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TV Night

Thursday nights are TV Night at the Gilliam house. There are a handful of network television shows we like to watch. We guard Thursday nights. We do our best to have no meetings on Thursday evenings. We make sure dinner is complete and the dishes handled before the first show arrives. Often, on Thursday morning, we remind each other that “it’s TV night!” This is a multilayered exclamation that communicates excitement and warning. Excitement that our favorite television shows are on the horizon. And a warning not to let anything interfere with this ritual. We have rules. For example, no talking is allowed during the shows. My mother, when she is at the house on Thursdays, sometimes struggles with this one! On the rare occasion when we simply cannot be home on Thursday evening, disappointment reigns. It is equally disappointing when our shows are reruns because we have seen them all!

Last Sunday, from James 4:1-10, we were reminded that friendship with the world is hostility towards God. Furthermore, we were challenged to draw near to God and flee the devil. I proclaimed that we draw near to God via deep engagement with the church. Deep engagement with the church enables us to do better with our tongues as well as our tendency towards jealousy, arrogance, selfishness, and a host of other human ills. I preached that a deep engagement with the church makes our marriage stronger, provides our children with a rock-solid foundation upon which to build their lives, and enables us, not only to do good, but to feel good.

As we continue the climb out of covid, and as more and more people return to sanctuary worship, I ask you to guard your Sunday mornings like the Gilliams do their Thursday evenings. Make Sunday morning worship, with other Christian believers in

our sanctuary, a nonnegotiable for you and your family. In the past, I have asked you to make it your goal to miss no more than 12 Sundays in a year – that averages out to one Sunday a month. Now, I ask you to keep track of your Sunday morning worship participation to discover how many Sundays you, and your family, can go in a row without a miss. And, if you miss a Sunday, make it your goal not to miss two Sundays in a row.

As the church of Jesus the Christ, we gather once every seven days – on a Sunday because God raised Jesus from the dead on a Sunday – in order to give thanksgiving and praise to God for God’s great act of love towards us in the life, death, resurrection, and coming again of Jesus. Gathered worship then is our appropriate and necessary response to God.

May it become a rarity that you and your family are not in our sanctuary on Sundays, at either 8:30am or 11am service, for the worship of God through Christ. Don’t you think gathered worship is more important than TV night? I do.

In Christ,
Trey

Lent

Worshiping Together

February 28, 2021

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 11:00 am

The Arrogant Christian

James 4:13-17

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

A Mission Bite

... from Michelle Norman, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel (Missionary) serving in Barcelona, Spain.



Each Tuesday, we gather our authorization forms that enable us to travel the 10 minutes to the neighboring town to work at the food bank of the local Baptist church. Without these forms, we would not be permitted to leave our town due to tight COVID restrictions in effect.

Work at the food bank was one of the first ministries we engaged in after arriving in Spain. At that time, Spain was in an economic crisis which was slowly improving. That is until the pandemic. The COVID pandemic has taken its toll in Spain in psychological, physical, and economic ways. We see each week the economic struggle of our neighbors at the food bank. The number of clients has increased exponentially.

Each week, we experience the physical need brought on by the economic toll. This week, we heard the overwhelming weight of the pandemic in the words of a client. As we packed her cart with the allotment clients receive every 15 days, she shared: "I am out of work. I have no income and the only money I have is 200 euro a month support from the government. My rent is 850 euros a month! I have lost three family members to COVID. I have had medical problems in the past year that have caused me to be in the hospital. I can't take it anymore. I have lost the will to live. The only reason I go on is for my daughter. I have to carry-on for her." This is the reality of so many in Spain. They have lost family, jobs and even the will to go on.

We are grateful for the faithful ministry of the Food Bank of Cerdanyola and its impact in the community that helps alleviate a small part of the burden our neighbors feel every day. Thanks to the generous support of churches and partners, we have been able not only to support the work of the food bank through our weekly engagement, but provide much needed financial support to ensure that the people of Cerdanyola continue to receive food in the midst of this crisis.



We offer our sympathy to Carolyn Arrington and family in the February 15, 2021 death of Bill Arrington. A memorial service was held at FBCA on February 18.

Churchwide Mission Project

**Roanoke Chowan S.A.F.E. House
Shelter for Abused Families
with Emergencies**



Through March 17, our church will be gathering supplies for the Roanoke Chowan S.A.F.E House. If you'd like to support this project, please bring any of the following items and place them in the plastic bin near the hospital board on the 1st floor.

Paper Towels	Kleenex Tissues
Toilet Paper	Washing Powder
Diapers of All Sizes	Feminine Products

Stewardship Statement

February 21, 2021

Weekly Need	\$ 8,755.72
Weekly Offering	\$ 9,088.20
Difference	\$ 332.48
YTD Needs	\$ 70,045.76
YTD Offerings	\$ 61,180.92
YTD Difference	\$ -8,864.84
Capital Campaign Offering	\$ 310.00
Benevolence Offering	\$ 175.00
CBF Global Missions Total	\$ 5,456.69

Thank you for your generous gifts!



2021 ♦ First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays • 8:30a: Worship • 11a: Worship	1 Mondays • 3p: Staff Mtg	2	3 Wednesdays • 5p: Children's Music & Missions • 5p: Women's Bible Study	4	5 Fridays • 9a-3p: Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)	6
7 	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Saving Time Begins 	15 • 7p: Building & Grounds Com.	16 • 6p: Deacons' Mtg.	17	18	19	20
21 	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 	29	30	31 No Afternoon or Evening Activities	April 1 	2 	3



1 Larry Meeks
 1 Nancy Neal
 1 Charles Williford
 2 Keith Rawls
 3 Dakota Burnett
 3 Pate Pierce
 3 Jean Rector

7 Noreen Hannon
 8 Sherri Burgess
 13 Lila Stuart Pierce
 14 Lee Byrum
 14 Dolores Matthews
 14 Justice Zoch
 17 Dot Newsome

18 Frances Bracy
 19 Taylor F. Rose
 23 Sawyer Roberts
 23 Selton Vaughan
 24 Lyndsay Britt
 27 Richard Baker
 28 Kerby Mercader

28 Brent Pierce
 29 Perry Newbern
 30 Dawson Rose
 31 Jean Overton
 31 Beverly Spicer

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of Feb. 28—March 6, 2021

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321
trey@fbcahoskie.org

Deacons on Call

Betty Joyner, 398-6104
Jim Wiggins, 287-9790

Sound System Operator — February 28

Frank Britt

Floral Offering—February 28

Betty Duke

Food Pantry— March 5

Kay Byrd & Vicky Overman

Week of February 21—27, 2021

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061
anita@fbcahoskie.org

Deacons on Call

Austine Evans, 398-2724
Don Joyner, 396-1957

Sound System Operator — March 7

Rick Burns

Floral Offering—March 7

Kim Daniels Cherry

Food Pantry— March 12

Jack & Millie Britt

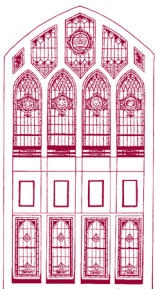
Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for remembering me during my injury. Thanks for all the food, phone calls, cards, prayers, and visits. It is nice to have such a caring church family.

Thank you, and God bless,
Margaret Winn

2020—2021 Global Missions Offering Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

We have surpassed our \$5000 goal! Well done! If you've not yet given to this offering, it will be received through March 2021.



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