



He has given us ... an  
**inheritance**  
that can never

**perish,**  
**spoil**  
*or*  
**fade**

— kept in heaven ...

**1 PETER 1:3-4, NIV**

The Worship of God ✦ April 14, 2024 ✦ The Third Sunday of Easter

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 14, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Third Sunday of Easter*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mrs. Leslie Lawrence and Mr. Graham Lawrence, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Heath Britt

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

**In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love Him;

and although we have not seen Him, we believe in Him.

**For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**

- Based on 1 Peter 1:3-9

SOLO

*The Old Rugged Cross Made Difference* Gaither, Gaither & Oldham  
with *I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary*

Vicky Overman, Soloist

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Britt

+HYMN OF PRAISE 589

*At Calvary*

CALVARY

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Dr. Bazemore

People of God, what is our prayer for these children?

**Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,  
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.**

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 40:1-5

Mrs. Austine Evans

In Pew Bible, pages 631 & 632 of Old Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

**Thanks be to God.**

TESTIMONY

Mrs. Leslie Revelle Lawrence

+HYMN 581

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
Stanza 2

HANKEY

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Evans

PIANO OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY – Hymn 707

OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 1:3-9, 13-23

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 281 & 282 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Inheritance: Living with It!*

Dr. Bazemore

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INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 71

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hal and Ann Daniels by Kim and Ed Cherry, Henry and Pat Daniels, and their families.*

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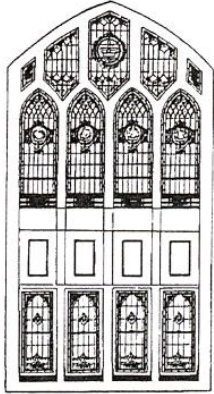
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson  
Associate Pastor

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome  
Pianist



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

April 14, 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✘ Worship Notes

◆ **The Christian Year** – *the church marks time differently than the secular world. We follow the Christian Year which begins with the Season of Advent four weeks prior to Christmas and ends with Christ the King Sunday on the Sunday prior to the beginning of Advent.*

*The Season of Eastertide began with Resurrection Sunday on March 31, 2024. Eastertide is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before He ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost.*

◆ **Worship Childcare** – *We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today while we worship:*

Ages 1 & 2: Joyce Leary & Taylor Futrell Rose

Ages 3 & 4: David & Elizabeth Davis

Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & Winnie Matthews

## ✘ Upcoming Meetings 2024

Building & Grounds Committee | Monday, April 15 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | Tuesday, April 16 | 7:00 PM

Finance Committee | Monday, May 13 | 7:00 PM

✘ **Organ Concert** | FBCA Sanctuary | Sunday, April 21, 2024 | 5:00 PM

*Dr. Danny Hester, the Adjunct Professor of Organ and University Organist at Campbell University will be our guest artist. Reception to Follow. Please invite a friend.*

## ✘ Children's Music & Missions End of Year Program

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

5:15-6:15 PM Children's Music & Missions | Adult & Youth Bible Study

6:15-7:00 PM Churchwide Meal, Fellowship Hall | **Reservations are required.**

7:00 PM End of Year Program, Sanctuary | All are invited.

✘ **Volunteer/Donor Luncheon** | Saturday, April 27, 2024 | 12:00 NOON

*Please come and hear success stories about Christian Job Corps. RSVP by April 20 to Pat Byrd at (252) 209-4301 or pbyrdcwjc@gmail.com. The Gathering Place is located at 701 E. Church St., Ahoskie, NC.*

## ✘ WMU Churchwide Mission Project

*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.*

## ☒ Parent - Child Dedication

Sunday, May 5, 2024 | 11:00 AM

Contact Dr. Bazemore for more information.

## ☒ Photos Needed for New Church Directory | New Deadline: May 5, 2024

Send us one photo of whichever applies to your household: family, couple, or individual. Email to [office@fbcahoskie.org](mailto:office@fbcahoskie.org). The new deadline is May 5, 2024.

## ☒ This Week

### ◆ Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

2:00 PM Chair Music Ensemble, *Choir Room*

### ◆ Monday, April 15

7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee, *Fellowship Hall*

### ◆ Tuesday, April 16

7:00 PM Deacons' Meeting, *Fellowship Hall*

### ◆ Wednesday, April 17

10:30 AM Ahoskie Woman's Club

11:00 AM Bertie-Hertford Community Foundation, *Library*

4:00 PM Junior Garden Club

5:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions

•Prayer Meeting/Bible Study for Adults & Youth (Grades 6-12)

6:15 PM Supper

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

### ◆ Friday, April 19

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

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