



The Worship of God ✦ July 7, 2024 ✦ The 7th 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

July 7, 2024 ✕ 11:00 AM

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The 7th Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nothing But the Blood

*What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other found I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

God has set before us life and death.

We long to choose life.

God has set before us blessings and curses.

We long to choose blessings.

So we gather this morning around the table—Christ’s table.

We gather to drink the cup of blessing; to eat the bread of life.

Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.

Let us worship God with joy and abandon!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Dr. Greg Barmer

+HYMN 281

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 116

Miss Jenni Byrd

In Pew Bible, page 694 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

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.

ANTHEM

In Remembrance of Me

Courtney, Red

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Miss Jenni Byrd

PIANO OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY HYMN 706

OLD 100TH, alt.

*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*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 1:15-20

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 244 of New Testament

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

SERMON

Connecting With God

Dr. Bazemore

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We are here because Jesus has called us to His Table,
Strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious.

It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to His Table where, in the bread and the cup, he meets us.

And through Him, we all are joined to each other and to our Lord at His Table.

So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood.

Come, not because of how you feel, but because God loves you.

Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you,

Come, just as you are.

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

+HYMN

Fill My Cup, Lord

BLANCHARD

*Like the woman at the well, I was seeking for
Things that could not satisfy. And then I heard my Savior
Speaking— "Draw from My well that never shall run dry."*

Chorus: *Fill my cup, Lord; I lift it up Lord; Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of
Heaven, feed me till I want no more. Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

*There are millions in this world who are seeking— for
Pleasures earthly goods afford. But none can match the wondrous
Treasure that I find in Jesus Christ my Lord.*

Chorus

THE POURING OF CUP

*So my brother, if the things that this world gave you,— leave
Hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and
Save you, if you kneel to Him and humbly pray*

Chorus

INVITATION

+HYMN OF RESPONSE

PLAINFIELD

Nothing But the Blood
This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh! Precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other found I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

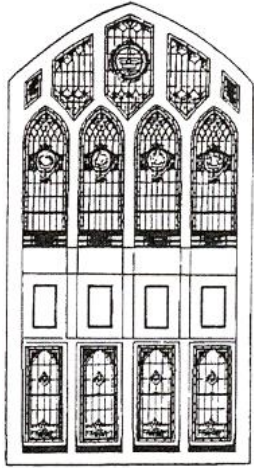
Today's altar flowers are given by Larry and Winnie Matthews to the glory of God and in honor of Jessica, Josh, Lily Ann, and Bryant and in loving memory of R.D. Matthews.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Dr. Greg Barmer
Interim Minister of Music
Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist

Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

July 7, 2024

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Worship Notes

◆ **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

✦ Benevolence Offering Received Today

On the first Sunday of every month, we receive an offering for our Benevolence Ministry which helps support individuals and families in our community. If you'd like to participate, please place your offering in one of the small brown baskets at each sanctuary exit.

✦ Heck-Jones Offering | Collecting Month of July

FBC Ahoskie will collect the Heck-Jones Offering during the month of July. This annual offering provides primary funding for the mission and ministries of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) of NC. The offering is named for Fannie Heck and Sallie Bailey Jones, two dedicated women in WMU history. Both held prominent leadership roles in the North Carolina organization, and Miss Heck also served at the national level.

✦ 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, 2024.

◆ 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.

✦ All-State Youth Choir NC

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

✘ **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.

✘ **Children’s Time & Blessing**

If you sense a call to assist with the Children’s Time & Blessing, please contact Dr. Bazemore.

✘ **Church Leadership for 2024-2025 Church Year**

The Nominating Committee will soon begin the good work of filling leadership roles and committees for the 2024-2025 Church Year. You’re encouraged to prayerfully consider how you’d like to serve. The new church year begins September 1, 2024.

✘ **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.

✘ **Upcoming Meetings 2024**

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

Deacons’ | Tuesday, July 16 | 7:00 PM

✘ **No Choir Rehearsals on July 3, 2024**

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