

The Kingdom's Treasures
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The Worship of God ✠ September 12, 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

September 12, 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.

ORGAN PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Masters Henry & Bennett Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Philippians 2:5-11

Mrs. Kari Pierce

INTROIT

Sweetest Name I Know
The Sanctuary Choir

Hugh Livingston Jr.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Pierce

+HYMN OF PRAISE 344 *Glorious Is Thy Name*

GLORIOUS NAME

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CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Thompson & Dr. Gilliam

Child Dedication Grady Holloman Britton

October 27, 2020

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CHILDREN'S 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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 2:1-5 Miss Judy G. Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 719 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Gilliam

+HYMN 159

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

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+LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Miss Pierce

Please Note: During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not passing offering plates in our usual manner, instead, you are encouraged to place your offering in one of the offering plates located at each sanctuary entrance.

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

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 13:44-46

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 18 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Reminder

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 365 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

+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 memory of Russell P. and Emma Martin by Whit Powell & Chris Powell.

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

CHILD DEDICATION

Grady Holloman Britton

October 27, 2020

Son of Bryan & Jessica Britton, brother of Ben & Mollie

Introduction of the Family

Dr. Gilliam

Dedication Scripture

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

- Matthew 13:44 (NRSV)

Statements of Commitment

Rev. Thompson

Bryan and Jessica, do you publicly recommit yourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross cleansed you from all sin and whose life through the resurrection prepared the way for your eternal life?

We do.

Do you also recommit yourselves to your marriage, understanding that the best gift parents can give children is a healthy marriage and a loving home?

We do.

Do you dedicate Grady to the Lord by committing yourselves to raise your son in the Christian faith; bringing him to church, leading him in prayer, and reading to him the scriptures, in order that he may also come to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

We do.

Do you, the members of this congregation, accept the responsibility, together with these parents, to teach and nurture Grady in the Christian faith so that he may be brought into full maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

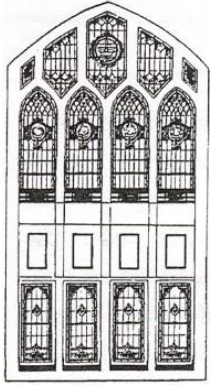
We do.

Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Gilliam

Presentation of Gifts

Rev. Thompson



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

September 12, 2021

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

Today we dedicate Grady Holloman Britton, promising to help him “grow up to be like Jesus.” Grady was born on October 27, 2020. He is the son of Bryan & Jessica, and brother to Ben & Mollie.

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

Babies: Nancy Cobbs & Joyce Leary

Ages 1 & 2: Lyndsay Britt, Isabella Woodard & Leah Woodard

Age 3 - K: William & Heather Alexander

✦ Chairo Music Ensemble Begins Rehearsals Today at 2:00 PM

Chairo sings praise & worship music as well as global church music. This intergenerational choir is open to students in grades 6 - 12, college students, and adults of all ages.

✦ In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to Spencer Matthews and family in the September 6, 2021, death of Spencer's wife, Dolores. A private memorial service was held in our columbarium on Wednesday morning, September 8th.

✦ 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