



# Sharing His Love.

The Worship of God ✦ September 17, 2023 ✦ The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

312 West Main Street ♦ Post Office Box 649 ♦ Ahoskie, North Carolina 27910  
[www.fbcahoskie.org](http://www.fbcahoskie.org) ♦ (252) 332-4003 ♦ [office@fbcahoskie.org](mailto:office@fbcahoskie.org)

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

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 17, 2023 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Landis Chamblee & Mr. Mac Chamblee, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 2:4-9

Mr. Brayden Conboy

In Pew Bible, pages 282 & 283 of New Testament

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

INTROIT

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*  
The Sanctuary Choir

Dale Wood

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Conboy

O God of all creation, become for us once again the solid foundation upon which we build our daily lives.

**We gather before You, this first day of the week, to align our lives to the strong teaching and life of Jesus Christ, our Cornerstone.**

Receive our praise and thanksgiving as expressions of faith and love.

**We come to You, O Lord, as people who desire to learn and serve like Christ.**

We are ready to receive Your blessing and direction today.

**Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

+HYMN OF PRAISE 354

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

JOYFUL SONG

✠ ✠ ✠

CHILDREN'S TIME

Dr. Bazemore

✠ ✠ ✠

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 32:1-6

Rev. Anita Thompson

In Pew Bible, page 623 of Old Testament

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Thompson

+HYMN 581

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

✠ ✠ ✠

+PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Mrs. Rita Bula

OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ ✠ ✠

GOSPEL LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 154 of New Testament

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

SERMON

*On Mission – Sharing Good News*

Dr. Bazemore

✠ ✠ ✠

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 435

*Share His Love*

SULLIVAN

+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

### PIANO POSTLUDE

*Please be seated for the postlude.*

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given by the Williford family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot, Clarence, and Al Williford, and Ruth and Henry Holloman.*

---

### OUR MINISTRY TEAM

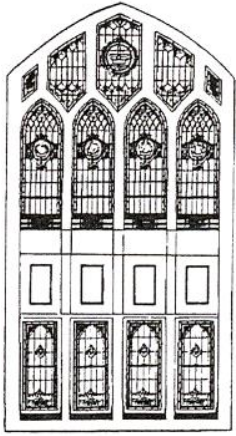
Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
*Associate Pastor*

Mr. Brayden Conboy  
*Youth Minister*

Rev. Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
*Interim Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Mrs. Leah Newsome  
*Music Associate/Pianist*



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

September 10, 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

---

## ✦ Worship Notes

♦ **The Christian Year** – *We are continuing our journey through the season of Ordinary Time, concentrating on our growth as disciples of Jesus and as a church. During this season we will observe World Communion Sunday on October 1, and All Saints Sunday on November 5. The Christian Year ends with Christ the King Sunday on November 26.*

## ✦ Childcare During Worship

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

*Ages 1 & 2: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta*

*Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell*

*Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum*

## ✦ Chairo Music Ensemble

*Sundays from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the Choir Room*

*Students in grades 4-12, and adults of all ages are invited to sing praise & worship music and global church music approximately one Sunday a month. The name “Chairo” is a transliteration of the Greek word χαίρω, which means “to rejoice.”*

## ✦ Monthly Deacons’ Meeting

*Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 PM.*

## ✦ Youth Ministry | Grades 6-12

*On Sundays at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, Brayden Conboy, will host a meal and discipleship time for students in grades 6-12. For more information, contact Brayden at (757) 633-1278.*

*Meal providers are needed. Prepare for approximately 15 youth, and the church will reimburse expenses. Please contact Jamie Burns at (252) 332-9461 if you can help with this ministry.*

## ✦ Women’s Bible Study | September 14, 2023 | 10:30 AM

*A Women's Bible Study began on September 14, 2023, at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. They are currently studying “Bad Girls of the Bible,” by Liz Curtis Higgs. Meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays. Invite your friends—it’s not just for FBCA women! Questions? Contact Jayne Frei at (757) 478-6194.*

## ✦ Pastor Search Committee Commissioning | September 24, 2023

*We will commission our Pastor Search Committee during the worship hour. Let us continue to pray for the members as they prayerfully begin the search for FBCA’s next pastor. They are Don Joyner, Claudia Morris, Ashlee' Perry, Mary Page Pierce, Chuck Revelle, Cheryl Slachta, Jim Wiggins, and Lee Wilson.*

## ✂ Churchwide Mission Project | September - October 1, 2023

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

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

## ✂ Looking Ahead

### ♦ Monday, September 18

3:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts

### ♦ Tuesday, September 19

7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting

### ♦ Wednesday, September 20

10:00 AM to 2:30 PM Ahoskie Woman's Club, Fellowship Hall

5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

### ♦ Thursday, September 21

10:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

### ♦ Friday, September 22

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

### ♦ Sunday, September 24

11:00 AM Pastor Search Committee Commissioning

---

FBC Ahoskie holds a copyright license (20520822 Size B) and a streaming license (20520815 Size B) with CCLI, account 1577531. We also hold a copyright license with One License, A-609881.