.28
Weekly Offering	\$ 8,234.94
Difference	\$ -895.34

YTD Needs	\$ 9,130.28
YTD Offerings	\$ 8,234.94
YTD Difference	\$ -895.34

Benevolence Weekly Offering	\$ 478.00
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Thank you for your generous gifts!

Thank You from CWJC

Many thanks to those members and classes who participated in our Angel Tree project. You all did a wonderful job of making some women and children have a wonderful Christmas. Many times I hear this question, "Why does someone do this for us when they do not know us; what do they get?" Sometimes, Christian love is hard to believe in when you have lived your life without feeling it or understanding it. My answer to them is this, "True Christian love is giving without expecting anything in return. You give because God teaches us this and He did this for us. Love your neighbor as yourself." Seeing it in action and feeling it given to you is a powerful teacher.

Thank you First Baptist Church for being God's hands and feet in our community. I thank God for the many wonderful things you all do to keep CWJC alive. God bless you all.

Pat Byrd
Christian Women's Job Corps

Christmas Day Lunch Thank You

On Christmas morning our church building was bustling with activity as our church and many others "set the table" to welcome folks of our community to the annual Christmas Day Lunch. The kitchen quickly filled with aromas of baked turkey, dressing, gravy, home-grown collards, yams, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, and rolls. Cakes and pies were sliced and readied.

One serving crew prepared takeout plates which were then boxed up and loaded into vehicles so the delivery crew could step into action. Another crew prepared the serving line, manned the beverage station, and welcomed diners as they arrived for lunch. Volunteers took turns dining with our guests.

Approximately 200 persons were served on Christmas Day either in our fellowship hall or at their residence. For all who cooked, baked served, and delivered . . . Thank you! The ministry we provided honored the Christ Child whose birth we celebrated and whose example of servanthood we strive to emulate.

Lord, in the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce, remind us of the warmth of Your love. When days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early, remind us that in the darkness Your light still shines. When the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leaves are off the trees, and the world can seem bleak, remind us that Easter is but a short time away. - Cal Wick

Altar Flowers for Worship



The 2020 Altar Flower Schedule is posted in the first floor hallway. There are a few open dates available to place flowers in our sanctuary for worship services. Flowers may be provided in memory of or in honor of persons, or may mark an accomplishment or milestone. Or you may just want to take an open date for no specific reason.

If you would like to take one of the open dates, write your name on the flower schedule, or call the church office to let us know what date you desire. Here are the dates that are open at this time:

- March 29
- June 14
- September 6
- October 18

Food Pantry Volunteers Needed



The Ahoskie Food Pantry provides emergency food assistance to citizens of Hertford County. It is supported by churches and individuals in our community, and is governed by a board of directors. It receives clients

Monday through Friday from 9:30 am until 12 noon. Qualifying recipients may receive food assistance up to five times per year.

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

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of Jan. 12-18, 2020

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Austine Evans, 398-2724

Gloria Freeman, 395-0370

Extended Session—January 12

Babies: Joyce Leary & Debbie Rawls

Ages 1 & 2: Anna Dawson & Mary Page Pierce

Ages 3-5: Bryan & Jessica Britton

Floater: Susan Earley

Ushers - January 12

Duck Harrell, Gloria Freeman, Charles Hughes,

Henry Joyner, Bill Magette & Edgar Swain

Balcony—Brad Hauser & Keith Rawls

Sound System—January 12

Rick Burns

Floral Offering - January 12

Carroll Thompson & Anita Thompson

Home Delivered Meals - January 13

Jack & Millie Britt

Food Pantry—January 17

Vicky Overman

Week of Jan. 19-25, 2020

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Frank Britt, 642-2087

Jim Wiggins, 287-9790

Sunday School at Creekside Care

Hannah Brown Class

Extended Session - January 19

Babies: Kari Pierce & Taylor F. Rose

Ages 1 & 2: Alex & Sarah G. Britton

Ages 3-5: Gretchen & Reagan Zoch

Floater: Melanie Byrum

Ushers - January 19

Lee Byrum, Ed Copeland Jr., Larry Freeman,

Tim Frei, Pike Harrington & Mollee Frei Lamm

Balcony—Isabella Woodard & Colby Hauser

Sound System—January 19

Frank Britt

Floral Offering—January 19

Vicky Overman

Home Delivered Meals - January 20

CLOSED: MLK Jr. Holiday

Food Pantry - January 24

June & Otis Payne

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