

Relentless



*We are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed,
but of those who believe and are saved. - Hebrews 10:39*

The Worship of God ✠ August 1, 2021 ✠ Ordinary Time

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 1, 2021 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Ordinary Time*

*A Celebration of the Ministry of
Roanoke Chowan Christian Women's Job Corps
2011 - 2021*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Paul Gilliam

We gather not to be blessed,

but to bless.

We gather not to receive,

but to give.

We gather to bless God,

and to give thanks and praise to God

for the life, ministry, death, resurrection,

and coming again of Jesus the Christ.

Now let us be about our business.

Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Gail Ambrose & Mrs. Noreen Hannon, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

Mrs. Claire Presley

INTROIT

Praise God for This Holy Ground

John L. Bell

The Vocal Ensemble

Praise God for this holy ground, place and people, sight and sound.

Praise God in whose word we find food for body, soul, and mind.

Praise God who through Christ makes known all are loved and called God's own.

Praise God's Spirit who befriends, raises, humbles, breaks, and mends.

Refrain: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God's goodness is eternal.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Presley

+HYMN OF PRAISE 306

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID



CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**



GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:31-45

Rev. Jill Awuni

In Pew Bible, page 35 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Awuni

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Awuni

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – 1 John 1:9

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

SOLO

Ms. Christa Faison-Hall



+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Dr. Linda Alexander

As we worship God with our offerings, this is our prayer:

**O God, who is the source of all good things, we bring to You our gifts.
Enable us, along with our offerings, to give You the love of our hearts
and the service of our lives; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+DOXOLOGY

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.



EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 10:39

Mrs. Pat Byrd

In Pew Bible, page 273 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE *Christian Women's Job Corps: Celebrating Ten Years* Mrs. Byrd

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Gilliam

INVITATION

Dr. Gilliam

It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE *O Lord, Who Came to Earth to Show*
See page 5.

FOREST GREEN

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's worship flowers are given by Carolyn Arrington, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Roland "Moe" Hardison, Minnie Belle Hardison, and William "Bill" Arrington.

O Lord, Who Came to Earth to Show



1. O Lord, who came to earth to show Your way of truth and love, who
2. En - a - ble us to hear the cries of those who, in des - pair, call
3. With su - per - fi - cial ges - tures, we have tried to com - fort those who
4. "Your king - dom come on earth," we pray with hearts which are re - solved, and



min - is - tered to var - ied needs with grace sent from a - bove, e -
out for some - one who will hear, for some - one who will care. Then,
strug - gle for ful - fill - ment in the midst of all life's throes. In -
yet, in hu - man prob - lems still we fail to be in - volved; the



quip us like - wise now to go, and thus ful - fill Your word com -
hear - ing, let us ac - tive - ly pur - sue with one ac - cord a
vest in us a high - er cause which, shown by Christ, our Lord, makes
min - is - tries of com - fort, peace, and hope may we af - ford to



pel - ling us to min - is - ter: give us Your love, O Lord.
min - is - try which meets their needs: give us Your love, O Lord.
us to seek their deep - est needs: give us Your love, O Lord.
all who strug - gle in their needs: give us Your love, O Lord.

Roanoke Chowan Christian Women's Job Corps – 10 Years!

In the early 1990s, National Woman's Missionary Union had a vision for assisting women trapped in the cycle of poverty – offering a hand up, not a hand out. With that vision and five successful national pilot sites, Christian Women's Job Corps of North Carolina established two sites in 1998, and since that time has increased to nine CWJC/CMJC (Christian Men's Job Corps) sites as of March 2021 as well as an international partnership with multiple sites in southern Africa.

Our Roanoke Chowan CWJC ministry began in 2011 after Pat Byrd participated in a state CWJC training event. Pat had her first client in November. Since that time, RC CWJC has ministered to 224 women.

- 128 completed Level I
- 28 completed Level II
- 81 are employed
- 85 continued and/or completed their education
- 92 made commitments regarding the Christian faith
- 75 are active in a church

CWJC brings hope for a brighter future to women in need by providing resources to help them move from dependency to self-sufficiency. We offer:

- Bible Study
- One-on-one support and encouragement
- Help accessing job training and educational resources
- Help addressing issues of childcare, transportation, housing and more

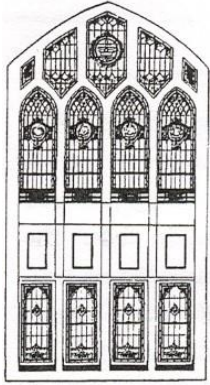
Participants gain:

- Assurance that God loves them
- Important practical life skills
- Self-respect by providing for themselves and their children

There are many ways you can help:

- Become a mentor or volunteer
- Donate money to purchase Bibles or other resources
- Provide lunch on a Friday

Pat Byrd is the Site Coordinator; Noreen Hannon and Gail Ambrose are on-site co-coordinators. Board Members are Linda Alexander, Jill Awuni, Pat Byrd, Katrina Futrell, Claire Presley, Jeanette Tinkham, and Sandra Woodard.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

August 1, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Today we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of our Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) ministry. As part of the celebration, you're invited to stay for lunch immediately following the worship service. We'll gather in fellowship hall, located below the sanctuary. The menu includes baked chicken, fried chicken, baked spaghetti, green beans, broccoli salad, sweet potato casserole, macaroni & cheese, fruit cups, sweet tea, water, and Capri Sun.

We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today in Extended Session while we worship:

Babies: Jenni Byrd & Betty Cooper

Ages 1 & 2: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Nancy Perry, Mary Page Pierce & Linda White

✦ Heck-Jones Offering for WMU NC – Received 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.

✦ Roanoke Chowan CWJC Needs

Christian Women's Job Corps rejoices with our participants who recently were able to move into their own place. We desperately need window air conditioner units. Other needs include kitchen items (pots, pans, dishes, utensils, microwaves, mixers), furniture (lamps, tables, etc.), bathroom items, and anything else you can think of. If you are able to donate your unused items or if you have any questions, please contact Pat Byrd at (252) 209-4301.

✦ 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.

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✦ Church Leadership for 2021-2022 Church Year

On Sunday, August 22nd we will hold a church conference to vote on the Nominating Committee's recommendation of leadership persons to serve in the new church year beginning September 1, 2021. We give thanks for the good work of the Nominating Committee members: Joyce Leary and Lou Riddick serve through August 31, 2021. Kay Byrd and Eley Whitehead serve through August 31, 2022. And Charles Freeman and Peggy Springfield serve through August 31, 2023.

✦ Wednesday Night Activities – Resume 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

✦ Churchwide Meal – August 29, 2021

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

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R.
Gilliam III
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. W. Bland Baker
Music Associate/Pianist

Miss Bridget Deveney
Music Associate/Organist