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Words from the Interim...

As the Apostle Paul would write, “Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”

I am grateful and thankful to God and to you for this opportunity to serve as the interim pastor of our church. Never in all my years of ministry, did I ever give thought that one day I would have such an opportunity to return to my hometown and serve my “home church” as the interim pastor. I am now able to return and serve our church, the church that had such an impact on my life from the time I was born until I went away to college. These were 17 years of spiritual formation for me that took place in the sanctuary and classrooms of this church that holds a special place in my heart. This is the place where I made my profession of faith in Jesus Christ and was baptized—this is the place where I responded to God’s vocational call on my life in full-time Christian ministry—this is the place where Linda and I made the commitment to each other in marriage—this is the place where I was ordained for the Christian ministry. Now I can give back to my “home church” in service as this church has given so much to Linda and me!

As I said this past Sunday, I am not interested in just sitting idly by and keeping the “status quo” in place until the next pastor is called to provide leadership here. We have much work to do as there are many opportunities for us to be on mission for our Lord and continue our growth as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I am excited about the opportunity of beginning a Wednesday evening program in the near future for the entire church family. I look forward to this time of fellowship, prayer, and Bible Study.

Anita and I will be meeting with church leadership soon to work out the details.

I ask you to pray daily for our church and pray for me as I serve in this position.

Blessings,
Dennis N. Bazemore



Worshiping Together

September 17, 2023

11:00 AM

Ordinary Time

On Mission—Sharing Good News

Acts 8:26-40

Rev. Dennis Bazemore

Churchwide Mission Project

September - October 1, 2023

We are collecting school supplies for 7 elementary schools in our association. A collection basket is located in the missions closet across from the kitchen. Items needed:

- Marble Hardback Notebooks
- 1 Subject Notebooks
- Gift Cards for Teachers
- Disinfectant Wipes & Spray
- Hand Sanitizer (*Medium Sized*)
- Tissues (*Boxed*)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Microfiber Cleaning Rags
- Kindergarten ABC/123 Writing Notebooks (*Dollar Tree & Dollar General*)
- #2 Pencils
- Earbuds
- Headphones
- Band-Aids
- Colored Pencils
- Pink Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Crayons



Deacons' Meeting
September 19, 2023 | 7 PM
Fellowship Hall

Children's Sabbath
October 29, 2023 | 11 AM | Sanctuary



Our Music & Missions children will lead the 11 AM worship service.

In Sympathy

Please continue to hold in prayer the family and friends of:

- Violet Williams, who passed on August 11, 2023. A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 2:00 PM at Garrett-Sykes Funeral Services in Ahoskie.
- Edward Robert "E. R." Evans who passed on August 19, 2023. A Celebration of Life Service is planned for Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 11 AM at his home place, Tall Cotton, 150 Bridgers Rd., Murfreesboro, NC.
- Brenda Newbern who passed on September 5, 2023. The funeral was held at Garrett-Sykes on Friday, September 8, at 11:00 AM.



Sunday, October 29, 2023 | 6 PM
Church & West Streets Parking Lot

From birth - grade 5.

Trunk Decorators are needed.
Contact Rev. Thompson.

Pastor Search Committee Dedication

September 24, 2023 | 11 AM | Sanctuary

We will dedicate the Pastor Search Committee during the worship hour. Committee Members are Don Joyner, Claudia Morris, Ashleé Perry, Mary Paige Pierce, Chuck Revelle, Cheryl Slachta, Jim Wiggins, and Lee Wilson.

Building & Grounds Meeting

September 14, 2023 | 7 PM | Fellowship Hall



Building & Grounds Committee members are Kay Byrd, Michael Harrell, Betty Joyner, Larry Matthews, Gary Morris, Tommy Oliver, Brent Pierce, Carl Pierce, Nathan Pierce Bruce Pasek, Nat Riddick, and Lee Wilson. Deacon Representatives are Josh Brinkley, Scott Outlaw, Stuart Pierce, and L. Taylor Rose.

Women's Bible Study

September 14, 2023 | 10:30 AM

A Women's Bible Study will begin on September 14, 2023 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will start with *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. Meetings will take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday's of the month. Invite your friends—not just for FBCA women! If you have any questions, please contact Jayne Frei at (757) 478-6194.

Stewardship Statement

September 10, 2023

Weekly Need	\$ 9,550.14
Weekly Offering	\$ 3,961.58
Difference	\$ -5,588.56
YTD Needs	\$ 353,355.18
YTD Offerings	\$ 287,974.38
YTD Difference	\$ -65,380.80

Thank you for your generous gifts!



First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	2	3 •10:00 AM WMU Groups 2 & 4	4 •10:30 AM Ahoskie Garden Club	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 •10:30 AM Women's Bible Study •7:00 PM Building & Grounds Mtg	13	14
15	16	17 •7:00 PM Deacons' Mtg	18 •10:00 AM Ahoskie Woman's Club	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 •10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	27	28
29 •11:00 AM Children's Sabbath •6:00 PM Trunk or Treat	30	30	31			
<u>Sundays</u> •9:45 AM Sunday School •11:00 AM Worship •2:00 PM Chairo	<u>Mondays</u> •3:00 PM Staff Mtg	<u>Wednesdays</u> •5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions •7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir •8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble			<u>Fridays</u> •9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) <i>The Gathering Place</i>	

October Birthdays

3 Cindy Henderson
3 Eli Willis
4 Eley Whitehead
5 Jennifer Byrd
6 Sophia Sumner

8 Janet Oliver
10 Dennis Bazemore
10 Michelle Boyd
11 Stan Dixon
15 Rita Bula

16 Linda Bazemore
19 Corbett Britton
20 J. C. Doughtie
23 Timothy Pierce
24 Tommy Oliver

26 Catherine Harrell
27 Melanie Byrum
30 George Deloatch
31 Ryan Britt
31 Maddie Morris

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 September 17 - 23, 2023

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore, (910) 890-2940
dnbazemore@gmail.com

Deacons on Call

Don Joyner, 396-1957
Scott Outlaw, 287-6721

Childcare During Worship - September 17

Ages 1 & 2: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta
Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell
Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum

Ushers - September 17

Frank Britt, J. C. Doughtie, Gloria Freeman,
Larry Matthews, Dempsey Pierce, Stuart Pierce;
Balcony: Walt Pierce

Sound System Operator - September 17

Josh Brinkley

Security Monitor - September 17

Lee Byrum

Floral Offering - September 17

Family of Dot Williford

Home Delivered Meals - September 18

Millie & Jack Britt

Food Pantry - September 22

Kay Byrd & Vicky Overman

Week of September 24 - 30, 2023

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Austine Evans, 398-2724
Eley Whitehead, 398-5256

Childcare During Worship - September 24

Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene
Ages 3 & 4: Will Blanchard & Michelle Boyd
Kindergarten: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ushers - September 24

Madison Alexander, Alex Britton, Tim Frei,
Perry Newbern, Nat Riddick, L. Taylor Rose;
Balcony: Brad Hauser

Sound System Operator - September 24

Walt Pierce

Security Monitor - September 24

Henry Daniels

Floral Offering - September 24

Rick & Jamie Burns

Home Delivered Meals - September 25

Susan Earley

Food Pantry - September 29

Carolyn Arrington & Vicky Overman