



The Worship of God ✠ January 12, 2024
Epiphany Sunday ✠ Deacon Ordination and Installation

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 12, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Epiphany
Ordination & Installation of Deacons*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS		Dr. Dennis Bazemore
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Mr. Jordan Martin
PIANO PRELUDE		Mrs. Leah Newsome
OLD TESTAMENT UNISON READING	Psalm 34:1-10	Mr. Jim Wiggins
<i>I will praise the Lord at all times. I will constantly speak his praises. I will boast only in the Lord; let all who are helpless take heart. Come, let us tell of the Lord's greatness; let us exalt his name together. I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears. Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy; no shadow of shame will darken their faces. In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened; he saved me from all my troubles. For the angel of the Lord is a guard; he surrounds and defends all who fear him. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him! Fear the Lord, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need. Even strong young lions sometimes go hungry, but those who trust in the Lord will lack no good thing. Thanks be to God!</i>		
+HYMN OF PRAISE, 345	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i>	LAUDES DOMINI
INVOCATION		Dr. Greg Barner
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	<i>Yes, My Jesus Loves Me</i>	McDonald
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Luke 10:25-37 In Pew Bible, page 87 of New Testament	Dr. Bazemore
This is the word of God for the people of God; Thanks be to God.		
+HYMN 488	<i>Come, All Christians, Be Committed</i>	BEACH SPRING
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Ms. Betty Joyner
PIANO OFFERTORY		Mrs. Newsome
+ DOXOLOGY, Hymn 706		OLD 100 th , alt
<i>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.</i>		



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

*Mrs. Ann Cooke, Mrs. Debbie Magette, Mr. Scott Outlaw
Mrs. Kari Pierce, and Mr. Andy Woodard*

LAYING ON OF HANDS

CHARGE TO DEACONS

On this special day as you stand here before God and your church family, do you openly profess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and acknowledge Him to be the Head of the church?

Yes, I do.

You have been elected and affirmed to the high office of deacon by this your church family to serve Christ, this church and beyond. Do you commit yourself to the ministries of this church and commit to faithfully fulfilling the responsibilities in sharing Christ with others in word and in deed?

With God's help, I do commit.

Will you be a deacon who prays daily, who reads and meditates on God's Holy Word? Will you be faithful in church attendance and in stewardship as well as a good example before others with your time, your talents, and your offerings to carry out God's work through First Baptist Church?

With God's help, I will.

You are now a member of the elected body of Deacons, and you serve alongside the church staff and ministers all working together to fulfill the tasks of leading this church forward. Will you be one who is supportive, cooperative, and caring as a member of this larger ministry team?

With the Holy Spirit's guidance, I will.

I, therefore, charge you to set the goal for your life and your deacon ministry to be a servant leader as defined in God's Holy Word, Acts 6 and 1 Timothy 3. You cannot fill this responsibility of service on your own strength and wisdom; I, therefore, charge you to seek the wisdom of God the Father, rely on the Holy Spirit to empower you, spend time in pray each day, and live by the teachings of Jesus Christ our Lord. May God richly bless you and may He guide you in this ministry.

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

As members of First Baptist Church, do you acknowledge today, Ann, Debbie, Scott, Kari, and Andy as new members of our elected deacons, and do you pledge to support them in the fulfillment of their service and ministry?

In reaffirming our faith in Jesus Christ as the Head of the church and the role of deacons in the life of the church, we welcome these deacons as servant leaders in our church together.

We pledge to support them with our prayers, our encouragement and our respect. We give thanks for their commitment to serve. Praise be to God.

SERMON

Doing What it Takes to Serve Others

Dr. Bazemore

INVITATION

+HYMN 477

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

+BENEDICTION

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

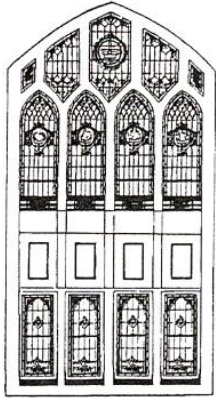
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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

January 12, 2025

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: Kay Byrd & Taylor F. Rose

Ages 3 & 4: David & Elizabeth Davis

Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Winnie Matthews

✦ Deacon Ordination & Installation | Today

During the 11:00 AM worship service on January 12, 2025, Ann Cooke will be ordained. Debbie Magette, Scott Outlaw, Kari Pierce, and Andy Woodard, previously ordained, will be installed along with Ann Cooke.

✦ From the Gathering Place

Many thanks to everyone who brought food items and volunteered for the Christmas Day meal for our community. It was a joy to serve others with a time of food and fellowship on Christmas Day.

✦ Wednesday Night Meal | Resumes January 15, 2025

We are starting a new standing reservation list. To make your reservation, respond to the Facebook post, sign up on the bulletin board on the second-floor, or call the church office at (252) 332-4003.

Include the total number of adults and children, and specify if your reservation is standing or weekly. Reservations and cancellations are due by noon on Monday, January 13. Hostess Committee members, please remember to make your reservations.

Menu: Vegetable Beef soup with Crackers, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Waldorf Salad, Ice Cream Sundae Bar with Cookies, Tea and Water. Child options will be limited as the menu is Child Friendly!

Meal Costs: Adults: \$8 | Children (Ages 4-12): \$4 | 3 & Under: Free

✦ Chair Resumes February 9, 2025

✦ Upcoming Meetings 2025

Finance Committee | January 13 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | January 21 | 7:00 PM

✦ Wednesday Activities Resume | January 15, 2025

5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions / Adult & Youth Bible Study

6:15 PM Wednesday Night Meal

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

✘ **CBF North Carolina Regional Gathering**
Thursday, January 16, 2025 | 9:45 AM to 1:30 PM
Lakeside Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC

✘ **Food Pantry Volunteers**

The Pantry desperately needs volunteers on the third or fourth Friday of the month from 9:30 AM to noon. A volunteer may choose to work one Friday every month, every other month or once a quarter – always with another volunteer. If you are willing to offer two and a half hours of your time on a Friday to be Christ’s Hands and Feet at the Pantry, please contact Vicky Overman at (252) 396-5729 to discuss which Friday is best for you.

✘ **Global Missions Offering Ingathering**

We are receiving the annual Global Missions Offering. 100% of your gifts support the long-term presence of Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries serving in the United States and around the world. This year’s goal is \$5,000 and will be collected through the end of March 2025.

✘ **Offering Envelopes**

As we prepare for the new year, we ask that if you’re no longer using the offering envelopes that are mailed to you, please contact our Financial Secretary, Sharon Hill. She is available Monday-Wednesday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM at the office (252) 332-4003.

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