



THE WINDOW

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Words from the Interim...

November: "Tis the Season of Thanksgiving"

I am thankful for our Wednesday Family Night Ministry. I am thankful for all the volunteers who prepare our meal each Wednesday and all those who attend our study and enjoy the meal together. I am thankful for all the workers with our Children's Ministry who meet on Wednesday also and I enjoy the opportunity of visiting with the children and their families at our mealtime as this has enabled me to get to know them better. Wednesday Family Night has become a great and growing ministry of our church for all ages.

I am thankful for our church staff and the good work they do each day in their respective roles of service. Each of them has been helpful to me in these first months of getting to know "how First Baptist Church operates" on a daily basis.

I am thankful for your presence at Sunday School and Morning Worship and all the affirmations you have expressed to me about the good things that are taking place in our church during this interim period.

I am thankful to God for this opportunity of service and His work in my life and in your life in ministry together to become more of who He wants us to be as followers of Jesus Christ and members of this church. We have such an opportunity to be a witness for our Lord and share the Good News in this community.

Thankful and Blessings,
Dennis N. Bazemore



Worshiping Together

November 12, 2023

11:00 AM

Ordinary Time

An Opportunity for Harvest

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore

Baptism of Bennett Pierce

Wednesday Family Night Schedule

November 13, 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.
- 7:00—8:00 PM Christmas Choir
- 8:00—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.



November 11, 2022



Deacons' Meeting
November 14, 2023 | 7 PM
Fellowship Hall



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

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 Ahsokie.

Monday, November 13 | 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 14 | 9:00 AM to 12 noon
Wednesday, November 15 | 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Thursday, November 16 | 9:00 AM to 12 noon
Friday, November 17 | 9:00 AM to 12 noon
Saturday, November 18 | 10:00 AM to 12 noon
Sunday, November 19 | 2:30 PM to 6 PM

Building & Grounds Meeting
November 17, 2023 | 7 PM | Library



Guest Church Musician
November 19, 2023

While Rev. Anita Thompson is away participating in Polyphony on November 19, Dr. Greg Barmer will assist with worship leadership in her stead. Dr. Barmer is a Bertie County native who recently retired from the pastorate of FBC Washington, NC. Prior to serving the church as pastor, he served 20+ years as Minister of Music.

No Wednesday Night Activities
November 22, 2023



Church Offices Closed
for Thanksgiving

November 23 - 24, 2023

2024 Budget Process

Budget Presented to Deacons
Tuesday, November 14

Churchwide Discussion (*without vote*)
Wednesday, November 29

Churchwide Vote (*without discussion*)
Sunday, December 3

Worship Streaming Services

On Sunday, October 29, we returned to the practice of livestreaming our Sunday morning worship service on Facebook. We will continue our practice of posting the whole worship service on our YouTube page. You may also listen to our worship services on a one-week delay at 9:00 AM on radio station 98.3 WDLZ.

Stewardship Statement






November 5, 2023

Weekly Need	\$	9,550.14
Weekly Offering	\$	12,856.00
Difference	\$	3,305.86
YTD Needs	\$	429,756.30
YTD Offerings	\$	383,689.43
YTD Difference	\$	-46,066.87
Benevolence	\$	1,850.00
Operation Christmas Child	\$	200.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$	58.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

December 2023

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3  <i>First Sunday OF ADVENT</i>	4	5 •10:00 AM WMU Groups 2 & 4	6 •10:30 AM Ahoskie Garden Club	7	8	9
10  <i>Second Sunday OF ADVENT</i>	11	12	13	14 •10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	15	16
17  <i>Third Sunday OF ADVENT</i> •7:00 PM Christmas Cantata	18 •7:00 PM Building & Grounds Mtg	19 •7:00 PM Deacons' Mtg	20 •12:00 AM Ahoskie Woman's <i>No Wednesday Night Activities</i>	21	22	23
24  <i>Christmas Eve Fourth Sunday OF ADVENT</i>	25  <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	26	27	28 <i>No Women's Bible Study</i>	29	30
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>						
<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 -Prayer Meeting & Bible Study for Adults & Youth (Grades 6-12) •6:15 PM Supper •7:00 PM Christmas 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>	

December Birthdays

1 Tim Frei	4 Barbara Earley	8 Dempsey Pierce	18 Lynell Eure	29 Charles Freeman
1 Nancy Outlaw	4 Leah Newsome	9 Bland Baker	20 Linda Alexander	30 Bill Magette
2 Bea Harrison	5 Brad Hauser	9 Cecelia Bracy	20 Elizabeth Davis	30 Sebastian Smith
2 John Jones	6 Lisa Outlaw	9 Lucy Pierce	21 Jordan Martin	31 Georgia Copeland
2 Eunice Sellars	7 Jamie Burns	17 Don Joyner	22 Gracie Boswell	
4 Gayle Cross	8 Eddie Joyner	18 Judd Byrd	29 Jimmy Bracy	

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 November 12 - 18, 2023

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Bill Magette, 209-4676
L. Taylor Rose, 287-5322

Childcare During Worship - November 12

Ages 1 & 2: Joyce Leary & Taylor F. Rose
Ages 3 & 4: David & Elizabeth Davis
Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & Winnie Matthews

Ushers - November 12

Frank Britt, Alex Britton, Gloria Freeman,
Pike Harrington, Dempsey Pierce, Nathan Pierce;
Balcony: Walt Pierce

Sound System Operator - November 12

Josh Brinkley

Security Monitor - November 12

Brian Outlaw

Floral Offering - November 12

Stuart & Sandra Pierce

Home Delivered Meals - November 13

Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

Food Pantry - November 17

Kay Byrd & Vicky Overman

Week of November 19 - 25, 2023

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Jamie Burns, 332-9461
Scott Outlaw, 287-6721

Childcare During Worship - November 19

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

Ushers - November 19

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

Sound System Operator - November 19

Walt Pierce

Security Monitor - November 19

Scott Outlaw

Floral Offering - November 19

Beth Nelson & Sandra Sheckells

Home Delivered Meals - November 20

Austine Evans & Mary Ann Umphlett

Food Pantry - November 24

Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving