



THE WINDOW

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Words from the Interim...

Today is designated as Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Season of Lent leading up to our celebration of Easter. It is a time of self-reflection, a time of repentance, a time of renewed discipline in our walk with Jesus Christ, a time of preparing ourselves for Easter. Traditionally, it is a time when we “give up” something to further practice “self-discipline” for 40 days, reducing the distractions in our lives and focus more on God. Yet, I encourage you to also consider “adding” something to your life that can be beneficial to others and to yourself as you prepare for Easter. Let’s see how well we stay focused on a 40-day commitment during this year’s Season of Lent.

Today is also Valentine’s Day and last Saturday night, many of us got a “head start” on Valentine’s Day by gathering in the Fellowship Hall for a Valentine’s Banquet. That was the most “red” I had seen in the church in a long time with beautiful red tablecloths, and lots of red clothing! We enjoyed a delicious meal, fellowship around the tables, spreading a little love, lots of laughter and music. I look forward to more “fellowship” opportunities at church for us to enjoy together!

I ask you to pray for our church and community. There are so many “unchurched” people all around us and a word of encouragement or an invitation from you can lead one or more persons to join you in Sunday School and Worship. We are living on a mission field, and we have the responsibility to share the message and love of Jesus Christ with others!

Grateful to be serving alongside you!

Dennis N. Bazemore

Worshiping Together

February 18, 2024

11:00 AM

1st Sunday in Lent

Let My Love Be Heard

John 13:34-35

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore



Holy Week 2024

Sunday, March 24

•11:00 AM *Worship Service*

Our children will sing for worship.

We remember the beginning of Christ’s last week before His crucifixion. We will offer our praise to the Christ, who rode to Jerusalem on the back of a donkey while followers waved branches and shouted, “Hosanna, Hosanna!”



Thursday, March 28

•6:15 PM *Meal*

•7:00 PM *Worship Service*

We remember the night Jesus met in the upper room with His disciples, the night Christ instituted the Lord’s Supper.



Friday, March 29

•7:00 PM *Worship Service*

We remember Jesus’ betrayal, arrest and crucifixion for crimes He did not commit.



Sunday, March 31

•11:00 AM *Worship Service*

We celebrate the risen Savior!



Upcoming Meetings 2024

Building & Grounds Committee

Monday, January 19 | 7:00 PM

Deacons'

Tuesday, January 20 | 7:00 PM

Benevolence Report

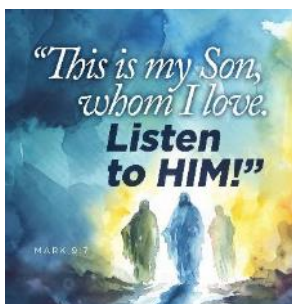
In January 2024, we were able to assist the following people with your gifts to the benevolence ministry:

- partial rent for 5 people
- water bills for 2 people, one of whom had been without water for quite some time and has an infant in the home
- partial electric bills for 3 people

Two other requests were made that we are currently trying to seek more information about before assisting. We have met some folks who are facing very difficult and challenging situations. Thank you for your support of people who are struggling in the community. Your gifts matter.

LaCount and Anna Anderson

Our 2024 Lenten Journey



Of all the Epiphany stories, it occurs to me that the Transfiguration is most suitable for our transition from Epiphany to Lent. Why? Because Lent calls us to engage in practices that help us do as God commanded on that mountaintop: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

As I prepare for each Lenten Season, I search diligently for resources that will help me more clearly hear God's voice giving direction for my life, and I share them with you. Therefore, on Ash Wednesday, February 14, the Lenten devotional, "God is Still with Us," will be available. It may be emailed to you upon request.

As we prepare to begin the Lenten journey together, it is my prayer that the 40 days of Lent will prove to be a transforming time for us all as we listen to the voice of the Beloved.

Grace & peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anita".

Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
• <i>Staff Meeting</i>	3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

WMU Churchwide Mission Projects Assisted Living Donations

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*)

Sponsor an International Child

The WMU is looking for sponsors to send international students to Camp Caraway & Mundo Vista to learn about Jesus. Boys Camp is June 17-21 and Girls Camp is June 24-28. The cost is \$400.00 per child. Please send contributions to FBCA and designate them to "International Students Camp." If you have any questions, please contact Claire Presley at (252) 287-6132.

Stewardship Statement









February 11, 2024

Weekly Need	\$ 9,858.58
Weekly Offering	\$ 4,391.94
Difference	\$ -5,466.94
YTD Needs	\$ 59,151.48
YTD Offerings	\$ 51,403.68
YTD Difference	\$ -7,747.80
Global Missions to Date	\$ 3,955.00
Heck-Jones	\$ 70.00
Int'l. Student Camp	\$ 50.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

March 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Women's History Month					1	2
3  3rd Sunday in Lent	4	5 • 10 AM WMU Groups 2 & 4	6 • 10:30 AM Ahoskie Garden Club	7	8	9
10  4th Sunday in Lent	11 • 7 PM Finance Committee Mtg	12	13	14 • 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	CBF NC Annual Gathering FBC Greensboro	
17  5th Sunday in Lent	18 • 7 PM Building & Grounds Com. Mtg	19 • 7 PM Deacons' Mtg	20 • 10 AM Ahoskie Woman's Club	21	22	23
24  Palm Sunday	25	26	27 No afternoon or evening activities.	28 • 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study  6 PM Maundy Thursday Service	29  7 PM Good Friday Service	30
31  Easter Sunday						
<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>	

March Birthdays

1 Nancy Neal
1 Charles Williford
2 Keith Rawls
3 Pate Pierce

3 Jessica Pyle
3 Jean Rector
6 Woody Baker
7 Noreen Hannon
8 Sherri Burgess
9 Will Blanchard
13 Lila Stuart Pierce
14 Lee Byrum

14 Justice Zoch
15 Liam Tinkham
16 Heather Alexander
17 Dot Newsome
18 Frances Bracy
19 Jesse Croom
19 Taylor F. Rose
23 Brittany Smith

23 Selton Vaughan
24 Lyndsay Britt
28 Brent Pierce
28 Dianna White
29 Perry Newbern
31 Jean Overton

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 February 18 - 24, 2024

Week of February 25 - March 2, 2024

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Eley Whitehead, 398-5256
Jim Wiggins, 287-9790

Childcare During Worship - February 18

Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Sarah Grace Britton

Ushers - February 18

Madison Alexander, Heath Britt, Perry Newbern,
Pike Harrington, Frank Rose, L. Taylor Rose;

Balcony: Larry Freeman

Sound System Operator - February 18

Josh Brinkley

Security Monitor - February 18

Andy Woodard

Floral Offering - February 18

Trey & Harriet Byrum

Home Delivered Meals - February 19

Millie & Jack Britt

Food Pantry - February 23

Millie & Jack Britt

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Alex Britton, 578-0920
Stuart Pierce, 398-7589

Childcare During Worship - February 25

Ages 1 & 2: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene

Ages 3 & 4: Will Blanchard & Michelle Boyd

Kindergarten: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Ushers - February 25

Josh Brinkley, Lily Ann Brinkley, Tim Frei,
Lee Byrum, Bennett Pierce, Henry Pierce;

Balcony: Andy Woodard

Sound System Operator - February 25

Walt Pierce

Security Monitor - February 25

Brad Hauser

Floral Offering - February 25

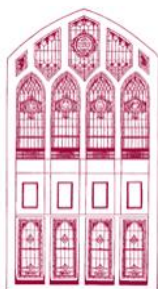
Duck & Jerri Harrell

Home Delivered Meals - February 26

Noreen Hannon & Joyce Leary

Food Pantry - March 1

Carolyn Arrington & Patrice Godwin



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