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What's in a Name?

What's in a name? Apparently more than I once thought.

You might find the story of my name interesting. My mother tells me that she never picked out a boy's name. Remember, my birth occurred back in the day before gender reveals were in vogue, or possible. My mother was convinced she was going to give birth to a baby girl. And, apparently, she wanted to give birth to a baby girl. What can *I* say about this? I too wanted a baby girl! My mother had settled only on a girl's name – Monica Gail Gilliam.

So, when I was born there was a bit of a scramble for a name. My father would not allow his son to be named Monica Gail Gilliam. Thanks Dad! My mother then agreed to give me the name of my father and grandfather – Paul Robert Gilliam. However, she did not want to call me by either Paul or Robert. My mother's friend had recently given birth to a boy. This little fella too shared a name with his father and grandfather. And his mother did not want to call him by his ancestral name. Therefore, since this baby boy was the third male to hold the name, my mother's friend decided to call him, "Trey." It is a logical nickname since "Trey" means "three." Thus, I too became "Trey" from day one ... or maybe day two.

A lot of people are satisfied with a nickname for the entirety of their life. And at first, I was satisfied as well. However, "Trey" has been a source of frustration throughout my life. In school, on the first day of class, the teacher asked if Paul were present. And each year, I had to say, "yes, but I go by Trey." When I graduated high school, *my* name was called – Paul Robert Gilliam III. No one knew that guy. The same with graduate school graduation and doctoral graduation. I sign checks and

other official documents, not Trey Gilliam, but Paul R. Gilliam III.

When Lou Ann was pregnant with Matty Grace (the name on her birth certificate), we decided to forego modern technology and wait until birth to learn the gender of our child. Lou Ann likes surprises! Even though I wanted a girl, we had decided on a boy's name as well – Turner Paul Gilliam. Lou Ann insisted that whatever we name the child, we call the child. Turner never materialized. However, after my experience with "Trey," I so agreed that the child's name is what we call the child!

As I have aged, I have come to embrace my name – my real name, my official name, my birth certificate name more and more. My grandfather and my father are both deceased. It looks as if I will be the last Paul Robert Gilliam. I have thought, for years now, about using *my* name and ditching the nickname. At my 50th birthday, I decided to put it off no longer and just do it!

I put this off for years because I knew the transition would be awkward and frustrating. And, indeed, it has! Thus, I want to thank those of you who are really trying to make the transition with me from "Trey" to "Paul." I am most appreciative. Someone, in a moment of irritation, said to me recently, "Most people do not change their name at 50." I politely responded, "I have not changed *my* name. I am simply using *my* name." And so it is. These days I go by my real name, my actual name, my birth certificate name, the name I share with Paul R. Gilliam Sr. and Paul R. Gilliam Jr.

Someone said to me, just this week, "You look like a Paul." I think so too.

In Christ,
Paul



Worshiping Together
July 25, 2021
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
11:00 AM

Even Now
 Psalm 150
 Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III



In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Joanna Dunn in the July 13, 2021 death of her son, Finn. A funeral was held on July 17 at Ridgecroft School.

We also offer our sympathy to Pate & Anna Pierce in the death of their son, Fletcher, on July 20, 2021. In addition to his parents, please remember in prayer his sisters, Camille & Liza, and his grandparents, Stuart & Sandra Pierce.

A funeral will be held at First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, Friday, July 23, 2021 at 3:00 PM.



Christian Women's Job Corps Ministry

CWJC Sunday
August 1, 2021

11:00 AM Worship Service
Churchwide Luncheon to Follow

On Sunday, August 1, we will celebrate the 10 year anniversary of Christian Women's Job Corps. During the 11:00 AM worship service we'll hear the stories of graduates, and give thanks to God for the ministry's successes. The celebration will continue with a churchwide luncheon immediately following the service.

The CWJC leadership would like to thank First Baptist Church of Ahoskie for establishing this ministry and for your continued support. Together, and with God's help, we've been changing women's lives for good for 10 years!

Heck Jones Offering for WMU NC

August 1, 2021

We will receive the annual Heck Jones offering on Sunday, August 1, 2021. This offering provides funds for the missions and ministries of the Woman's Missionary Union of NC. One of those ministries is Christian Women's Job Corps which is an important ministry of our church.

Wednesday Night Activities

The following full slate of activities will resume on August 25, 2021.

- 5:00 PM Children's Music & Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Group Gathering
- 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

Bible Presentations

August 15, 2021



As is our tradition, we will present Bibles to our 1st and 6th graders as we celebrate their transition to grade school and youth ministries.

Churchwide Meal

August 29, 2021

Plan to join us for a churchwide meal following the 11 AM worship service on August 29, 2021.



Stewardship Statement

July 18, 2021

Weekly Need	\$ 8,755.72
Weekly Offering	\$ 8,147.25
Difference	\$ -608.47
YTD Needs	\$ 253,915.88
YTD Offerings	\$ 253,672.93
YTD Difference	\$ -242.95
Capital Campaign Offering	\$ 550.00
Benevolence Offering	\$ 200.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF AHOSSKIE

AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 CWJC Sunday <u>Every Sunday</u> • 9:45 AM Sunday School • 11 AM Worship	2 <u>Mondays</u> • 3 PM Staff Mtg	3 • National Watermelon Day	4 <u>Wednesdays</u> • 6:30 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal	5	6 <u>Fridays</u> • 9 AM - 3 PM Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)	7
8	9	10 • 10 AM WMU Group 4	11	12	13	14
15 <i>Bible Presentation for 1st & 6th Graders</i>	16 • 7 PM Building & Grounds Committee	17 • 7 PM Deacons' Mtg	18	19	20	21 <i>Chowan University Freshman Move-In Day</i>
22 <i>Church Confer- ence: Vote on Nominating Com. Report</i>	23	24	25 <i>All Wednesday Programs Resume</i>	26	27	28
29 <i>Churchwide Meal after Worship</i>	30	31				

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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 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
31 Erin Messer

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 July 25 - 31, 2021

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III, 398-7321
paulrgilliam@fbcahoskie.org

Deacons on Call

Charles Hughes, 287-8403
Don Joyner, 396-1957

Childcare During Worship - July 25

Babies: Debbie & Keith Rawls
Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Green
Ages 3-5: Jessica, Josh & Lily Ann Brinkley

Ushers - July 25

Carolyn Arrington, Lanie Byrum, Lee Byrum,
Pike Harrington, Charles Hughes,
Patricia Hughes, Lane Slachta, L. Taylor Rose

Sound System - July 25

Chris Slachta

Floral Offering - July 25

Don & LuAnn Joyner

Home Delivered Meals - July 26

Peggy Springfield & Margaret Winn

Food Pantry - July 30

Patrise Godwin & Marilyn Mize

Week of August 1 - 7, 2021

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Rick Burns, 209-4058
Bill Magette, 209-4676

Childcare During Worship - August 1

Babies: Bill & Debbie Magette
Ages 1 & 2: Brian & Victoria Outlaw
Ages 3-5: Will & Landis Chamblee

Ushers - August 1

Carolyn Arrington, Tim Frei, Henry Joyner,
Camille Pierce, Pate Pierce, Keith Rawls,
Nat Riddick & Carroll Thompson

Sound System - August 1

Brandon Zoch

Floral Offering - August 1

Carolyn Arrington

Home Delivered Meals - August 2

Jayne Frei

Food Pantry - August 6

Vicky Overman