

THE BEATITUDES

Blessings for a Joyful Journey



The Worship of God ✕ October 29, 2023 ✕ Children's Sabbath

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

The Worship of God

October 29, 2023 ✕ 11:00 AM

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: Children's Sabbath*

The Beatitudes Blessings for a Joyful Journey

Greeting to Worshipers

Rev. Anita Thompson

Chiming of the Hour

Piano Prelude

Lighting of the Candles & Opening of the Bible

Morgan Johnson, Graham Lawrence & Freeman Perry, Acolytes

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 150

Abby Alexander &
Jackson Alexander

Prayer of Invocation

Corbett Britton

+Hymn of Praise

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children

BONNER

1. Praise Him, praise Him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
2. Love Him, love Him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,
3. Thank Him, thank Him, all ye lit - tle chil - dren,

God is love, God is love. Praise Him, praise Him,
God is love, God is love. Love Him, love Him,
God is love, God is love. Thank Him, thank Him,

all ye lit - tle chil - dren, God is love, God is love.

Theme Song

Joyful Journey The Children Choristers & Music Friends

Terry D. Taylor

*Come to the mountainside,
come hear the words of truth Jesus is speaking:
words of truth to bless all who believe.
Come, learn the Kingdom way.
A joyful journey of faith is now calling:
calling us to choose the blessed life!*

*Jesus said
a better way of living can be found,
when we follow Him,
and turn what's wrong
upside down!*

Children's Time

Songs from the Music Friends

God Cares for Me
Based on Matthew 5:3

Ruth Elaine Schram

Our Mighty Mighty God

Claire Russell

Children's Blessing

Sarah Newbern

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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+Offertory Prayer

Bryant Brinkley

Piano Offertory

+Doxology

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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.

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Prayer of Illumination

Open My Eyes That I May See
The Children Choristers

SCOTT

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee; ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Divine!*

**Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

Mac Chamblee

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

A Parable About Meekness

Based on Luke 18:9-14

Narrator, Mary Welch Gallop; *Mr. Simon*, Jackson Baker;
Meek Woman, Stuart Pierce, *Gossiper*, Winslow Gallop

+Hymn 186

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

HAMBURG

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Pace Davis

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

Prayer for Peace

Madison Alexander, Briar Rascoe,
& Milly Vaughan

Song of Peace

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Madison Alexander, Soloist

Jill Jackson-Miller & Sy Miller

**Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:7 (NIV)

Carson Rose

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

Anthem

I Forgive You
The Children Choristers
Sophia Byrd, Soloist

Diane Beckstead

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:3

Graham Lawrence

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

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Blessed are the What?

Caroline Baker,
Sophia Byrd & Grant Johnson

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bazemore

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 259

Blest Are They

BLEST ARE THEY

Soloist: Blest are they, oh, the meek ones, they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. *(Refrain)*

Soloist: Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. *(Refrain)*

Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____ Bles-sed are

you, ho - ly are you. Re - joice _____ and be glad! _____

_____ Yours is the king-dom of God!

+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 Carleigh Bailey & Charlie Rascoe, Acolytes

Piano Postlude

Please be seated for the Postlude.

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Frank & Penny Rose to the glory of God, and in honor of Rev. Anita Thompson and the wonderful children's music program she provides for our church.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Rev. Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Music Associate/Pianist

Mr. Brayden Conboy
Youth Minister

Children's Music & Missions

Children's Music & Missions meets each Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:15 PM. All children in the Roanoke-Chowan area (age 3 to grade 5) are always welcome.

Music & Mission Friends

Age 3 through Kindergarten

Ava Blanchard	Gracie Griffin	Nash Perry
Adalyn Britt	Olivia Jenkins	Ruth Perry
Wade Britt	Bracy Lawrence	Libby Pierce
Wyatt Britt	Maddie Morris	Hudson Rose
Wells Britton	Ryleigh Morris	Eli Tinkham
Helen Chamblee	Peyton Outlaw	Liam Tinkham
	Boone Perry	

Suzanne Newbern, Leader

Lyndsay Britt, Sarah Jenkins & Lisa Outlaw, Assistants

Perry Newbern, Youth Assistant

The Children Choristers & Children in Action

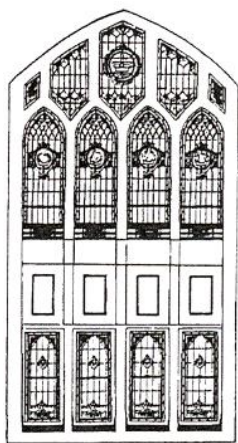
Grades 1-5

Abby Alexander	Mac Chamblee	Sarah Newbern
Madison Alexander	Pace Davis	Freeman Perry
Jackson Alexander	Emma Flythe	Bennett Pierce
Carleigh Bailey	Lily Flythe	Lucy Pierce
Caroline Baker	Mary Welch Gallop	Stuart Pierce
Jackson Baker	Winslow Gallop	Briar Rascoe
Bryant Brinkley	Leslie Jernigan	Charlie Rascoe
Corbett Britton	Grant Johnson	Carson Rose
Sophia Byrd	Morgan Johnson	Milly Vaughan
	Graham Lawrence	

Anita Thompson, Leader

Linda Bazemore, Ann Cooke, Georgia Copeland,

Jayne Frei & Vicky Overman, Assistants



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

October 29, 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 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: Jenni Byrd & Nancy Freeman

Ages 3 & 4: Jamie Burns & Betty Cooper

Kindergarten: Bill & Debbie Magette

✦ Trunk or Treat Trunk | Today | Church & West Streets | 6 PM

Join us this evening for our annual Trunk or Treat!

✦ Welcoming a New Baby

Please pardon our error in the latest newsletter: Allison Taylor Alexander, daughter of William & Heather Alexander was born on October 21, 2023.

✦ Wednesday Night Schedule

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| 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. |
| 7:00—8:00 PM | Sanctuary Choir |
| 8:00—8:45 PM | Vocal Ensemble |

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

Meal reservations are required by noon on Tuesdays. You may do so by calling the church office, signing up on the bulletin board on the 2nd floor hallway, responding to the weekly Facebook post, or by the reservation form in Sunday's worship bulletin. Please include the total number of adults and children, and specify if your reservation is standing or weekly. If you make a standing reservation, you do not need to reserve your place each week. Takeout plates will not be provided.

✦ Robert "Bobby" Mulder Memorial Service

Saturday, November 4, 2023 | FBCA Sanctuary | 1:00 PM | Reception to Follow

The congregation is invited to attend.

✂ 2024 Budget Process

Budget Presented to Deacons | Tuesday, November 14 | 7:00 PM

Churchwide Discussion (without vote) | Wednesday, November 29 | 5:15 PM

Churchwide Vote (without discussion) | Sunday, December 3 | 11:00 AM

✂ Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection | November 13-19, 2023

Our church goal is 100 boxes. Let's help share the Good News through a gift-filled box, bringing hope to a child in need. Boxes are due at First Baptist Church between November 13-19, 2023. For more information, please contact Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator for FBC Ahoskie.

✂ This Week

♦ Monday, October 30

3:00 PM Church Staff Meeting

5:45 PM Girl Scouts

♦ Wednesday, November 1

10:30 AM Ahoskie Garden Club

5:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions

•Prayer Meeting/Bible Study for Adults & Youth (Grades 6-12)

6:15 PM Supper

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

♦ Friday, November 3

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

♦ Saturday, November 4

1:00 PM Robert "Bobby" Mulder Memorial Service | Reception to Follow