



THE WINDOW

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Words from the Interim...

I look forward to Holy Week and our services of worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection-Easter Sunday! I hope you are making plans to attend and that you will invite someone to attend with you. There is no other week in the year quite like Holy Week as we are focused on Jesus' last days on earth and celebrate his resurrection from the grave on Easter Sunday!

Upon our return to Ahoskie and First Baptist Church, Linda and I joined Sunday School class where we could be in a weekly Bible Study and enjoy the fellowship of other members in the class. I have not been in a Sunday Class for many years, so I have found this to be a special time for me to join a group of men having discussion about the Bible and building friendships each week. There is always conversation between Linda and me on Sunday afternoon or during the week about our Sunday School classes-the lesson, the time of prayer, the spirit of the class, the joy of being in the class. We have developed new friendships in our classes along with getting to know persons better whom we have known for over the 50 years we were away from Ahoskie. If you are not in Sunday School, you are missing a wonderful time of Bible Study and fellowship. I want to encourage you to join a class in the weeks ahead as I believe it will be beneficial to you in many ways.

The Pastor Search Committee has developed a congregation survey for you to complete that will provide them important information as they prepare a Pastor Profile that will assist them in the search. It is very important that you spend time with this survey, praying over it and filling it out. You can complete it online or get a hard copy from the church office. The survey closes on March 20th. Thanks for your participation.

It is a joy to serve alongside you in ministry,
Dennis N. Bazemore

Worshiping Together

March 17, 2024

11:00 AM

5th Sunday in Lent

Our High Priest: Now and Forever

Hebrews 7:23-28

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*

No Cost | Reservations Required

•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!





Youth Scavenger Hunt
 Grades 6-12
 Sunday, March 17, 2024
 Meet at First Baptist Church at 4:30 PM




Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2023

Meal | 6:15 PM
Reservations Required • No Cost

Worship | 7:00 PM

Upcoming Meetings 2024

Building & Grounds Committee

Monday, March 18 | 7:00 PM

Deacons'

Tuesday, March 19 | 7:00 PM

Pastor Search Congregational Survey

Our Pastor Search Committee seeks your input. If you are a member or a regular attender and would like access to the digital survey, please contact the church office. Hard copies are available in the church office. The survey will close on Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

WMU Churchwide Mission Projects

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.



CPR/AED
Emergency Class
 April 7, 2024 | 3 PM - 5 PM



The Health Committee will be hosting a CPR/AED Emergency Class for those who are interested on Sunday, April 7, 2024 from 3 PM until 5 PM. Our instructors will be Will Blanchard and Taylor Futrell Rose. Sign up sheets are available in each Sunday School class, on the second floor bulletin board, or you can call the church office to sign up. The deadline is March 24. The Health Committee is looking forward to seeing you there.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 2024 | 11:00 AM
 Birth-Grade 5

The Pierce Farm
 107 DT Rd
 Ahoskie, NC 27910



In Sympathy



We offer our sympathy to the family of FBCA member, Shirley Pierce, who passed away on February 28, 2024. Please hold in prayer her son, Gray, his wife, Jessica, their children and other family and friends. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the FBCA sanctuary.

We offer our sympathy to the family of FBCA member, Howard Brown, who passed away on March 4, 2024. Please hold in prayer his wife, Alice, his daughter, Penny, and his grandchildren, family and friends. A memorial service was held on Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 3:00 PM in the FBCA sanctuary.

Stewardship Statement


March 10, 2024

Weekly Need	\$ 9,858.58
Weekly Offering	\$ 8,291.71
Difference	\$ -1,566.87
YTD Needs	\$ 98,585.80
YTD Offerings	\$ 83,770.56
YTD Difference	\$ -14,815.24
Benevolence	\$ 1,445.00
Memorials	\$ 500.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!

April 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Easter Monday Offices Closed</i>	2 • 10 AM WMU Groups 2 & 4	3 <i>Selton Vaughan's 6th Staff Anniversary!</i> • 10:30 AM Ahoskie Garden Club <i>No Afternoon or Evening Activities</i>	4	5	6
7 • 3 PM CPR/AED Class	8 • 7 PM Finance Committee Mtg	9	10	11 • 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	12	13
14	15 <i>Anita Thompson's 22nd Staff Anniversary!</i> • 7 PM Building & Grounds Com. Mtg	16 • 7 PM Deacons' Mtg	17 • 10 AM Ahoskie Woman's Club	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 <i>Leah Newsome's 2nd Staff Anniversary!</i>	25 • 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	26	27
28	29	30				
<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>		

April Birthdays

1 Lou Riddick
2 Bracy Lawrence

4 Adalyn Britt
5 Colby Hauser
5 Mike Neal
7 Rebecca Cale
7 Carolyn Mitchell
12 Claire Presley
15 Gloria Freeman
16 Mary Anne Croom

16 Debbie Magette
16 Kathy McCaskey
16 Mary-joe Turner
18 Abby Alexander
20 Miracle Deloatch
22 Arthur Brown
23 Austine Evans
24 Sarah Newbern

24 Anna Pierce
25 Gray Pierce
26 Anna Dawson
26 Walt Pierce
28 Jane Hollingsworth
28 Will Chamblee
29 Pace Davis
30 Josh Brinkley

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 March 17 - 23 , 2024

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Josh Brinkley, 287-7776
Walt Pierce, 642-7445

Childcare During Worship - March 17

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

Ushers - March 17

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

Sound System Operator - March 17

Brad Hauser

Security Monitor - March 17

Brent Pierce

Floral Offering - March 17

Family of Bobby Cross

Home Delivered Meals - March 18

Linda Bazemore & Elizabeth Craft

Food Pantry - March 22

Carolyn Arrington & Melanie Byrum

Week of March 24 - 30, 2024

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Heath Britt, 642-2331
L. Taylor Rose, 287-5322

Childcare During Worship - March 24

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

Ushers - March 24

Josh Brinkley, Lily Ann Brinkley, Tim Frei,
Duck Harrell, Bennett Pierce, Henry Pierce;
Balcony: Andy Woodard

Sound System Operator - March 24

Frank Britt

Security Monitor - March 24

Stuart Pierce

Floral Offering - March 24

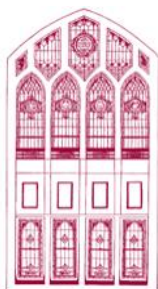
Worship Decorating Committee

Home Delivered Meals - March 25

Susan Early & Lynell Eure

Food Pantry - March 29

Closed in Observance of Good Friday



The Window

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