



### First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

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## March 1, 2023

## Welcome New Members



On February 26, 2023, we welcomed Will Blanchard into church membership. Will, shown here with his daughter, Avalyn, has been visiting with us for quite some time. Welcome to FBCA!

# Star Words | Checking In



On Sunday, January 8, 2023, we celebrated Epiphany Sunday by beginning a new Christian practice called *Star Words*. With the story of the magi's search for Jesus as our guide, each worshiper received a paper star on which a word was written. Just as a star led the magi to Jesus, it is hoped that our star

words will lead us into a deeper relationship with Jesus throughout 2023.

These star words are one lens that may provide a way to look for God in our midst, both actively and in hindsight. They invite a new prayer rhythm of reflection that can be a powerful new way to connect with God through Christ.

How have you incorporated your star word into your daily life? Have you found the word helpful for your faith journey? Perhaps it would be helpful if the word would be incorporated into morning and evening prayer.



# **Worshiping Together**

March 5, 2023 11:00 AM Second Sunday in Lent

Lenten Grace Romans 4:1-5, 9-12, 18-19, 22-25

Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam III



# **Lenten Homily & Communion**

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 | 6:15 PM Fellowship Hall

> Lenten Obedience Genesis 12:1-4

# **College Scholarship Applications**

Please call the church office if you would like an application. All completed applications are due in the church office by April 15, 2023.

# James Wilton "Wig" & Frances Freeman Bracy Scholarship

Frances Bracy established a scholarship in honor of her family and her late husband Wig, desiring to make a college education affordable for church members who may have financial need or for whom college would otherwise be unattainable. FBCA members who will be college students during the 2023-2024 academic year are encouraged to apply.

#### Oscar Creech Scholarship

This scholarship is named after FBCA's longest tenured pastor who prayed that God would call persons, from among the FBCA membership, into full-time church-related vocation. Students who have sensed a call to ministry and are FBCA members, are encouraged to apply.

# **SERVING** IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

# Week of March 5 - 11, 2023

#### **Minister on Call**

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

#### **Deacons on Call**

Bill Magette, 209-4676 Stuart Pierce, 398-7589

#### Childcare During Worship - March 5

Ages 1 & 2: Karen Daly & Lisa Outlaw Ages 3 & 4: Brian & Victoria Outlaw Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

#### Ushers - March 5

Josh Brinkley, Lily Ann Brinkley, George Deloatch, Duck Harrell, Nathan Pierce, Peggy Springfield; Balcony: Larry Freeman

# Sound System Operator - March 5

Josh Brinkley

## **Security Monitor - March 5**

**Henry Daniels** 

## Floral Offering - March 5

Beth Hassell Northcott

#### Home Delivered Meals - March 6

Javne Frei

#### Food Pantry - March 10

Carolyn Arrington & Vicky Overman

# Reading the Gospel of Matthew



On Sunday, February 5, 2023, Rev. Thompson invited the congregation to join her in reading through the Gospel of Matthew, a chapter a day, beginning February 6, 2023. By the

date of this newsletter, March 1, 2023, we should have completed 23 chapters. If you've not been able to keep up, don't be discouraged. Just pick up where you left off and press on.



# In The Meeting House February 26, 2023

Sunday School 71 People Worship 127 People

## Week of March 12 - 18, 2023

#### Minister on Call

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

#### **Deacons on Call**

Josh Brinkley, 287-7776 Walt Pierce, 642-7445

#### Childcare During Worship - March 12

Ages 1 & 2: Joyce Leary & Taylor F. Rose Ages 3 & 4: Elizabeth Davis, Leah & Ben Woodard Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & Winnie Matthews

#### Ushers - March 12

Heath Britt, Doug Cobbs, Tim Frei, Perry Newbern, Gloria Freeman, Henry Pierce; Balcony: Brad Hauser

## Sound System Operator - March 12

Frank Britt

## Security Monitor - March 12

Jordan Harrell

## Floral Offering - March 12

Family of Hannah & Ollie Brown

#### Home Delivered Meals - March 13

Austine Evans & Penny Rose

#### Food Pantry - March 17

Kay Byrd & Vicky Overman

# Stewardship Statement

#### February 26, 2023

Weekly Need	\$ 9,550.14
Weekly Offering	\$ 5,660.18
Difference	\$ -3,889.96
YTD Needs	\$ 85,951.26
YTD Offerings	\$ 86,164.73
TIME DAM	010.4

YTD Difference \$ 213.47

Heck-Jones Offering \$ 995.00 Global Missions Offering Total \$ 8,318.18

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