



# THE WINDOW

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## Need a Refill?

When I graduated college, I had a job waiting tables at Satterfield's restaurant in Shelby, NC. The restaurant is now closed. The lessons learned from that job, however, remain. One lesson: check in with people, let them know they have not been forgotten. Thus, it was my custom after I took the diners' orders to check back in periodically. I would say, "Everything okay?", "Can I refill your drink?", "Your food is on the way." I did a good job and most customers rewarded my efforts!

The purpose of this writing then is to touch base, to bring you up to date on a couple of important issues. First, you may recall that just as the pandemic broke out our church voted to invest approximately \$300,000 (\$230,000 of which we have now and \$70,000 of which we will raise) into renovating our sanctuary and construction of a green space on the North Street lot to begin immediately, with kitchen upgrades and fellowship hall improvements to follow.

Even though we had the green light to proceed immediately with the sanctuary remodel and the construction of the green space, our church leadership thought it best to wait and see how our church finances fared due to the nationwide shutdowns and quarantines. Three months later, the good news is that our church remains financially stable. Thank you for your continued commitment to give of your tithes and offerings to the work of our beloved congregation, especially during a time when we are unable to physically meet for worship and other activities.

Due to our stable financial situation then, your church leadership has decided to move forward with sanctuary renovations. We anticipate that the renovations will begin next week. It has not escaped any of us that this is a perfect time to work on the sanc-

tuary as we currently are not all meeting in the sanctuary. We just thought it wise to wait a bit in order to discern our financial situation. We have done just that. You have continued with your faithful financial support. Therefore, it is time to move forward!

The next obvious question: when will we be back in the sanctuary? This question has, at least, two sides to it. First is the construction side. We anticipate the work to take around three months. Thus, this would have the sanctuary ready for occupancy sometime in October. The second side of the question is: when can we resume regular worship services safely? As of now there is no vaccine for the coronavirus and the numbers of infected people in North Carolina are on the rise.

Our transition committee has been working diligently to put safety measures in place so that those who want to meet in person, before a vaccine is in place and even as the numbers rise, can do so. In order to help us make an informed decision about when and how to begin to physically reassemble in our sanctuary (or the fellowship hall if we begin to reassemble before the sanctuary is complete), you should have received a survey from the transition committee seeking your input about when and how to begin to reassemble in our church facilities. We need to know the temperature of the congregation – what exactly would you like to do, are you comfortable returning for in-person worship, are you willing to wear a mask in order to do so, is live stream sufficient for now, etc. Please do respond to the survey as soon as possible.

Okay, just want you to know your food is on the way. Please, no tip this time!

In Christ,  
Trey



**Worshipping Together**  
**June 28, 2020**  
*The 4th Sunday after Pentecost*  
**11:00 am**

What! Wait!  
 Genesis 16:1-10,15-16  
 Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

## Sanctuary Renovation Info



As we begin the renovation of our sanctuary, one of our first tasks is to make sure our beloved pipe organ is well protected. Spearman & Hawkins, the Charlotte based company with whom we have a long-standing partnership, will come the week of June 29 to remove the exposed pipes, seal the pipe chambers, and cover the organ console. Therefore,

this Sunday, June 28 will be the last time we'll hear our organ until the renovation is completed.

But, we will not be without an organ during this time. Hopper Piano & Organ Company of Raleigh is providing us an electronic Allen organ for use in the fellowship hall throughout the renovation process.



## Sanctuary Balcony Seats



The theatre-style seats in our balcony will likely be removed next week as we begin our sanctuary renovation. They will be replaced with pews.

Would anyone like a set of the seats? If so, call the church office and let us know how many you'd like. A friendly suggestion: if you take a set (or more)

consider making a donation, for an amount of your choosing, to the capital campaign fund.

## Transition Team Update



The Transition Team has put together a survey to gauge feelings about resuming in-person worship. The survey is posted on our Facebook page, and has been emailed and mailed. All resident members and regular participants are encouraged to complete the survey as soon as possible. Please respond only once through one of the aforementioned methods.

## Benevolence Ministry Update

On June 9, FBCA was presented a \$1,000 check for our Benevolence Ministry by LaCount and Anna Anderson, CBF Field Personnel in Northeast NC. This gift comes from CBF's COVID-19 Emergency Offering to help people with needs related to food, loss of income, or other kinds of assistance. The Andersons applied for these monies on our behalf. Thank you, LaCount and Anna. We are grateful for our ministry partnership.



**June 21, 2020**

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Need     | \$ 9,130.28       |
| Weekly Offering | \$ 8,771.24       |
| Difference      | \$ <b>-359.04</b> |

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| YTD Needs      | \$ 228,257.00        |
| YTD Offerings  | \$ 201,092.72        |
| YTD Difference | \$ <b>-27,164.21</b> |

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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Capital Campaign Weekly Total | \$ 0.00  |
| Benevolence Weekly Total      | \$ 50.00 |

***Thank you for your generous gifts!***



# July 2020



## First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue                          | Wed | Thu | Fri  | Sat                            |
|---|---|------------------------------|-----|-----|--|--------------------------------|
|   |   |                              | 1   | 2   | 3<br><i>Church Offices<br/>Closed for<br/>Independence<br/>Day Holiday</i> | 4<br><b>July 4</b><br>1776<br> |
| 5<br><b>5th Sunday after<br/>Pentecost</b><br>• 11a Worship<br> | 6<br>• 3p: Staff Mtg.<br><br><b>Sanctuary<br/>Renovation Begins</b> | 7                            | 8   | 9   | 10   | 11                             |
| 12<br><b>6th Sunday after<br/>Pentecost</b><br>• 11a Worship    | 13<br>• 3p: Staff Mtg.  | 14                           | 15  | 16  | 17   | 18                             |
| 19<br><b>7th Sunday after<br/>Pentecost</b><br>• 11a Worship    | 20<br>• 3p: Staff Mtg.  | 21<br>• 6p: Deacons'<br>Mtg. | 22  | 23  | 24   | 25                             |
| 26<br><b>8th Sunday after<br/>Pentecost</b><br>• 11a Worship    | 27<br>• 3p: Staff Mtg.  | 28                           | 29  | 30  | 31   |                                |



1 Hunter Leo  
1 Cleo Mitchell  
3 Wells Britton

3 Ed Copeland Jr.  
5 Sandra Hassell  
6 Ernie Evans  
8 Brian Outlaw  
10 Ruthie Daniels  
11 Spencer Matthews  
11 Kari Pierce  
11 Gretchen Zoch  
12 Harriet Byrum

13 Sophia Byrd  
14 Nancy Freeman  
15 Madison Whatley Diego  
16 Jessica Brinkley  
21 Jeremy Roberts  
21 Ben Woodard  
23 Eddie Allen  
23 Billie-joe Harrell  
23 Ruth Ward

27 Trey Byrum  
29 Vicky Overman  
30 Susan Copeland  
31 Kerra Joyner

*If we have neglected to  
acknowledge a birthday,  
please let us know by calling  
the church office.*

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of June 28 - July 4, 2020

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

### Deacons on Call

Penny Rose, 287-8531

Andy Woodard, 396-1599

### Sound System—June 28

Walt Pierce

### Food Pantry— July 3

Closed for Independence Day

## Week of July - 5-11, 2020

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

### Deacons on Call

Buzzy Swain, 395-0255

Margaret Winn, 209-1495

### Sound System—July 5

Rick Burns

### Floral Offering—July 5

Bill & Debbie Magette

### Food Pantry – July 10

Pat Askew/Robert E. & Pansy White



On Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm, our youth group (grades 6-12) meets virtually through Zoom under the leadership of Lou Ann Gilliam, assisted by Jamie Burns. Anyone who has not yet participated in these Zoom meetings is encouraged to send his/her email to Lou Ann at [gillil@chowan.edu](mailto:gillil@chowan.edu).

## 2020-2021 Nominating Committee

Our Nominating Committee is beginning the work of matching members' ministry gifts with places of service for the 2020-2021 Church Year which begins September 1. If you are sensing a call to serve in a particular ministry, please let a committee member know of your desire. Members are Malcolm Copeland, J.C. Doughtie, Joyce Leary, Arlene Raiford, Lou Riddick, and Mary Ann Umphlett.

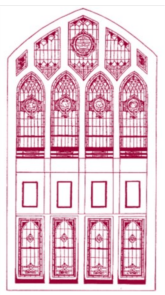
## The FBC Ministers

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