



The Worship of God ✦ June 2, 2024 ✦ The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

June 2, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Henry Pierce, Mr. Bennett Pierce & Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Jamie Burns

Come, let us worship and celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.**

Know that God's love is lavished upon you and me forever.

**We rejoice at the news of God's forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ!**

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love and His son, Jesus Christ.

INTROIT

*Ascription of Praise*

The Vocal Ensemble

David Schwoebel

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mrs. Burns

+HYMN 618

*Love Lifted Me*

SAFETY

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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

Psalms 81:1-10

Mrs. Mary Ann Umphlett

In Pew Bible, page 666 of New Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN 310

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Umphlett

PIANO OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY – Hymn 705

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 15:11-32

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 95 & 96 of Old Testament

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

ANTHEM

*How Great Thou Art*  
The Vocal Ensemble

arr. Craig Courtney

SERMON

*It Is Not All About Me!*

Dr. Bazemore

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INVITATION

*It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.*

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 474

*Softly and Tenderly*

THOMPSON

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

May the love of God, fill our hearts and minds, and his embrace hold us to be worthy to be called his children.

**May the friendship of Jesus, rid us of any notion that we are more important than anyone else.**

May the Holy Spirit empower us to welcome and celebrate those who come to Jesus confessing him as Lord.

**Let us go and reconfigure the world in our friendships, in our work-places, in our families, in our streets, and in our church.**

Then go forth to proclaim the story of our Christ, living and serving in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

+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 Iris & Henry Bazemore by their children, David, Dennis, Debbie, Diane, and their families.*

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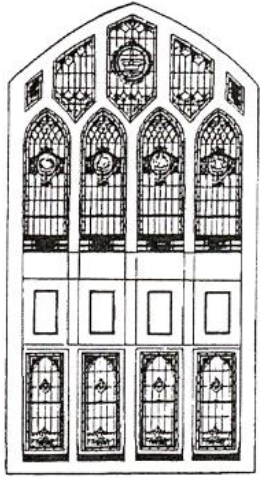
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
*Interim Pastor*

Dr. Greg Barmer  
*Interim Minister of Music*

Dr. Jesse J. Croom  
*Pastor Emeritus*

Mrs. Leah Newsome  
*Pianist*



# A Window on the Weeks Ahead

June 2, 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

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## ✦ Worship Notes

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

Ages 1 & 2: Bland & Nancy Baker

Ages 3 & 4: Brian & Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

## ✦ Welcome Interim Minister of Music

*Beginning June 1, 2024, Reverend Dr. Greg Barmer joined us as Interim Minister of Music. We are pleased to welcome Greg and his wife, Lisa!*

## ✦ Thank You, Jordan Martin

*Since Rev. Thompson's departure, FBCA member Jordan Martin has practiced with our choirs, secured lay worship leaders, carefully selected scripture, and hymns to ensure our Sunday service would flow delightfully. We thank you for the countless hours you've spent preparing and ensuring a smooth transition.*

## ✦ College Scholarship Applications | Due July 15, 2024

*Please call the church office if you would like an application. All completed applications are due in the church office by July 15, 2023.*

### ◆ James Wilton "Wig" & Frances Freeman Bracy Scholarship

*Frances Bracy established a scholarship in honor of her family and her late husband Wig, desiring to make a college education affordable for church members who may have financial need or for whom college would otherwise be unattainable. FBCA members who will be college students during the 2024-2025 academic year are encouraged to apply.*

### ◆ Oscar Creech Scholarship

*This scholarship is named after FBCA's longest tenured pastor who prayed that God would call persons, from among the FBCA membership, into full-time church-related vocation. Students who have sensed a call to ministry and are FBCA members, are encouraged to apply.*

## ✦ CBF All-State Youth Choir NC

Thursday, July 18 | 6:00 PM | FBCA Sanctuary

## ✦ 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](mailto:office@fbcahoskie.org).*

**✘ Vacation Bible School | August 5-7 | 5:30 – 8:00 PM**

Pre-K 3 – Completed Grade 5

*Volunteers are needed. Please contact Kari Pierce at (252) 217-8017.*

**✘ Church Conference | Wednesday, June 5, 2024 | 6:30 PM**

*The Pastor Search Committee has recommended amendments to the by-laws for the election process of the Pastor. The Deacons have unanimously approved these changes. A letter with the details was mailed to resident church members on April 30, 2024. The amendment to the by-laws requires a church vote. The meeting to vote on the amendment is Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.*

**✘ Newsletter Article Submissions**

*Our weekly newsletter is released on Wednesdays. If there is information you would like published in our newsletter, please call, or email the church office by noon on Monday.*

**✘ WMU Churchwide Mission Project**

*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 •Lotion
- Deodorant •Razors
- Shaving Cream •Soap

**✘ Upcoming Meetings 2024**

Finance Committee | Monday, June 10 | 7:00 PM

Building & Grounds Committee | Monday, June 17 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | Tuesday, June 18 | 7:00 PM

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