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Words from the Interim...

A few reflections about our church as we closed out 2023 and entered 2024:

Advent and Christmas Worship were such meaningful experiences as we gathered to prepare and celebrate the birth of Christ! The music, decorated sanctuary, children's voices, candle lighting, words of the promise of love, joy, peace, and hope, and much more made this Christmas so meaningful. This was the first Christmas for Linda and me to be back at FBC in a very long time and we are grateful for all the ways we worshiped and celebrated the birth of Christ.

This first Sunday in January will long be remembered as a special time of worship as we ordained and installed deacons. Many have commented to me about their awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit during the Laying on of Hands. It was truly a very holy, spiritual moment in the service. I look forward to serving alongside our deacons this year as they carry out their responsibilities as servant leaders.

There are two upcoming special "Fellowship" events planned for our church family. I hope many of you will prepare your favorite recipe of chili and share it with us on Sunday, January 21st for the Chili Cook-off. Someone will be designated that evening as preparing the Best Chili at FBC based on the judges' decision!

Then in February, we will hold a Valentine Banquet on Saturday, the 10th. There is more information about this Banquet in this newsletter.

I pray as we begin this year that you and I will have a longing and desire in our hearts to want God, to know God, to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and to worship and fellowship with others in such a greater way than we have before!

Blessings,
Dennis N. Bazemore

Worshiping Together

January 14, 2024

11:00 AM

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

What Does All This Mean?

Joshua 4:19-24

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore

Communion will be observed.



WMU Churchwide Mission Project

FBCA is collecting the following items for the three assisted living/rehab centers in our association through the end of February:

- Toothpaste
- Tissues
- Body Wash
- After Shave
- Lotion
- Hand Soap
- Mouthwash
- Paper Towels
- Cologne/Perfume
- Band-Aids
- Decorations (for doors & rooms)
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Clothes Detergent
- Individually Wrapped Snacks (chips, cakes, cookies, chocolates, soft mints, please include sugar free options)
- Drinks (apple/grape juice, Gatorade, ginger ale, etc.)
- Cleaning Supplies (bleach, Lysol, Windex, Clorox wipes)
- Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Bath Cloths (white only)



Valentine's Banquet

Saturday, February 10, 2024 | 6:00 PM

Adult members of First Baptist Church are invited to attend our Valentine's Banquet. The cost is \$5.00 per adult and the meal will include Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti, tossed salad, bread, red velvet cake and tea or water. Childcare will be provided. Reservations must be made by noon on February 6.



Deacons Serving in 2024

During the 11:00 AM worship service on January 7, 2024, Heath Britt, Alex Britton, and Brian Outlaw were ordained. Claire Presley and Penny Rose, previously ordained, were installed along with those newly ordained. Below is a list of all our Deacons:

<u>2022 - 2024</u>	<u>2023 - 2025</u>	<u>2024 - 2026</u>
Nancy Freeman	Josh Brinkley	Heath Britt
Stuart Pierce	Jamie Burns	Alex Britton
Walt Pierce	Austine Evans	Brian Outlaw
L.Taylor Rose	Betty Joyner	Claire Presley
Eley Whitehead	Jim Wiggins	Penny Rose

Resuming in January 2024

• Wednesday, January 10

5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study for
Adults & Youth (Grades 6-12)

6:15 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

• Thursday, January 11

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

• Friday, January 12

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

• Sunday, January 14

2:00 PM Chairo

Christian Women's Job Corps Update & Needs

Many thanks to First Baptist Church and WMU for beginning CWJC in our area and for supporting it to grow and help others for the last 11 years. This ministry has grown. Woody Baker is doing an excellent job through CBF and missionaries in our area.

We are happy to announce the success of one North Street House participant, who we assisted in finding an apartment, furniture, and most importantly, a closer walk with God. One person will be moving in soon. We have 6 participants, some new and some finishing. As you're cleaning out, please consider donating your used household items to our ministry: baking dishes, pots, pans, TV's, furniture, etc. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

In Sympathy



We offer our sympathy to FBCA member, Doug Cobbs, in the December 31, 2023 passing of his wife, Nancy Baker Cobbs. A memorial service was held in our sanctuary on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 11:00 AM.

Chili Cook-off

Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 5:00 PM

Enter your best chili recipe! If you are providing chili for the cook-off, please call the church office to let us know.

Stewardship Statement







January 7, 2024

Weekly Need	\$	9,858.58
Weekly Offering	\$	9,573.00
Difference	\$	-285.58
YTD Needs	\$	9,858.58
YTD Offerings	\$	9,573.00
YTD Difference	\$	-285.58
Benevolence	\$	3,025.00
Global Missions to Date	\$	3,955.00
Worship Decorating	\$	100.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

FEBRUARY 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Fellowship Hall Reserved</i>
4	5	6 • 10 AM WMU Groups 2 & 4	7 • 10:30 AM Ahoskie Garden Club	8 • 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	9	10 <i>Valentine's Banquet 6:00 PM</i>
11  TRANSFIGURATION of the Lord	12	13	14  <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	15	16	17
18  <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>	19 • 6 PM Finance Committee Mtg • 7 PM Building & Grounds Mtg	20 • 7 PM Deacons' Mtg	21 • 10 AM Ahoskie Woman's Club	22 • 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	23	24
25  <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>	26	27	28	29	 BLACK HISTORY MONTH	
<u>Sundays</u> • 9:45 AM Sunday School • 11:00 AM Worship • 2:00 PM Chairo	<u>Mondays</u> • 3:00 PM Staff Mtg • 5:45 PM Girl Scouts	<u>Wednesdays</u> • 5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions/ Adult & Youth Bible Study • 6:15 PM Dinner • 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir • 8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble			<u>Fridays</u> • 9:00AM - 3:00 PM Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) <i>The Gathering Place</i>	

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Kathryn Outlaw	7 Butch Hassell	13 Penny Rose	17 Avery Byrum	21 Lee Wilson
2 Cheryl Slachta	8 Heath Britt	14 Eli Tinkham	17 Pat Dixon	23 Beth Hassell
5 Jordan Harrell	9 Alex Smith	15 Madison Alexander	18 Shirley Pierce	26 Ann Cooke
5 Nancy Perry	11 Larry Matthews	15 L. Taylor Rose	19 Victoria Outlaw	
5 Sharon Roope	12 Mac Chamblee	16 Roxie D. Thompson	21 Mary Page Pierce	

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 January 14 - 20, 2024

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Betty Joyner, 398-6104
Penny Rose, 287-4482

Childcare During Worship - January 14

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

Ushers - January 14

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

Sound System Operator - January 14

Andy Woodard

Security Monitor - January 14

Jack Britt

Floral Offering - January 14

Carroll & Anita Thompson

Home Delivered Meals - January 15

Closed in Observance of Dr. MLK Day

Food Pantry - January 19

Carolyn Arrington & Rhonda Cotton

Week of January 21 - 27, 2024

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Betty Joyner, 398-6104
Penny Rose, 287-4482

Childcare During Worship - January 21

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

Ushers - January 21

Madison Alexander, Heath Britt, Duck Harrell,
Perry Newbern, Frank Rose, L. Taylor Rose;
Balcony: Larry Freeman

Sound System Operator - January 21

Chris Slachta

Security Monitor - January 21

Heath Britt

Floral Offering - January 21

Vicky Overman

Home Delivered Meals - January 22

Linda Bazemore & Elizabeth Craft

Food Pantry - January 26

Carolyn Arrington & Josanne Jenkins