



First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

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January 17, 2024

Epiphany Star Words 2024

Last year, during the Season of Epiphany, I introduced the spiritual practice of Epiphany Star Words to our congregation. Over the course of the year, I enjoyed hearing stories about the interesting ways the Star Words enriched the Christian journey of many. On Sunday, January 14, 2024, during the worship hour, every worshiper received their Epiphany Star Word for 2024.

The concept for the spiritual practice of Star Words is simple: One singular star guided the Magi to Jesus. And since, like the Magi, we too seek to draw closer to Jesus, our Star Word may help us do so.

Whatever word you get, let it ruminate in your heart and mind for the entire year. Ponder what significance your word might have in your life, and how God might be speaking to you about the idea or concept it carries in a simple one word message. You might put your Star Word on your mirror to see in the morning, maybe in your Bible or devotion book if that is your practice, or on your desk.

If you do not have a Star Word and would like one, I have extras in my office. Or, if you'd like me to mail you one, I'll be glad to.

In this Season of Epiphany, may God's Holy Spirit lead us to the epiphanies we need to mature in our faith.

Grace & peace,

Worshiping Together

January 21, 2024 11:00 AM 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

What Is On Your Mind? Philippians 4:4-9

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

Chairo Rehearsal Resumes Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 2:00 PM



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)



SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

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

<u>Ushers - January 21</u>

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



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.



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 or use the sign up sheet on the second-floor bulletin board.

Week of January 28 - February 3, 2024

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Nancy Freeman, 287-9104 Claire Presley, 287-6132

Childcare During Worship - January 28

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

Ushers - January 28

Josh Brinkley, Lily Ann Brinkley, Tim Frei, Nat Riddick, Bennett Pierce, Henry Pierce; Balcony: Andy Woodard

Sound System Operator - January 28

Brad Hauser

<u> Security Monitor - January 28</u>

Henry Daniels

Floral Offering - January 28

Gene & Jo Ann Herring

Home Delivered Meals - January 29

Susan Earley & Lynell Eure

Food Pantry - February 2

Carolyn Arrington & Patrise Godwin

Stewardship Statement

January 14, 2024

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Weekly Need	\$ 9,858.58
Weekly Offering	\$ 12,187.55
Difference	\$ 2,328.97
YTD Needs	\$ 19,717.16
YTD Offerings	\$ 21,760.55
YTD Difference	\$ 2,043.39
Benevolence	\$ 200.00
Bereavement	\$ 100.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!