



LET YOUR LIGHT
Shine
Matthew 5:16

The Worship of God ✦ May 5, 2024 ✦ The Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 5, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Miss Lily Ann Brinkley & Mr. Bryant Brinkley, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Gretchen Zoch

It is by God's grace that we gather for worship.

And it is by God's grace that our lives are changed.

We are counting on the active and amazing grace of God today.

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune our hearts to sing Thy grace!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace

NEWTON

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

*Choir Only: The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.
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CHILDREN'S TIME

Dr. Bazemore

CHILD DEDICATION

Olivia Emogene Jenkins

July 12, 2019

Alice Claire Jenkins

September 29, 2023

Daughters of Cody & Sarah Jenkins

Introduction of the Family

Dr. Bazemore

Statements of Commitment

Cody & Sarah, do you publicly recommit yourselves to our Lord Jesus Christ, whose death on the cross cleansed you from all sin and whose life through the resurrection prepared the way for your eternal life?

We do.

Do you also recommit yourselves to your marriage, understanding that the best gift parents can give children is a healthy marriage and a loving home?

We do.

Do you dedicate Olivia and Alice to the Lord by committing yourselves to raise your daughters in the Christian faith; bringing them to church, leading them in prayer, and reading to them the scriptures, in order that they may also come to follow Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

We do.

Do you, the members of this congregation, accept the responsibility, together with these parents, to teach and nurture Olivia and Alice in the Christian faith so that they may be brought into full maturity of faith in Jesus Christ?

We do.

Prayer of Dedication

Presentation of Gifts

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Dr. Bazemore

People of God, what is your 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 Malachi 3:10

Mr. Brandon Zoch

In Pew Bible, page 1089 of Old Testament

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

thanks be to God.

+HYMN 671

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. Zoch

PIANO OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY – Hymn 707

OLD 100TH

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 LESSONS

Dr. Bazemore

Matthew 5:16; 1 Peter 2:21-23

In Pew Bible, page 5, and page 283 of New Testament

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

thanks be to God.

SERMON

Making a Difference

Dr. Bazemore

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INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

Let Others See Jesus in You

COLEMAN

Let Others See Jesus in You

"Let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works." Matthew 5:16

1. While pass - ing through this world of sin, And oth - ers your
 2. Your life's a book be - fore their eyes, They're read - ing it
 3. What joy 'twill be at set of sun, In man - sions be -
 4. Then live for Christ both day and night, Be faith - ful, be

life shall view, Be clean and pure with - out, with - in,
 through and through; Say, does it point them to the skies,
 yond the blue, To find some souls that you have won;
 brave, and true, And lead the lost to life and light;

Chorus
 Let oth - ers see Je - sus in you.
 Do oth - ers see Je - sus in you? Let oth - ers see Je - sus in
 Let oth - ers see Je - sus in you. you.

you, (in you,) Let oth - ers see Je - sus in you; (in you;) Keep tell - ing the

sto - ry, be faith - ful and true, Let oth - ers see Je - sus in you.

WORDS: B.B. McKinney
 MUSIC: B.B. McKinney

COLEMAN
 Irregular meter

BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As we leave, let us remember that we do not leave the church. We leave as the church to go into the world and make disciples . . . in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

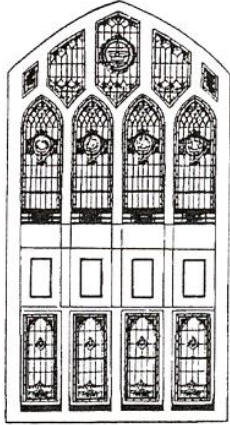
Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eugene & Edith Freeman by Larry & Diane Freeman and Jane Freeman Morris.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Anita D. Thompson
Associate Pastor

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor
Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist

Rev. Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

May 5, 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ 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: Karen Daly & Lisa Outlaw

Ages 3 & 4: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

◆ **Worship Leadership** – *Rev. Anita Thompson has been away this weekend officiating the Saturday evening wedding of April Futrell and Austin Yeager. Jordan Martin is leading the music in her stead.*

✦ Children's Music & Missions End-of-Year Program

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 | All are invited.

5:15-6:15 PM Children's Music & Missions | No Adult Bible Study

6:15-7:00 PM Churchwide Meal, Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM End-of-Year Program, Sanctuary

A Farewell Reception for Rev. Thompson will follow.

✦ Farewell to Rev. Thompson

Rev. Anita Thompson, who has served this congregation as Associate Pastor for 22 years, will conclude her ministry here on May 12, 2024. A reception is planned for Wednesday, May 8, 2024, following the children's 7:00 PM end-of-year program. Rev. Thompson begins her ministry as pastor of First Baptist Church, Wadesboro, NC on June 1. Her new contact information is: 54 Hope St., Wadesboro, NC 28170, revanitathompson@gmail.com.

✘ Upcoming Meetings 2024

Pastor Search Committee | Today, Sunday, May 5 | 7:00 PM

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

Building & Grounds Committee | Monday, May 20 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | Tuesday, May 21 | 7:00 PM

✘ POSTPONED: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC, Northeast Regional Gathering

Due to low registration, the May 9 luncheon has been postponed to a later date.

✘ Annual Baccalaureate for High School Graduates

On Sunday, May 12, 2024, during the 11:00 AM worship service, we will recognize Camille Pierce and Reagan Zoch, our high school students in the class of 2024. Camille is the daughter of Pate & Anna Pierce; Reagan is the daughter of Brandon & Gretchen Zoch.

✘ Photos Needed for New Church Directory

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

✘ This Week

◆ Today, May 5

9:45 AM Sunday School

1:00 AM Worship

◆ Tuesday, May 7

10:00 AM WMU Group 4

◆ Wednesday, May 8

5:15 PM •Children's Music & Missions

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

6:15 PM Supper

7:00 PM Children's Music & Missions End of Year Program, *Sanctuary*

8:00 PM Farewell Reception for Anita Thompson, *Fellowship Hall*

◆ Thursday, May 9

10:30 AM Women's Bible Study, *Room 103*

◆ Friday, May 10

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

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