



Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

hebrews 13:1-2. NIV

The Worship of God ✠ September 18, 2022 ✠ The 15th 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 18, 2022 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 15th 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

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Jennifer Byrd and Sophia, Acolytes

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:16-17

Mr. Lee Taylor Rose

INTROIT

Because He Lives
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Jack Schrader

+HYMN OF PRAISE 620

Because He Lives

RESURRECTION

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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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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Mr. Scott Outlaw

In Pew Bible, page 276 of New Testament

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

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+HYMN 267

Blest Be the Tie

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Outlaw

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.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 7:1-11

Dr. Gilliam

In Pew Bible, page 865 of Old Testament

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SERMON

There's More to It

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 680

I Then Shall Live

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+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 & POSTLUDE

Please be seated for the postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

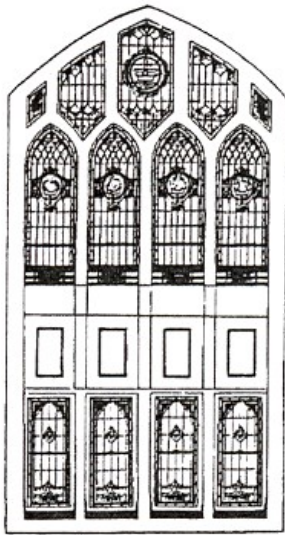
Today's altar flowers are given by the Williford family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot, Clarence, and Al Williford, and Ruth and Henry Holloman.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III
Pastor
Mrs. Leah Newsome
Music Associate/Pianist

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

September 18, 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:

Crib:	Hannah Brown Sunday School Class on call.
Ages 1 & 2:	Georgia Copeland & Kari Pierce
Ages 3 & 4:	Claire & Jordan Harrell
Kindergarten:	Avery & Harriet Byrum

✦ 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.

✦ Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays | 10:00 AM | Annex Building

✦ 2023 Budget Preparation

During the month of September, the Finance Committee will distribute 2023 budget preparation forms to appropriate committee chairs and church staff. Committees are encouraged to begin now to consider their budget needs for the year 2023. The requests are due by Friday, September 23. Details are forthcoming regarding when the proposed budget will be mailed, when the church will meet to discuss it, and when the church will vote on it.

✦ FBC 101 | October 2, 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, October 2 we will offer FBC 101 at 4:00 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.

✠ **Northeast NC Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Regional Gathering**
Edenton Baptist Church | September 25, 2022 | 3:45 PM - 7:30 PM

Registration deadline is today.

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.

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