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Final Numbers

The final numbers for 2019 are in and they look good! Before I go any further, I acknowledge that numbers are but one instrument for evaluating the health of a congregation. Nonetheless, one reason I keep a close eye on our worship participation and financial numbers is because I believe these numbers indicate the degree to which our people care about the work of the church. So, here we go.

I begin with our final financial numbers for 2019. Our 2019 budget was \$457,789.14. Our total budget revenue for 2019 was \$458,928.87. Thus, we concluded 2019 \$1,139.73 over budget. This is good of course. However, what matters most is the actual amount we spent out for 2019 when compared with our 2019 revenue of \$458,928.87. And the news is, once again, very good. Our total expenses for 2019 was \$447,832.75. Therefore, for 2019, we received \$11,096.12 more than we spent out. In other words, all the bills are paid! It is also worth mentioning that we spent \$9,956.39 less than we budgeted. These numbers are solid on all fronts. And, I haven't said a word about designated giving such as Capital Campaign and the benevolence fund. Well done First Baptist Church of Ahoskie! Our people are a generous people.

Now, let's turn our attention to 2019 Sunday morning worship participation numbers. They too are solid. For 2019, we averaged 181 people in worship. This includes all 52 Sundays – from low Sundays in the summer months to high Sundays such as Easter and the Christmas cantata and all other Sundays in-between. You may be interested to know that our lowest month was June when we averaged 157 people in worship. Our highest month was April when we averaged 236 people in worship.

If I am correct that a good indicator of a person's priorities is how one spends their time and how one spends their money, our church's priorities appear to be in line with Christian principles. We are giving both of our time and our money to the work of the church. Now, our challenge is to keep up the good work.

Will you continue to keep a close eye on how many Sunday worship services you miss? I remind you that the gathering together of God's people for the worship of God is one of the healthiest activities we humans engage in. Let us continue to strive to miss no more than 12 Sundays per year. Or, can you do even better than that, say miss no more than 8 Sundays in a year? And, will you continue to give generously of your income to the gospel work of First Baptist Ahoskie? Will you strive to give at least 10% of your income to the church? Or, can you do even better than that, say give 12% of your income to the church?

It takes hard work to maintain a thriving congregation. We put in the hard work in 2019. Now, let's do so even more in 2020!

In Christ,
Trey



Worshiping Together

January 26, 2020

The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 am

It's the Message

1 Corinthians 1:17-25

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Music

Claire Presley, Soloist

Save the Date! February 2, 2020



Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will be with us on Sunday, February 2. He will serve as our guest preacher for morning worship, then, at 2:30 pm, will lead a discussion about CBF's mission and ministries.

Youth Super Bowl Party Sunday, February 2 at 6 pm for Grades 6-12



At the home of
Trey & Lou Ann Gilliam
620 Lakeview Dr., Murfreesboro



We will receive this annual offering through the end of March. Our goal is \$8000. Please prayerfully consider how you will support the mission work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Altar Flowers for Worship



The 2020 Altar Flower Schedule is posted in the first floor hallway. There is one open date available. It is June 14. 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 June 14, write your name on the flower schedule, or call the church office to let us know.

2020 Passport Summer Camps for Youth & Children

PASSPORT

It's time to begin registering our youth and children for this summer's Passport Camps. Parents, please look for email communications about date and location options, and let us know which work best for your family.

Passport Youth Camp is for students who are currently in grades 6-12. Passport Kids Camp is for children currently in grades 3-5.

This summer's theme is . . .

BE God gives us the power to live,
to move, and to BE who we are.
—Acts 17:28

Who are you created to BE? We believe everyone is created by God to BE a person of worth, loved by God, living in community and in communion with our world. This summer, come BE still, BE loved, BE one and BE with us as we uncover the masterpiece that God has created you to BE!"

A Thank You

We have received a thank you note from Bland Baker in appreciation for our celebration of his 25th anniversary as Music Associate /Pianist. It is posted on the bulletin board outside the main office.



January 19, 2020

Weekly Need	\$ 9,130.28
Weekly Offering	\$ 5,662.53
Difference	\$ -3,467.75
YTD Needs	\$27,390.84
YTD Offerings	\$21,320.47
YTD Difference	\$ -6,070.37
Benevolence Weekly Offering	\$ 104.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

2020


February


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First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sundays</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:45a: Sunday School • 11a: Worship • 4p: Chairo • 5p: Sanctuary Choir Sunday Rehearsal 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mondays</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3p: Staff Meeting 		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesdays</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5p: Children's Music & Missions • 6p: Women's Bible Study • 6p: Youth Group (Grades 6-12) • 6p: Adult Bible Study • 7p: Sanctuary Choir • 8p: Vocal Ensemble 		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fridays</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9a: Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) 	1
<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Guest Preacher: Paul Baxley, CBF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:30p: Q & A with Paul Baxley • 6p: Youth Super Bowl Party 	3	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10a: Women on Missions (WOM) Groups 2 & 4 	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30a: Ahoskie Garden Club 	6	7	8
9	10	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6p: Missions Committee 	12	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12p: JOY Fellowship 	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	15
16	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7p: Building & Grounds Com. Mtg. 	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6p: Deacons' Mtg 	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12p: Ahoskie Woman's Club 	20	21	22
<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	24	25	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="margin: 0;">ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6p Church-wide Meal • 6:45p Ash Wed. Service </div>	27	28	29



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

8 Heath Britt
 11 Larry Matthews
 12 Mac Chamblee
 13 Penny Rose
 14 Kade Slaughter
 15 L. Taylor Rose
 16 Roxie Thompson
 16 Boyd Tisdale

17 Avery Byrum
 17 Pat Dixon
 18 Shirley Pierce
 19 Victoria Outlaw
 21 Beth Hassell
 21 Heather Joyner
 21 Sarah Mizelle
 21 Mary Page Pierce

21 Lee Wilson
 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 Jan. 26–Feb. 1, 2020

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

Penny Rose, 287-8531

Margaret Winn, 209-1495

Extended Session—January 26

Babies: Scott & Lisa Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Jessica Brinkley & Georgia
Copeland

Ages 3-5: J.C. Doughtie & Sandra Pierce

Floater: Judy H. Pierce

Ushers - January 26

Josh Brinkley, Henry Joyner, Ian Kinlaw,
Spencer Matthews, Chip Rose & L. Taylor Rose
Balcony—Walt Pierce & Frank Rose

Sound System—January 26

James Early

Floral Offering - January 26

Joann Herring

Home Delivered Meals - January 27

Carol Jean Fretwell & Jerri Harrell

Food Pantry—January 31

Carroll Thompson & Anita Thompson

Week of Feb. 2-8, 2020

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Carolyn Arrington, 395-2175

Buzzy Swain, 395-0255

Extended Session - February 2

Babies: Jenni Byrd & Betty Cooper

Ages 1 & 2: Brian & Victoria Outlaw & Nancy
Cobbs

Ages 3-5: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Floater: Cheryl Slachta

Ushers - February 2

Heath Britt, Kay Byrd, Nat Riddick, Frank Rose
Lane Slachta & Justice Zoch
Balcony—Makynley Roberts & Chloe Rose

Sound System—February 2

Henry Daniels

Floral Offering—February 2

E.L. & Barbara Holloman

Home Delivered Meals - February 3

Austine Evans & Mary Ann Umphlett

Food Pantry - February 7

Sandra Pierce

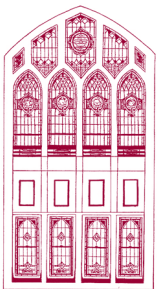
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