



The Worship of God ✦ August 25, 2024 ✦ The 14th 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

August 25, 2024 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The 14th Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Dempsey Pierce & Miss Stuart Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 149

Dr. Greg Barmer

Praise the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song.

Sing his praises in the assembly of the faithful.

O Israel, rejoice in your Maker.

O people of Jerusalem, be glad in your King.

Praise his name with dancing, accompanied by tambourine and harp.

For the LORD delights in his people;

He crowns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice that he honors them.

Let them sing for joy!

Let the praises of God be in their mouths!

+HYMN 550

Come, We That Love the Lord

MARCHING TO ZION

ANTHEM

Hayes, from Psalm 118

This is the Day

This is the day that the Lord has made, and I will sing my Maker's praise!

This is the day the Lord has made, I will rejoice and give God praise!

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Dr. Barmer

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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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 84

Mr. Walt Pierce

In Pew Bible, page 667 & 668 of Old Testament

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:42-47

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 145 & 146 of New Testament

Ephesians 4:15-16

In Pew Bible, pages 236 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

+ HYMN 246

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mr. W. Pierce

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

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SERMON

Why I Need To Be In Church

Dr. Bazemore

INVITATION

+ HYMN 640

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you are the head of this church, and we are the body, revive this church and fill us with the love and passion as the early believers had.

Give us a persistent hunger for your word – that our lives may conform to your teaching.

Give us a sincere love for one another – that we may seek opportunities to serve one another.

Give us a passion for fellowship and unity – that we eat together at a common table.

Give us a lifestyle of prayer – that you will constantly be on our hearts and minds, guiding what we do and what we say.

Spirit of God: come again on your church this day.

Make us a generous, freely, giving people that take care of one another.

Transform our worship to more joy-filled praise in your presence.

Keep us in the world as respected and gracious ambassadors of your Kingdom.

Heavenly Father: we ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, the one God, forever and ever. 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 glory of God and in loving memory of Don Craft in honor of his birthday, August 26, 1932, by his wife, Elizabeth Craft, and their children.

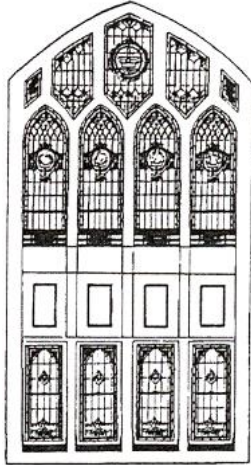
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Dr. Greg Barner
Interim Minister of Music

Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

August 25, 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: Georgia Copeland & Debbie Greene

Ages 3 & 4: Will Blanchard & Michelle Boyd

Kindergarten: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

✦ Church Conference & Supper | August 28 | 5:30 PM

Supper will be provided at no cost, reservations are required. Please use the sign up sheet on the second floor bulletin board. Conference to follow as The Pastor Search Committee will make a presentation and the Nominating Committee Report is to be approved.

✦ Church Offices Closed in Observance of Labor Day | September 2, 2024

✦ Wednesday Night Activities | Resume September 11, 2024

- 5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions/ Adult Bible Study
- 6:15 PM Wednesday Night Meal
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 PM Vocal Ensemble

✦ Choir Dinner | September 21 | 5:00 PM

Contact Dr. Barner for more information.

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