



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH *of* AHOSKIE

The Worship of God ✕ July 17, 2022 ✕ The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

July 17, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. 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 worship together with zeal.  
**Amen.**

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Josh Brinkley & Lily Ann, Acolytes

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Ashlee' Perry

+HYMN OF PRAISE 296     *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

HOLY MANNA

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING     Luke 10:38-42

Rev. Anita 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     Psalm 141:1-4, 8a

Mrs. Sarah Grace Britton

In Pew Bible, pages 711-712 of Old Testament

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

## CHORAL PRAYER

*Prince of Peace, Control My Will*  
The Sanctuary Choir

Music: Mark Blankenship  
Words: A. S. Barber

*Prince of Peace, control my will; bid this struggling heart be still.  
Bid my fears and doubting cease; hush my spirit into peace.*

*Thou hast bought me with Thy blood, opened wide the gate to God.  
Peace, I ask, but peace must be, Lord, in being one with Thee.*

*May Thy will, not mine, be done; may Thy will and mine be one.  
Chase these doubtings from my heart; now Thy perfect peace impart.*

*Savior, at Thy feet I fall, Thou my Life, my God, my All!  
Let Thy happy servant be one forevermore with Thee!*

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## +LITANY FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Britton

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.**

## OFFERTORY

Mr. Rick Burns, Guitarist

## +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 Revelation 9:1-6, 13-16, 18, 20-21

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, pages 304-305 of New Testament

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## SERMON

*Do You Have Room?*

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 395 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SCOTT

+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.*

RECESSIONAL OF THE LIGHT

PIANO POSTLUDE

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given by Larry and Winnie Matthews to the glory of God and in honor of Jessica, Josh, Lily Ann, and Bryant.*

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#### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

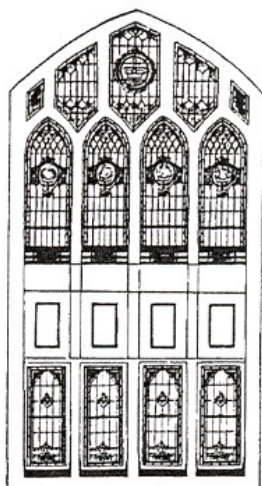
Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III  
Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome  
Music Associate/Pianist

Miss Bridget Deveney  
Music Associate/Organist



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

July 17, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

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

Babies: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 1 & 2: Jordan & Claire Harrell

Age 3 – Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum

## ✦ Vacation Bible School

1. July 25-28 | 4:45 PM - 7:45 PM

Age 3 through completed grade 4.

*Registration forms are available online or in the church office. The deadline to register is Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

## 2. VBS Leadership Meeting

Today at 2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

*All volunteers, except meal teams, are asked to attend.*

## 3. VBS Decorating Day

Sunday, July 24 | 2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

*All volunteers are asked to help with set up and decorating. We welcome any FBCA folks who'd like to help.*

*For more information about VBS, please contact Rev. Thompson, (252) 395-0061; [anita@fbcahoskie.org](mailto:anita@fbcahoskie.org).*

## ✦ In Sympathy

*We offer our sympathy to Nancy Baker whose mother, Violet Harrell, of Colerain, passed away on July 12, 2022.*

*A graveside service was held on July 15<sup>th</sup> at the Hillcrest Memorial Cemetery in Colerain.*

## ✦ Green Space & Playground

*If you'd like to spend time in the green space and playground, contact the church office to receive the code for the gate lock.*

## ✦ Adult Bible Study & Lunch

*... is currently on summer break. Information about plans for the Fall are forthcoming.*

## ✠ Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC All-State Youth Choir

*Jane Hollingsworth will depart this afternoon for her final year of participation in All-State Youth Choir. Rehearsals begin at Camp Mundo Vista in Sophia, NC that evening with concerts beginning on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Here is the concert schedule:*

Wednesday	July 20	6:00 PM	First Baptist, Asheboro
Thursday	July 21	7:00 PM	First Baptist, Kannapolis
Friday	July 22	6:30 PM	Friendly Avenue Baptist, Greensboro
Saturday	July 23	5:00 PM	Ardmore Baptist, Winston-Salem
Sunday	July 24	11:00 AM	First Baptist, Albemarle
Sunday	July 24	5:00 PM	First Baptist, Greensboro

*Rev. Thompson plans to attend the Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> concert. If anyone would like to join her, she's departing from FBCA at 1:00 PM.*

## ✠ Church Leadership for 2022-2023 Church Year

*The Nominating Committee has begun the good work of filling leadership roles and committees. You're encouraged to prayerfully consider how you'd like to serve in the new church year which begins September 1, 2022.*

*Since we have been blessed with so many children, there is a particular need for leadership with them in Sunday School, for Worship Care, and for Wednesday evening Music & Missions. For more information about how you may serve with our dear children, please speak with Debbie Magette (Sunday School and Worship Care) or Rev. Thompson (Music & Missions).*

*Nominating Committee members are Kay Byrd, Charles Freeman, Debbie Greene, Peggy Springfield, Eley Whitehead, and Andy Woodard.*

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