



THE WINDOW

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Words from the Interim...

I am looking forward to our first Wednesday Family Night for this year that begins tonight, October 11! In all the churches as pastor and as interim pastor where I have served, except for one, we have had a wonderful Wednesday Family Night at church with a meal, activities for all ages, a time of prayer and Bible Study. We are going to be studying the book "Celebration of Discipline" by Richard Foster. "The book explores the 'classic disciplines' of Christian faith: the inward disciplines of meditation, prayer, fasting, and study; the outward disciplines of simplicity, solitude, submission and service and the corporate disciplines of confession, worship, guidance, and celebration." I hope you will make the commitment to join us on Wednesdays for this study and the fellowship supper.

I am also looking forward to the "fellowship" events planned for this month with the Churchwide Picnic this Sunday, October 15 and Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29. These are special opportunities for us to "reach out" and invite folks who are currently not attending FBC.

I met a couple after church last Sunday whom I had not seen at worship before, and I asked them about a church home and their response was "we are currently looking for a church home." I encouraged them to come again, and they spoke very favorably about our church saying they would be back. It is good to see new faces worshipping with us!

This Sunday morning, you will have the opportunity to nominate church members to serve as a deacon for the next three years. As you read over the list of names eligible to be nominated, I

encourage you to prayerfully consider members who fulfill the role of "servant leaders" as deacons.

Blessings,
Dennis N. Bazemore



Worshiping Together

October 15, 2023

11:00 AM

Ordinary Time

Lessons Learned from Clay
Jeremiah 18:1-6

Rev. Dennis Bazemore

Wednesday Family Night Schedule October 11, 2023

- 5:15—6:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions
•Prayer Meeting—Bible Study for Adults & Youth (Grades 6-12)
- 6:15—7:00 PM Meal is served.
- 7:15—8:15 PM Sanctuary Choir
- 8:15—9:00 PM Vocal Ensemble

Meal Costs: Adults \$8 Children (Ages 3-12) \$4

Meal reservations are required. They may be made on a weekly or permanent basis. To make your reservation, place each name on the signup sheet on the bulletin board in the second floor hallway or call the church office at (252) 332-4003. Takeout plates will not be provided.



Edward Robert "E. R." Evans
Celebration of Life Service
Saturday, October 14, 2023 | 11 AM
150 Bridgers Road
Murfreesboro, NC 27855

Fall Fling Festival

October 14, 2023 | 8:30 AM—Until
The Gathering Place & Main Street Ahoskie, NC

- 5K Run
- Kids Activities
- Fine Arts Show
- Food Trucks
- Live Music
- Bounce House
- Comedy Show
- Car Show
- Teen Zone
- Vendors & More

Building & Grounds Meeting

October 17, 2023 | 7 PM | Library



2024 Deacon Nominations

On Sunday, October 15, 2023, at the conclusion of worship, church members will have the opportunity to nominate five members to serve as deacons for a three year term beginning January 1, 2024. Both women and men may serve in that role at FBCA.

As you prayerfully consider who to nominate, you're encouraged to bring to mind those among us who have the heart and mind of a servant.

Absentee ballots are available in the church office. The five persons with the most nominations who agrees to serve will be confirmed on December 10.



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

From birth - grade 5.

Trunk Decorators are needed.

Contact Rev. Thompson.



Fall Picnic

October 15, 2023 | 5:00 PM
Fellowship Hall



Deacons' Meeting

October 17, 2023 | 7 PM
Fellowship Hall

Youth Group Meeting

Beechwood Country Club

October 22, 2023 | 4 PM

Youth (Grades 6-12) will meet at E9 at Beechwood for recreation. A pizza supper will be served at 6 PM.

Children's Sabbath

October 29, 2023 | 11 AM | Sanctuary

THE BEATITUDES

Blessings for a Joyful Journey



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

Stewardship Statement

October 8, 2023

Weekly Need	\$	9,550.14
Weekly Offering	\$	6,437.00
Difference	\$	-3,113.14
YTD Needs	\$	391,555.74
YTD Offerings	\$	317,874.39
YTD Difference	\$	-73,681.35
Benevolence	\$	150.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

November 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahuskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 •10:30 AM Ahuskie Garden Club	2	3	4
5  ALL SAINTS DAY • Communion • Day Light Saving Time Ends	6	7 •10:00 AM WMU Groups 2 & 4	8 •12:00 AM Ahuskie Woman's Club	9 •10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Operation Christmas Child Collection at FBCA November 13-17						
19	20 •7:00 PM Building & Grounds Mtg	21 •7:00 PM Deacons' Mtg	22	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> Offices Closed	24	25
26  Christ the King SUNDAY	27	28	29	30		
Sundays •9:45 AM Sunday School •11:00 AM Worship •2:00 PM Chairo	Mondays •3:00 PM Staff Mtg	Wednesdays •5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions •7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir •8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble			Fridays •9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) <i>The Gathering Place</i>	

November Birthdays

1 Lane Slachta
2 Barbara Roberson
3 Gary Morris
5 Carol Paul
6 Alex Britton
6 Susan Keel

7 Virginia Minton
7 Jim Wiggins
8 Brayden Conboy
8 Janice Morris
10 Brandon Zoch
11 Jim Messer

11 Mary Ann Umphlett
12 Ann Carter Barnes
13 Sylvia Britt
16 Bryant Brinkley
19 Scott Outlaw
20 Judy H. Pierce

21 Sandra Evans
27 Carl Pierce
28 Margaret Winn

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 October 15 - 21, 2023

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Nancy Freeman, 287-9104
Stuart Pierce, 398-7589

Childcare During Worship - October 15

Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce
Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell
Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Sarah Grace Britton

Ushers - October 15

Alex Britton, Doug Cobbs, Gloria Freeman,
J. C. Doughtie, Dempsey Pierce, Stuart Pierce;
Balcony: Walt Pierce

Sound System Operator - October 15

Brad Hauser

Security Monitor - October 15

Miles Harrell

Floral Offering - October 15

Pat Byrd

Home Delivered Meals - October 16

Barbara Roberson & Margaret Winn

Food Pantry - October 20

Carolyn Arrington & Melanie Byrum

Week of October 22 - 28, 2023

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Josh Brinkley, 287-7776
Betty Joyner, 398-6104

Childcare During Worship - October 22

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

Ushers - October 22

Kay Byrd, Sophia Byrd, Doug Cobbs,
J. C. Doughtie, Tim Frei, Larry Matthews;
Balcony: Brad Hauser

Sound System Operator - October 22

Chris Slachta

Security Monitor - October 22

Andy Woodard

Floral Offering - October 22

Jim & Dana Wiggins

Home Delivered Meals - October 23

Linda Bazemore & Elizabeth Craft

Food Pantry - October 27

Carolyn Arrington & Vicky Overman