

The Worship of God ✦ August 29, 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 29, 2021 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

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.

ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM

Lily Ann Brinkley

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Reagan Zoch and Mr. Justice Zoch, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Miss Peggy Springfield

We have gathered in the name of Jesus
who is the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives.

**We have gathered on this first day of the week,
to align our lives with the life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone.**

We have gathered in our house of prayer,

**But we ourselves are the church,
whose construction continues until it is completed and dedicated
at the end of time.**

INTROIT

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
The Sanctuary Choir

Dale Wood

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Springfield

+HYMN OF PRAISE 339 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CORONATION

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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.**

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EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-7

Mr. Don Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 236 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 586

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

MOODY

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Joyner

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.

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GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 26 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God is Scandalous

Dr. Gilliam

At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has been experienced while we've worshiped together.

INVITATION

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 41 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELLESLEY

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+ORGAN POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lee and Lou Wilson on their 55th wedding anniversary by **Emma, Georgia, Dess, Lillie Hope, and Chandler.***

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

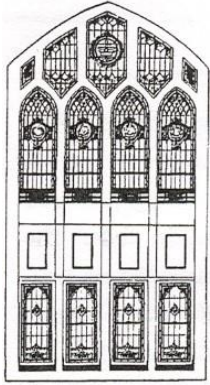
Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

August 29, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Important Announcement: *Out of an abundance of concern for our children and the unvaccinated, the FBC deacons, at their August 17th meeting, decided that beginning August 22nd masks will be required for all indoor church activities (Sunday School, worship, Wednesday night activities, etc.).*

Today we celebrate the baptism of Lily Ann Brinkley, the daughter of Josh & Jessica Brinkley, and granddaughter of Larry & Winnie Matthews. Lily Ann is 10 years old and is a 5th grade student at Ridgecroft School.

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

Babies: Jenni Byrd & Nancy Freeman

Ages 1 & 2: Jamie Burns & Betty Cooper

Age 3 - K: Bryan & Jessica Britton

✦ Church Leadership for the 2021-2022 Church Year

The new church year begins September 1st.

- First graders promote to the Grades 1-5 Sunday School class which meets in room 104.*
- Sixth graders promote to the Youth Sunday School class which meets in room 308. They also participate in all Youth Group activities.*
- For committees which have rotating members, new members will come on board; those who have completed their service will rotate off.*

✦ Wednesday Night Activities

5:00 PM Children's Music & Missions

- Age 3 - K in Room 105
- Grades 1 - 5 in Choir Room

6:00 PM Youth Group Gathering (Grades 6-12)

6:00 PM Adult Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

✠ Heck-Jones Offering for WMU NC

We will receive the annual Heck-Jones offering throughout the month of August. 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.

✠ Memorial Service

A memorial service for Oliver Fleming will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 11:00 AM.

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