

I AM CONVINCED THAT
NEITHER **death**
NOR *life*
NEITHER *Angels*
NOR **DEMONS**
NEITHER THE **PRESENT**
NOR THE **FUTURE**,
NOR ANY **POWERS**,
NEITHER **HEIGHT**
NOR **DEPTH**,
NOR **ANY·T·H·I·N·G·E·L·S·E·**
·I·N·A·L·L·C·R·E·A·T·I·O·N·
WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US
FROM THE *Love of God*
THAT IS IN
CHRIST JESUS
OUR LORD
ROMANS 8:38-39 NIV

The Worship of God ✠ June 18, 2023 ✠ The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Father's Day

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 18, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost*
Father's Day

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Mr. Brayden Conboy

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Alex & Mr. Corbett Britton, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Eley Whitehead

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,

Tune our hearts to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach us some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount!

We're fixed upon it! Mount of Thy redeeming love.

INTROIT

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Craig Courtney

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Whitehead

+HYMN OF PRAISE 341

For the Beauty of the Earth
Stanzas 1, 2 & 6

DIX

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.
2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.
6. For Thyself, best Gift Divine! To our world so freely giv'en;
for that great, great love of Thine, peace on earth, and joy in heav'n:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita Thompson

People of God, what is our 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 Proverbs 22:6 and 23:24
In Pew Bible, pages 742 & 744 of Old Testament

Mr. Conboy

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

LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore,
Mr. Conboy & Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 341

For the Beauty of the Earth
Stanza 3

DIX

3. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Scott Outlaw

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY – Hymn 705

GLORIA PATRI (Greatest)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Word of God, Speak

arr. by David Shipps

*Word of God, speak.
Would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty?
To be still and know that You're in this place.
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.
Word of God, speak.*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:35-39

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 192-193 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Jesus Loves Me This I Know

Dr. Bazemore

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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 576 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence*

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

+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 Doug and Nancy Cobbs, to the glory of God our Father, and in honor of all father's past, present, and future.

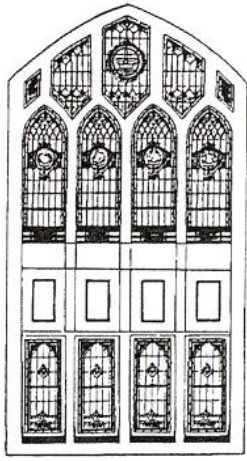
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Mr. Brayden Conboy
CBF Student Church Summer Intern

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Temporary Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

June 18, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✠ Worship Notes

◆ **Guest Preacher** - We welcome Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore as our preacher this morning. A native of Ahoskie, Dr. Bazemore recently retired as Vice President for Student Life with Campbell University. He and his wife, Linda, also an Ahoskie native, moved back to Ahoskie upon retirement. They are members of this church.

◆ Childcare During Worship

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

Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Anna Dawson

◆ **Church Season** - The church marks time differently than the secular world. We follow the Christian Year which begins with the Season of Advent four weeks prior to Christmas and ends with Christ the King Sunday on the Sunday prior to the beginning of Advent.

We are currently in the early days of the season called "Ordinary Time." Rather than meaning "common" or "mundane," this term comes from the word "ordinal," which simply means counted time (First Sunday after Pentecost, etc.). Counted time after Pentecost always begins with Trinity Sunday (the first Sunday after Pentecost) and ends with Christ the King Sunday (last Sunday before the beginning of Advent).

The Sundays of Ordinary Time after Pentecost are used to focus on various aspects of the Faith, especially the mission of the church in the world. The color for Ordinary Time is green which is traditionally associated with new life and growth.

✠ Field Personnel Commissioning | June 30, 2023

Our denominational home, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, will hold its annual assembly in Atlanta, GA, June 28-30. On that Friday evening, the fellowship will commission new field personnel (missionaries). Among them will be Woody & Beverly Baker who are being "commissioned to serve through the Global Service Corps (GSC) program. The GSC is a two-year commitment that provides an opportunity for individuals to work alongside CBF field personnel and partners in a context that enables both giving and receiving of gifts, and growing in their understanding and experience of how God is at work in the world. The Bakers are currently serving alongside CBF field personnel Anna Anderson in Ahoskie, N.C."

✦ Gilliam's Goodbye Cookie Party

Sunday, June 25, 2023 | 2 PM - 7 PM | 620 Lakeview Drive, Murfreesboro, NC

Join Paul and Lou Ann Gilliam for a Goodbye Cookie Party before they make the move to Wilmington and begin Paul's pastorate with Winter Park Baptist Church.

✦ Church Leadership for 2023-2024 Church Year

The Nominating Committee will soon begin the good work of filling leadership roles and committees for the 2023-2024 Church Year. You're encouraged to prayerfully consider how you'd like to serve. The new church year begins September 1, 2023.

✦ Vacation Bible School 2023 | July 24-27

4:45 PM-7:45 PM | Age 3 (by 8/31/21) through Completed Grade 5

Our Children's Ministry Council is recruiting leaders for Vacation Bible School. If you would like to volunteer, please speak with a Children's Ministry Council member: Elizabeth Davis, Anna Dawson, J.C. Doughtie, Claire Harrell, Suzanne Newbern, and Lee Taylor Rose.

✦ CBF National Student.Church | Brayden Conboy, FBCA Intern

Student.Church provides congregational internships to students who are interested in a deeper experience of church life or pursuing a call to ministry. Interns are mentored by seasoned ministers as they explore the breadth of congregational ministry through a variety of learning experiences. Brayden Conboy, FBCA member and a rising senior at Chowan University, will serve as our Student.Church Intern for 10 weeks, beginning June 4, 2023. Let us pray for him and for our church as we partner in ministry together.

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