

## *Bible Freedom*

*Soul Freedom*



*Religious Freedom*

## *Church Freedom*

The Worship of God ✦ June 25, 2023 ✦ The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 25, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Anita Thompson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Landis Chamblee and Mr. Mac Chamblee, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Miss Ashlee Perry

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Miss Perry

+HYMN OF PRAISE 306

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. 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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INTRODUCTION FOR HOMILIES

Rev. Thompson

## *Bible Freedom*

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12

Mr. William Alexander

In Pew Bible, pages 264 & 267 of New Testament

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

HOMILY

Rev. Thompson

HYMN 31

*Ancient Words*  
Stanza 1

ANCIENT WORDS

## *Soul Freedom*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Joshua 24:14-15

Mr. Heath Britt

In Pew Bible, page 268 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

**thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Rev. Thompson

HYMN 443

*Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

HENDON

Stanzas 1 & 4

## *Church Freedom*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-5

Mr. William Alexander

In Pew Bible, pages 282-283 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

**thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Rev. Thompson

HYMN 250

*Living Stones*

ST. ANNE

## *Religious Freedom*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:21

Mr. Heath Britt

In Pew Bible, page 30 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

**thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

Rev. Thompson

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 569

*In Christ Alone*

IN CHRIST ALONE

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+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mr. Alexander

We are the receivers . . . receivers of love, receivers of grace, receivers of Jesus.

We are the givers . . . following God's call, following our hearts, following Jesus.

**We give these offerings, O Lord, for the work of Your kingdom,**

**with humble thanks for mercies received. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CHORAL OFFERTORY

*Calvary's Love*  
The Vocal Ensemble

arr. Tom Fettke

### +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.

### +BENEDICTION

Rev. Thompson

### +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 Spencer Matthews to the glory of God and in loving memory of Delores Matthews.*

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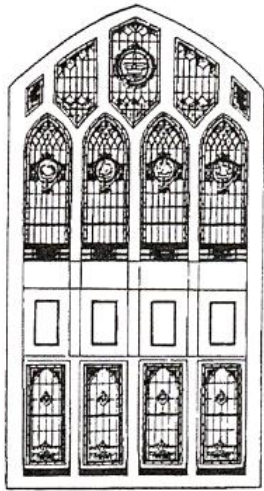
## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 25, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✠ Worship Notes

- ◆ **Guest Pianist** ~ Our pianist, Leah Newsome, is on vacation today. We are delighted to welcome Linda Callis Bazemore to serve in Leah's stead.
- ◆ **Student.Church Intern** ~ Brayden Conboy, our Student.Church Intern through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is on vacation with his family today.

## ◆ Childcare During Worship

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

Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene

Ages 3 & 4: Michelle Boyd & Sarah Jenkins

Kindergarten: Kimmi & Nathan Pierce

- ◆ **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.

## ✠ Gilliam's Goodbye Cookie Party

Today, 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. If you'd like to carpool, let's meet at our West St. parking lot at 2:15 PM.

## ✠ 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.”

### ✦ 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 may serve in the new church year which 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.

*VBS Registration* forms have been emailed to parents. Please share with other families. Contact Rev. Thompson or the office if you have not received a registration form or if you would like a printed copy.

### ✦ This Week's Calendar

#### Sunday, June 25

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

#### Monday, June 26

3:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, June 28

No Rehearsals: Choirs are on Summer Break

#### Friday, June 30

8:30 AM Christian Women's Job Corps, The Gathering Place