



# THE WINDOW

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## First Baptist Church High School & College Graduates



**Camille Pate Pierce**

*Daughter of Pate & Anna Pierce*

**May 19, 2023**

Saint Mary's School  
Raleigh, NC

*Attending North Carolina State University*



**Reagan Mallory Zoch**

*Daughter of Brandon & Gretchen Zoch*

**May 3, 2023**

Roanoke Chowan Community College  
Ahoskie, NC

*Associate in Arts Degree*

**May 17, 2023**

Hertford County Early College High School

*Attending Gardner-Webb University*

### **PASSPORT Kids Camp**

*Completed Grades 3-5*

**July 20-23, 2024**

**Converse University  
Spartanburg, SC**

### **Baccalaureate**

**May 12, 2024 | 11:00 AM**

### **WMU Churchwide Mission Project**

Collecting through May 31, 2024

We are collecting the following items for our  
Christian Women's & Men's Job Corps:

#### **Women's Job Corps**

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Feminine Pads & Tampons

#### **Men's Job Corps**

- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Soap
- Lotion

### **Worshiping Together**

**May 12, 2024**

**11:00 AM**

*7th Sunday of Easter*



**The Beatitudes**

Matthew 5:1-12

The Children Choristers & Music Friends

*Baccalaureate*

## From Rev. Thompson

Beloved Church,

When I first joined the staff of FBC Ahoskie, minister friends would often ask the same question. "You're serving the church you grew up in? How's that working for you?" Over the past twenty-two years my response has been the same. "They've let me be one of their ministers, and not just the child who grew up among them."

I began coming to FBC Ahoskie when I was still in diapers. Baptized at age ten, through the church's music ministry I discovered I had a particular love of and gifts for making music. Bob Dills nurtured those gifts as did Don and Regina Gober when they followed Bob Dills as Minister of Music.

By the time I reached high school, I began to sense a call to ministry. When I shared this call with members of FBC Ahoskie, not one time did someone say, "Are you sure? Most Ministers of Music are men." I felt loved, supported, and encouraged. While a seminary student, I received the Oscar Creech Scholarship. In 1997, I was ordained by FBC Ahoskie as the first woman in the congregation's history. Who would have guessed that at age thirty-nine, I would be invited to serve as one of the ministers of the church I love so much?

I remain grateful for every opportunity to minister to and with the good people of FBC Ahoskie. I've had the joy of serving in youth ministry, children's ministry, community ministry, Christian education ministry, and music and worship ministry. Twenty-two years later, I've responded to a long-held sense of God calling me to the role of lead pastor. I've learned so much and will take every lesson with me as I begin my pastorate at FBC Wadesboro, NC. I ask for your prayers as I step into this role.

FBC Ahoskie will always be in my heart, therefore I covenant to pray for all of you as you search for a new pastor, and then put the other pieces together to form a strong staff-led and lay-led ministry. A friend once described FBC Ahoskie as an oasis in our community. Isn't that a lovely description? I pray that you will continue to be that oasis for years to come.

With love and Gratitude,



## In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family of FBCA member, Lisa Young Outlaw in the April 20, 2024, passing of her mother, Rachel Young.

**Church offices are closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 in Observance of Memorial Day.**

## Upcoming Meetings May 2024

### Pastor Search Committee

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



## Happy Anniversary!

Jessica Pyle celebrates her 3<sup>rd</sup> staff anniversary as Communications Coordinator at First Baptist Church of Ahoskie on May 17, 2024.

## Stewardship Statement

May 5, 2024

Weekly Need	\$ 9,858.58
Weekly Offering	\$ 11,639.11
Difference	\$ 1,780.53
YTD Needs	\$ 177,454.44
YTD Offerings	\$ 148,554.21
April Online Giving	\$ 2,750.00
YTD Difference	\$ -26,150.23
Benevolence	\$ 625.00
Bereavement	\$ 500.00
Global Missions Totals To Date	\$ 4,460.00
International Student Camps	\$ 2,650.00

**Thank you for your generous gifts!**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 • 10:00 AM WMU Groups 2 & 4	5	6	7	8
9	10 • 7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg	11	12	13	14	15
16 	17 • 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Mtg	18 • 7:00 PM Deacons' Mtg	 Annual General Assembly   June 19-21 Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons/ Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, NC		21 	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30		<u>Sundays</u> • 9:45 AM Sunday School • 11:00 AM Worship	<u>Wednesdays</u> • 2:00 PM Staff Meeting	<u>Fridays</u> • 9:00AM - 3:00 PM Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) <i>The Gathering Place</i>		



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|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Nancy Bracy    | 10 Leah Woodard        | 15 Lanie Byrum      | 21 Mike Henderson |
| 3 Adam Bracy     | 12 Susan Earley        | 15 Chuck Revelle    | 23 Stuart Pierce  |
| 4 Anita Thompson | 12 Andy Woodard        | 17 Jerry Alexander  | 27 Leroy Pierce   |
| 5 Alan Myers     | 13 Doug Cobbs          | 17 Nat Riddick      | 28 Betty Joyner   |
| 8 Virginia Davis | 14 Carol Jean Fretwell | 18 Buzzy Swain      | 30 Liza Pierce    |
| 9 Jenny Burden   | 14 Joyce Leary         | 19 Carroll Thompson |                   |

*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 May 12 - 18, 2024**

**Minister on Call**

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

**Deacons on Call**

Nancy Freeman, 287-9104  
Betty Joyner, 398-6104

**Childcare During Worship - May 12**

Ages 1 & 2: Joyce Leary & Taylor F. Rose  
Ages 3 & 4: David & Elizabeth Davis  
Kindergarten: Melanie Byrum & Winnie Matthews

**Ushers - May 12**

Josh Brinkley, Lily Ann Brinkley, Duck Harrell,  
Larry Matthews, Bennett Pierce, Henry Pierce;  
*Balcony:* Larry Freeman

**Sound System Operator - May 12**

Brad Hauser

**Security Monitor - May 12**

Jack Britt

**Floral Offering - May 12**

Worship Decorating Committee

**Home Delivered Meals - May 13**

Georgia Copeland & Jayne Frei

**Food Pantry - May 19**

Carolyn Arrington & Josanne Jenkins

**Week of May 19 - 25, 2024**

**Minister on Call**

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

**Deacons on Call**

Alex Britton, 578-0920  
Jim Wiggins, 287-9790

**Childcare During Worship - May 19**

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

**Ushers - May 19**

Madison Alexander, Heath Britt, Perry Newbern,  
Tim Frei, Frank Rose, L. Taylor Rose;  
*Balcony:* Andy Woodard

**Sound System Operator - May 19**

Rick Burns

**Security Monitor - May 19**

Lee Byrum

**Floral Offering - May 19**

Worship Decorating Committee

**Home Delivered Meals - May 20**

Linda Bazemore & Elizabeth Craft

**Food Pantry - May 24**

Carolyn Arrington & Rhonda Cotton