



*“Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand,
so are you in My hand.”*

Jeremiah 18:6

The Worship of God ✦ September 4, 2022 ✦ The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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 4, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Jack Britt

+HYMN OF PRAISE 355 *We Praise Thee, O God*

REVIVE US AGAIN

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 12:1-2

Mr. Andy Woodard

In Pew Bible, page 196 of New Testament

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

+HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

YARBROUGH

1. Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee;
3. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;
4. Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no lon - ger mine;
Lord, I give my life to Thee, Thine for - ev - er - more to be;

Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
Lord, I give my life to Thee, Thine for - ev - er - more to be.

D.C. for Chorus

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Woodard

PIANO OFFERTORY

+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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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 18:1-11

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 881 of Old Testament

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

SERMON

My Hand

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.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

. . . Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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 493 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

ADELAIDE

+BENEDICTION

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PIANO POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Lee & Lou Wilson.

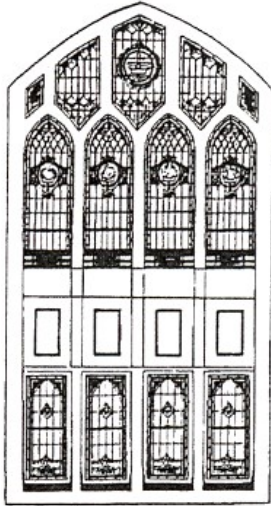
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

September 4, 2022

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

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

<i>Babies:</i>	<i>Hannah Brown Sunday School Class on call.</i>
<i>Ages 1 & 2:</i>	<i>Karen Daly & Lisa Outlaw</i>
<i>Ages 3 & 4:</i>	<i>Brian & Victoria Outlaw</i>
<i>Kindergarten:</i>	<i>Landis & Will Chamblee</i>

✦ Benevolence Offering Received Today

On the first Sunday of every month, we receive an offering for our Benevolence Ministry which helps support individuals and families in our community. If you'd like to participate, please place your offering in one of the small brown baskets at each sanctuary exit.

✦ 2022 Fall Programming

♦ Children's Music & Missions Began August 31 | 5:15 PM

There are two age groups: (1) Age 3 – Kindergarten; (2) Grades 1-5

♦ Adult Bible Study Begins September 7 | 10:00 AM | Annex Building

♦ Chairo Music Ensemble Begins September 11 | 2:00 PM

For grade school children through senior adults.

✦ FBC 101 | September 18, 2022 | 4:00 PM

Are you interested in joining FBC Ahoskie, or simply interested in learning more about our church? Do you know someone who is? Sunday, September 18 we will offer FBC 101 at 4 PM. This is a one-hour class/discussion for people interested in joining our church or simply learning more about our church. If you would like to sign up, simply call the church office (252-332-4003), or speak with Paul or Anita.

✦ Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Renovation

The fellowship hall and kitchen are being cleaned out in preparation for the renovation which will begin in September. We anticipate the renovation will be complete by the end of 2022.

✘ WMU Churchwide Mission Project for September

We are collecting the following items for the international students at Chowan University:

- ♦ Blankets ♦ Extra Long Twin Sheets ♦ Pillows
- ♦ Twin Comforters ♦ Used Microwaves

A container will be in the West Street hallway for collection through September 30, 2022. Please contact Claire Presley if you have any questions.

✘ Northeast NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Regional Gathering

Edenton Baptist Church | September 25, 2022 | 3:45 PM - 7:30 PM

All FBC Ahoskie folks are invited. The gathering will feature informative breakout sessions, a fellowship meal and meaningful worship. The event is free, however the meal is \$5.00. Featured speakers are Sam and Melody Harrell. The Harrells serve as CBF Field Personnel in Kenya and on the national staff of CBF. Melody is a certified spiritual director. You may choose from the following breakout sessions:

Culture and Calling: A session for Youth and Their Leaders Kelly Rhodes Adams

Members of Gen Z are digital natives in a foreign land every time they enter a traditional church setting. Youth and their leaders will explore the unique challenge of trusting an unchanging God in an ever-changing culture, and how to discern God's calling even in the earliest seasons in our life of faith.

Spirituality and the Enneagram Sam & Melody Harrell

The Enneagram is a map that illuminates nine distinct patterns of the human personality. It is a powerful and practical system available for lending emotional, social, and spiritual intelligence to creating and sustaining relationships. This workshop will introduce the enneagram and its 9 types.

CBFNC 101 Mary Kaylor

Where did the CBF movement come from? What do we believe? What are our ministries? What is the relationship between CBFNC and CBF? Chat with a CBFNC leader to explore these questions.

Creative Ideas for Gathering Your Church Outside Its Walls Charles Qualls

Charles will discuss Franklin Baptist's popular "Faith on Draft" experiences that meet in a restaurant downtown monthly. Discussion will center on how business, service, and social gatherings are important places in the faith. Bring your creative ideas and let's learn together!

What's Happening to Our Churches? Phyllis Tickle's Theory Anita Thompson

Long before the COVID-19 pandemic, churches were in decline. Church leaders across the denominational struggle to determine why this is happening. Church historian, Phyllis Tickle, looked for and found patterns in Christian history that may help us better understand current church culture, and inspire us to join God in leading the church through this season of change. This workshop will introduce Phyllis Tickle's theory.