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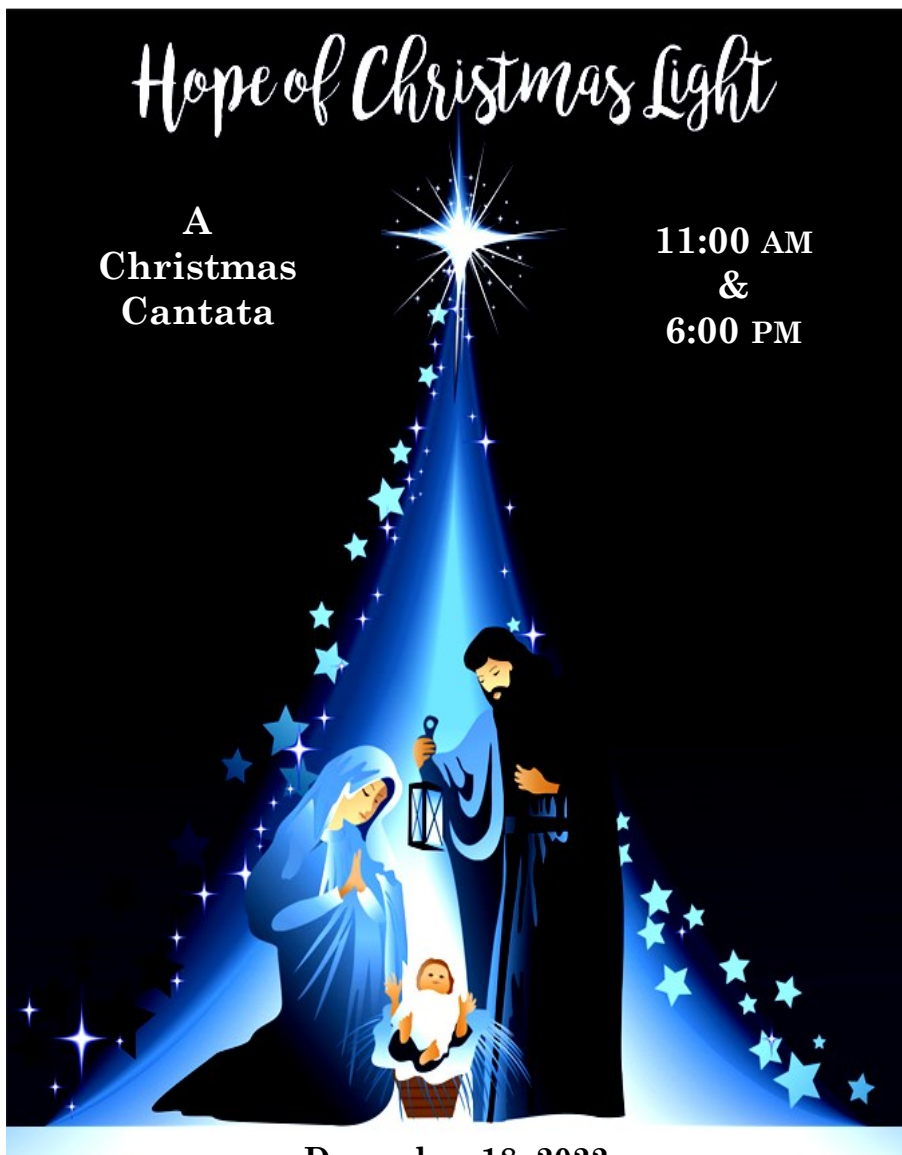
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## Hope of Christmas Light

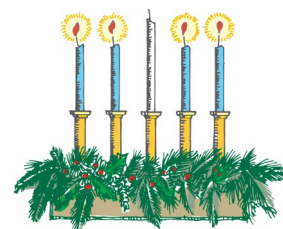
A  
Christmas  
Cantata

11:00 AM  
&  
6:00 PM



December 18, 2022

This year's Christmas cantata features every choir of FBCA. The Music Friends (Age 3-K), the Children Choristers (Grades 1-5), Chairo, the Christmas Choir, and the Vocal Ensemble will all partner together to lead us in a celebration of Christ's birth. Additionally, a few instrumentalists will join us, and there will be opportunities for everyone to sing familiar carols. Invite your neighbors, co-workers, and friends to attend.



**Worshiping Together**

**December 18, 2022**

**11:00 AM**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

*Hope of Christmas Light*

*A Christmas Cantata*



**Christmas Eve**  
CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE

**December 24, 2022**

**5:00 PM**

**Sunday School**  
**December 25, 2022 &**  
**January 1, 2023**

Sunday School classes will not meet on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

## In Sympathy



We offer our sympathy to the Gilliam family in the passing of Lou Ann's father, George 'Bud' Hughes. Mr. Hughes passed away on December 9, 2022. A funeral is scheduled for 11:00 AM on December 15, 2022 at Ranlo Baptist Church in Gastonia, North Carolina.

## Deacons Confirmed

During our 11:00 AM worship service on December 11, 2022, the following people were confirmed by our membership to serve a three year term beginning January 2023: Josh Brinkley, Jamie Burns, Austine Evans, Betty Joyner, and Jim Wiggins.

## Deacon Ordination

**January 8, 2022**

During the 11:00 AM worship service on January 8, 2022, Josh Brinkley will be ordained. Jamie Burns, Austine Evans, Betty Joyner, and Jim Wiggins have previously been ordained.

## Capital Campaign Project Update

We are moving along with our ground floor renovations and are looking forward to the day that all of us can gather in those spaces again for fellowship and fun. As you can understand, our Capital Campaign Fund is decreasing as the invoices are streaming in. It is necessary for all outstanding pledges to be paid as soon as possible. Additional funds are always appreciated.

If you are unsure about your pledge, please contact the church office. Your name and number will be recorded, and someone will address your questions. This churchwide, cooperative effort is remarkable and provides all of us with another opportunity to be grateful as we continue to serve.

## End of Year Giving

Anyone wishing to turn in offerings to be included in the 2022 tax year may do so on Sunday, December 25, 2022, or mail your contribution to FBICA, PO Box 649, Ahoskie, NC 27910. 2022 gifts must be in hand or postmarked by December 31, 2022.



## Operation Inasmuch Christmas Day Lunch

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
December 25, 2022**

**The Gathering Place**  
*(Formerly First Presbyterian Church)*

We are once again pleased to partner with other area churches to provide a free, delicious, hot meal, and fellowship for anyone in our community.

We are thankful for those who've volunteered to provide food. As of December 13, 2022, we are still in need of a roaster pan of dressing and 6 more cakes for dessert. Each cake should feed approximately twenty people. If you'd like to volunteer for any of the listed items, please sign up on the bulletin board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway.

All food items are to be at The Gathering Place by 10:00 AM on Christmas Day. If items need to be delivered prior to that day, or if you'd like to assist with set up, serving, or delivery of meals to the homebound, please contact Pat Byrd at (252) 209-4301.



## In The Meeting House December 11, 2022

Sunday School	67 People
Worship	146 People

## Stewardship Statement





**December 11, 2022**

Weekly Need	\$ 9,143.50
Weekly Offering	\$ 6,925.74
Difference	\$ -2,217.76
YTD Needs	\$ 457,175.00
YTD Offerings	\$ 416,633.73
YTD Difference	\$ -40,541.27
Capital Campaign Offering	\$ 5,550.00
Global Missions Offering	\$ 6,244.00

***Thank you for your generous gifts!***

# January 2023

## First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  Communion	2	3 • 10 AM WMU Group 4	4 No afternoon or evening activities.	5	6	7
8  Deacon Ordination	9	10	11 Afternoon and evening activities resume.	12 • 7 PM Building & Grounds Mtg	13	14
15 • 2 PM Chairo Resumes	16  Martin Luther King Jr. -DAY-	17 • 6 PM Deacons' Mtg	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
<b>Sundays</b> • 9:45 AM Sunday School • 11 AM Worship • 2 PM Chairo	<b>Mondays</b> • 3 PM Staff Mtg	<b>Wednesdays</b> • 5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions • 6:15 PM Youth Group   Grades 1-5 • 7 PM Sanctuary Choir • 8 PM Vocal Ensemble			<b>Fridays</b> • 9 AM - 3 PM Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC)   The Gathering Place	

### January Birthdays

1 Jeanne Benthall  
1 Virginia Chitty  
1 Peyton Outlaw  
4 Lauren Harrell  
6 John Boyd  
7 Rosa Swain

8 Bennett Pierce  
8 Lou Wilson  
17 Bonnie Revelle  
19 E. R. Evans  
19 Matty Grace Gilliam  
20 Jack Britt

20 Debbie Rawls  
21 Tony Bracy  
24 Bess Leary  
25 Elizabeth Craft  
25 Erik Kirksey  
26 Beverly Bazemore

26 Jerri Harrell  
26 Dana Wiggins  
27 Malcolm Copeland  
27 Chris Slachta  
27 Isabella Woodard  
30 Katie Vaughan

*If we have neglected to acknowledge a birthday, please let us know by calling the church office.*

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of December 18 - 24, 2022

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III, 398-7321  
paulrgilliam@fbcahoskie.org

### Deacons on Call

Walt Pierce, 642-7589  
Eley Whitehead, 398-5256

### Childcare During Worship - December 18

Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce  
Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell  
Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Anna Dawson

### Ushers - December 18

J. C. Doughtie, Tim Frei, Bill Magette,  
Nat Riddick, Justice Zoch, Reagan Zoch;  
*Balcony:* Walt Pierce

### Sound System Operator - December 18

Walt Pierce

### Security Monitor - December 18

Brent Pierce

### Floral Offering - December 18

Worship Decorating Committee

### Home Delivered Meals - December 19

Closed in Observance of Christmas

### Food Pantry - December 23

Closed in observance of Christmas

## Week of December 25 - 31, 2022

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061  
anita@fbcahoskie.org

### Deacons on Call

Walt Pierce, 642-7589  
Eley Whitehead, 398-5256

### Childcare During Worship - December 25

Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene  
Ages 3 & 4: Michelle Boyd & Sarah Jenkins  
Kindergarten: Kimmi & Nathan Pierce

### Ushers - December 25

Kay Byrd, Sophia Byrd, Larry Matthews,  
Bruce Pasek, Frank Rose, Eley Whitehead;  
*Balcony:* Andy Woodard

### Sound System Operator - December 25

Frank Britt

### Security Monitor - December 25

Stuart Pierce

### Floral Offering - December 25

Worship Decorating Committee

### Home Delivered Meals - December 26

Closed in Observance of Christmas

### Food Pantry - December 30

Melanie Byrum