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Holy Week 2021



Last year's observance of Holy Week was different from any we had experienced. We were four weeks into the Covid-19 pandemic. All the Holy Week worship services were led by a small group and broadcast live over the radio and Facebook. There was no choir. No one was in the sanctuary other than the worship leaders. How thankful we are that Holy Week 2021 will look a bit more like our usual tradition.

We will gather for in person worship for all the Holy Week 2021 services. The guidelines are the same as for each Lord's Day, except we are not requiring reservations for the Maundy Thursday (April 1) and Good Friday (April 2) services.

The Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services will be broadcast on the local radio station, FM 99.3, and live streamed on our church Facebook page. The Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be broadcast only on Facebook.

Details about each of the Holy Week services are provided on the right. We hope you'll make every effort to enter fully into the Passion Story as we remember what the Christ endured for our sake.

If you are unable to join us for in person worship, you're encouraged to make preparations for worship in your home. For Palm Sunday, cut a leafy branch from your yard and wave it joyfully with each "Hosanna!" For Maundy Thursday, have juice and bread available for communion. For Good Friday, gather together eight candles. Size and color does not matter, but it is preferable for

the Christ Candle to be white. And for Easter Sunday, find a bell, and every time you hear the word "Alleluia" read or sung, ring it!

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28
8:30 & 11:00 am

We will gather to remember the beginning of Christ's last week before His crucifixion. We will offer our praise to the Christ, who rode to Jerusalem on the back of a donkey while followers waved palm branches shouting, "Hosanna, Hosanna!"

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1
7:00 pm

We will gather to remember the night Jesus gathered in the upper room with His disciples. It was the night Christ instituted the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday

Friday, April 2
7:00 pm

We will gather to remember the night Jesus was betrayed by one of His own and arrested and crucified for crimes He did not commit.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 3
8:30 & 11:00 am

We will gather to celebrate and praise the risen Savior!

Lent

Worshiping Together

March 14, 2021

The 4th Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 11:00 am

Look This Way

John 3:14-21

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Daylight Saving Time

Begins Sunday, March 14



We Celebrate



◆Abbigail Dotson came forward during worship on March 7 to request baptism. She is the fiancé of Blake Outlaw, and desires to be baptized before their May 15 wedding. Abbigail is not requesting membership because she and Blake will make their home in Greenville, and will find a church home there.

◆Perry Newbern also came forward during worship on March 7. He shared his profession of faith in Christ, and requested baptism and church membership. Perry is the son of Caroll & Suzanne Newbern, and will celebrate his 10th birthday on March 29.

We welcome Perry as the newest member of FBC Ahoskie, and look forward to baptizing him and Abbigail on March 21.

Children's Roles on Palm Sunday



On Sunday, March 28, our grades 1-5 children will ring bells in celebration of the remembrance of Christ's entry into the city of Jerusalem as the crowd shouted their hosannas. Parents are asked to let Rev. Thompson know if their child will be able to ring for both worship services, or for either 8:30 or 11:00.

Also, as is our tradition, any children present for either worship service will be given a palm branch with which they may wave in praise of our Christ.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 am

for

Children up to 5th Grade

At the farm of Stuart & Sandra Pierce
107 DT Road, Ahoskie

Bring your Easter baskets and a friend.



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

Toilet Paper

Diapers of All Sizes

Kleenex Tissues

Washing Powder

Feminine Products

A Pandemic Anniversary Prayer



God of All Time, one year ago this month our nation began to be affected by a new virus that was making its way across Your world. Though there was so much about the virus that was a mystery, there were two things we quickly learned: it is highly contagious, and can be deadly.

And so we looked to You for guidance, and for leaders to lead us through this unprecedented time. And You provided. Therefore at this one year anniversary we pause to offer You our thanks for . . .

- Scientists who worked to unravel the mysteries of Covid-19 and provide vaccines to combat it.
- Medical personnel who risked their lives to treat Covid-19 patients.
- Educators who quickly changed their plans to learn either how to teach virtually, or teach in-person with specific Covid-19 guidelines.
- Community workers who, through food pantries, clothing closets and the like, stepped up their game when needs greatly increased.
- Ministers who found new and creative ways to pastor and preach.
- Law enforcement officers who worked to keep the peace amidst increased fear and anxiety.

All of these and many more continue to do their good work for the sake of humankind. Continue to support them with Your wisdom and guidance, we pray.

Though its been a long, hard year, O God, we acknowledge that You were and are with us every single day. And as we begin this second year of the pandemic, we know there is so much more we can learn from it. As more people are vaccinated and thus, we are able to live a bit more freely, show us the pre pandemic routines and activities that we need to return to. Help us leave in the past those that are no longer useful. And show us how we may faithfully serve You in new ways that will help Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- Anita Thompson

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina



*“ . . .you will always have
more than enough. . . ”*

- 2 Cor. 9:8

The annual gathering of our state denominational partner, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC, will be held on March 18 and 19. Since the gathering is virtual this year, perhaps more of FBC Ahsokie folks may be able to participate.

You may register at <https://cbfnc.org/annual-gathering>. The gathering includes times of worship, a variety of interesting and helpful workshops, and a business meeting. Details for all of these may be found at the web address above.



March 7, 2021

Weekly Need	\$ 8,755.72
Weekly Offering	\$ 12,228.80
Difference	\$ 3,473.08
YTD Needs	\$ 87,557.20
YTD Offerings	\$ 81,615.03
YTD Difference	\$ -5,942.17
CBF Global Missions Total	\$ 5,676.69
Benevolence Offering	\$ 715.00
Capital Campaign Offering	\$ 150.00

Thank You for your generous gifts!

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Week of March 14—20, 2021

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Bill Magette, 209-4676
Andy Woodard, 396-1599

Sound System Operator—March 14

Walt Pierce

Floral Offering—March 14

Ollie & Hannah Brown Family

Food Pantry— March 19

Patrise Godwin & Marilyn Mize

Week of March 21—27, 2021

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Kari Pierce, 217-8017
Penny Rose, 287-8531

Sound System Operator—March 21

Chris Slachta

Floral Offering—March 21

Gayle Cross & Worship Decorating Committee

Food Pantry— March 26

Melanie Byrum



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