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Noel

A Christmas Cantata

Presented by

*First Baptist Church
of Ahoskie*

*The Christmas Choir | Vocal Ensemble
Choir | Children Choristers | Music Friends*

December 17, 2023

11:00 AM & 6:00 PM



*Please join us for a cookie
reception following the
6:00 PM Cantata.*

Words from the Interim...

The season of Advent and Christmas is one of the most joyous and beautiful seasons of the year. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Son of God to the earth. Preparation is essential for our celebration of Christmas and it is more than just making a shopping list, decorating trees and houses, attending community and school events, along fixing special Christmas goodies. Advent calls us to prepare on a deeper level -to ready ourselves for the coming of the Christ-Child. One of the best ways to prepare is participating in the worship of the church. By participating in our services, I believe you can deepen the meaning of this wonderful, sacred season in your own life as you prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth.

I look forward to seeing you as we prepare for and celebrate Christmas in our worship this season!

Blessings and Merry Christmas,

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore

Worshipping Together

December 10, 2023

11:00 AM

Second Sunday of Advent



*Decorations,
Presents,
Preparations*

Isaiah 40:1-11

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore



Children & Choirs' Rehearsal Schedule Wednesday, December 13, 2023

- 5:15 PM—5:40 PM** • **Children Choristers (Grades 1-5)**
Birthday Party for Jesus
• **Music Friends (Age 3-K)**
Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
- 5:45 PM—6:15 PM** • **Music Friends (Age 3-K)**
Birthday Party for Jesus
• **Children Choristers (Grades 1-5)**
Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
- 6:15 PM—7:00 PM** Dinner (*Reservations required.*)
- 7:00 PM—7:30 PM** Christmas Cantata rehearsal with
Children Choristers (*Grades 1-5*),
in the Sanctuary.
- 7:30 PM—8:30 PM** Christmas Choir & Vocal Ensemble
Rehearsal, in the Sanctuary.

Youth Minister News

On November 26, 2023, Brayden Conboy presented to church leadership a letter of resignation from his Youth Minister position at FBCA. His last Sunday with us is December 10. We offer our thanks to Brayden for the many ways he has ministered among us and alongside us while pursuing a bachelor's degree at Chowan University. We wish him well as he approaches his final semester and seeks to follow God's lead in what comes next.

Deacon Ordination & Installation

Sunday, January 7, 2024
Sanctuary | 11:00 AM



During the 11:00 AM worship service on January 7, 2024, Heath Britt, Alex Britton, and Brian Outlaw will be ordained. Claire Presley and Penny Rose, previously ordained, will be installed along with those newly ordained.

Wednesday Night Activities & Rehearsals

Due to the holidays, we will take a rest from Wednesday night activities and rehearsals from December 20, 2023 - January 3, 2024. We look forward to resuming on January 10, 2024.



Church Offices Closed

December 25, 2023
&
January 1, 2023

2024 Budget Approved

On Wednesday, November 29, 2023, church members gathered to discuss the church budget without a vote. At the beginning of the worship hour on Sunday, December 3, 2023, the 2024 Budget was approved. Thank you all for your good work in completing this annual process.

Youth Christmas Party December 10, 2023 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Students in grades 6-12 will meet at the home of Brent & Kari Pierce for dinner at 5:30 PM. After dinner, they will go Christmas caroling. The evening will end with dessert at the home of Walt and Mary Page Pierce.



Stewardship Statement

December 3, 2023

Weekly Need	\$	9,550.14
Weekly Offering	\$	8,886.85
Difference	\$	- 663.29
YTD Needs	\$	467,956.86
YTD Offerings	\$	410,535.35
November Online Giving	\$	2,565.00
YTD Difference	\$	-54,856.51
Benevolence	\$	850.00
CBF	\$	150.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$	58.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

January 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year! Church Offices Closed	2 • 10 AM WMU Groups 2 & 4	3 • 10:30 AM Ahoskie Garden Club <i>No afternoon or evening activities.</i>	4	5	6
7 <i>Epiphany Sunday</i> <i>Deacon Ordination</i>	8	9	10 <i>Afternoon & evening activities resume.</i>	11 • 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	12	13
14 • 2 PM Chairo Resumes <i>Communion</i>	15 Dr. MLK Jr. Day • 6 PM Finance Committee Mtg • 7 PM Building & Grounds Mtg	16 • 6 PM Deacons' Mtg	17 • 10 AM Ahoskie Woman's Club	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 • 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	26	27
28	29	30	31			
Sundays • 9:45 AM Sunday School • 11:00 AM Worship • 2:00 PM Chairo	Mondays • 3:00 PM Staff Mtg • 5:45 PM Staff Mtg	Wednesdays • 5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions/ Adult Bible Study • 6:15 PM Dinner • 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir • 8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble			Fridays • 9 :00AM - 3:00 PM Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) The Gathering Place	

January Birthdays

1 Jeanne Benthall
1 Virginia Chitty
1 Peyton Outlaw
4 Lauren Harrell
6 John Boyd

7 Rosa Swain
8 Bennett Pierce
8 Lou Wilson
17 Bonnie Revelle
20 Jack Britt

20 Debbie Rawls
21 Tony Bracy
25 Elizabeth Craft
26 Beverly Bazemore
26 Jerri Harrell

26 Dana Wiggins
27 Chris Slachta
27 Isabella Woodard
30 Katie Vaughan

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 December 10 - 16, 2023

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Chuck Revelle, 862-6322
Jim Wiggins, 287-9790

Childcare During Worship - December 10

Ages 1 & 2: Joyce Leary & Taylor F. Rose
Ages 3 & 4: David & Elizabeth Davis
Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

Ushers - December 10

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

Sound System Operator - December 10

Brad Hauser

Security Monitor - December 10

L. Taylor Rose

Floral Offering - December 10

Worship Decorating Committee

Home Delivered Meals - December 11

Barbara Roberson & Margaret Winn

Food Pantry - December 15

Millie & Jack Britt

Week of December 17 - 23, 2023

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Walt Pierce, 642-7445
Eley Whitehead, 398-5256

Childcare During Worship - December 17

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

Ushers - December 17

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

Sound System Operator - December 17

Chris Slachta

Security Monitor - December 17

Walt Pierce

Floral Offering - December 17

Worship Decorating Committee

Home Delivered Meals - December 18

Jayne Frei

Food Pantry - December 22

Carolyn Arrington & Vicky Overman