



# THE WINDOW

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## Capital Campaign Update

Dear Church Family,

In a time when we cannot have church as we have traditionally known church, how truly wonderful it is for us to be so excited about CHURCH!

The second phase of our Capital Campaign is going smoothly and literally unfolding before our eyes daily. Naturally, all this progress has a price tag. Please do talk with your family about your financial support. Pray about it individually and as a family. Your participation and involvement are vital for us to reach our goal.

Our efforts have had two real focuses – renovation but also restoration and preservation. These plans have been years in the making, filled with much planning, discussion and prayer. Just like in our own, homes over time we simply begin to look past or not really “see” certain needs. We are busy replacing, painting and enhancing our ceiling. The loved but worn carpet is gone and fresh hardwood floors will shine and be embellished with beautiful carpet runners down the aisles past handsomely covered radiators. The cracked and falling plaster is repaired and painted with warm complimentary tones from our beautiful windows. We will rest on new pew cushions and chancel seating that reflect the warm gold tones that surround the baptistery. We have made every effort to be practical and used existing chancel furniture and pews which have ALL been gently refinished and retrofitted to provide balcony seating. We have tried to use our church funds wisely and always to the glory of God.

We have been so encouraged and uplifted by your comments, excitement and admiration for the process. It is indeed challenging but rewarding. There is scarcely a day that one, two or all of the Cam-

paign Committee are not on-site meeting different challenges that arise daily with this wonderful, aged building.

The crews of Church Interiors are hardworking, polite and greatly appreciate your gifts of cookies and cakes and other goodies!

In addition to the rapid changes in our sanctuary there are other exciting things going on as well. In anticipation of our green space, the trees have been removed and work is underway to get the land on the right grade, so the water will flow properly with installation of a large French drain. As the sanctuary was a carefully thought out plan so are the kitchen and fellowship hall renovations to come in the future. It is never too early to consider the layout, design and priority of needs in those areas.

As the hot days of summer wind down we grow more excited about what the future holds for First Baptist. We covet your prayers and support.

— Capital Campaign Committee

Lyndsay Britt, Austine Evans, co-chair, Charles Hughes, co-chair, Walt Pierce, Penny Rose and Buzzy Swain



## Worshiping Together

July 26, 2020

*The 8th Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00 am

*Problematic Pandemic Theology*

Genesis 25:1-2, 5-10, 12-13, 17

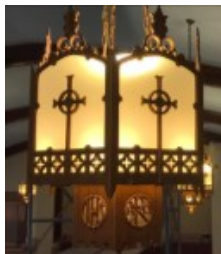
Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

## Sanctuary Renovation Progress

Our beautiful sanctuary looks more beautiful every day! Most recently the woodwork has been refinished, and the new wallpaper around the baptistery has been painted. The chandeliers have been cleaned and new LED lightbulbs are now shining brightly through them. The lights around the chancel area have been replaced. And we expect the pews will be refinished this week.



This first crew anticipates finishing their work this week. After this group leaves, another group will come in and refinish our hardwood floors. You may keep abreast of the progress through photos posted on our church Facebook page.



## Transition Team Update

Your church leadership understands that some want to return to in-person worship now. However, we ask that you be patient with us.

From the surveys we learned that 80% of the respondents desire to continue worshiping via the radio broadcast and Facebook live-stream. Since the surveys were completed, our worship service has moved to the fellowship hall due to sanctuary renovations. Based on the survey results, and our new worship location, we ask you to worship at home unless you are a worship leader. Furthermore, if you are a worship leader, masks are required except when you're speaking or singing.

If you come to the church building during the week, masks are also required. The church staff are required to wear masks in the building unless they are alone in their office. Contractors are required to wear masks when moving about in the building. They may take them off when working in the sanctuary if they so desire.

With the results of the survey and the state statistics, we will continue to monitor the situation and re-evaluate as we get closer to the completion of the sanctuary. There is a lot of activity within the building and our goal is to keep everyone safe.

*But in humility, consider others as more important than yourselves.—Philippians 2:3*

— Betty Joyner, Debbie Magette, Andy Woodard, with full deacon approval.

## Goodbye & Best Wishes

We offer our best wishes to Ian and Angela Kinlaw, and their children, Jackson and Payton, in their move to Fuquay-Varina, NC. May God richly bless all that comes next for the Kinlaw's.

## Our Church Facebook Page

Have you noticed that we are up to 701 members on our church Facebook page? As our page is private, people have to either ask to join our page or they can be invited to join. Can you think of anyone, from your Facebook friend list, that you would like to have as a part of our virtual community? Would you consider going through your friend list and inviting others to join us?



**July 19, 2020**

Weekly Need	\$ 9,130.28
Weekly Offering	\$ 4,955.69
Difference	\$ -4,174.59
YTD Needs	\$ 264,778.12
YTD Offerings	\$ 224,567.26
YTD Difference	\$ -40,210.86

Capital Campaign Weekly Total	\$ 365.00
Benevolence Weekly Total	\$ 150.00

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

# 2020 August 2020

## First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> <b>9th Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> <i>Communion</i> • 11a: Worship	<b>3</b> • 3p: Staff Mtg	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> • 6p: Adult Bible Study via Facebook Live	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>10th Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> • 11a: Worship	<b>10</b> • 3p: Staff Mtg	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> • 6p: Adult Bible Study via Facebook Live	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>11th Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> • 11a: Worship	<b>17</b> • 3p: Staff Mtg	<b>18</b> • 6p: Deacons' Mtg.	<b>19</b> • 6p: Adult Bible Study via Facebook Live	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>12th Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> • 11a: Worship <i>Vote on Nominating Committee Booklet</i>	<b>24</b> • 3p: Staff Mtg	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> • 6p: Adult Bible Study via Facebook Live	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>13th Sunday</b> <b>after Pentecost</b> • 11a: Worship	<b>31</b> • 3p: Staff Mtg	 <p><b>Back to School</b></p> <p>The beginning of the 2020-2021 school year will be unlike any we've experienced. Therefore, let us support with prayer the students, their parents, the teachers, administrators, and staff as they navigate the difficult path the pandemic has caused.</p>				



1 Jameson Brown  
 1 Frank Rose  
 4 Beverly Harrington

6 Landis Chamblee  
 11 Claudia Morris  
 13 Cole Magette  
 14 Joan Evans  
 14 Lou Ann Gilliam  
 14 Cade Harrell  
 15 Jessica Britton  
 18 Frank Britt  
 18 James Early

18 Debbie Greene  
 18 Miles Harrell  
 18 Henry Pierce  
 19 Wade Britt  
 19 Wyatt Britt  
 19 Jackson Alexander  
 19 Madelyn Messer  
 19 Reagan Zoch  
 21 Andy Burgess

21 Linda Futrell  
 22 Carolyn Arrington  
 24 Pat Daniels  
 24 Garrett Magette  
 25 Sarah Grace Britton  
 25 Henry Daniels  
 29 Carson Rose  
 30 Janice Cesil  
 31 Steven Hollingsworth

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of July 26-August 1, 2020

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

### Deacons on Call

Claire Presley, 287-6132

Peggy Springfield, 287-5119

### Sound System—July 26

Rick Burns

### Floral Offering—July 26

Don & LuAnn Joyner

### Food Pantry— July 31

Henry Byrd & Margaret Winn

## Week of August 2-8, 2020

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

### Deacons on Call

Betty Joyner, 398-6104

Jim Wiggins, 287-9790

### Sound System—August 2

Frank Britt

### Floral Offering—August 2

Bill & Carolyn Arrington

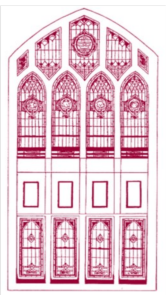
### Food Pantry – August 7

Sandra Pierce

## 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.



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