

The Worship of God ✠ January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday After Epiphany

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 19, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: Epiphany*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE Mrs. Leah Newsome

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mr. Henry Pierce & Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP from Ephesians 1 Ms. Debbie Greene
All glorious God, we give you thanks for every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms that you have given us through Jesus Christ.
Even before the world was made, you chose us to be your holy people, you adopted even sinners like ourselves as your children in Christ.
You gave us your Holy Spirit, the seal and promise of our inheritance.
All praise and glory be yours, O God, for the richness of your grace, for the splendor of your gifts, for the wonder of your love. Amen!

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 58 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

INVOCATION Ms. Greene



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 116:1-14 Dr. Greg Barmer

ANTHEM *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* COURTNEY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 4:1-9 Mrs. Leslie Lawrence
In Pew Bible, page 220 of New Testament

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

+HYMN 614 *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart* McDANIEL

This Little Light of Mine

1. *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

2. *Hide it under a bushel? No!...*

3. *Don't let satan blow it out ...*

4. *This little light of mine...*

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mrs. Lawrence

PIANO OFFERTORY Mrs. Newsome

+ 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.



SERMON *When They See Us, What do They See?* Dr. Bazemore

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 571 JERNIGAN

You Are My All in All

+BENEDICTION

+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 Dorothy Phelps (Dot) Newsome by her daughters, Beth Nelson and Sandra Sheckells.

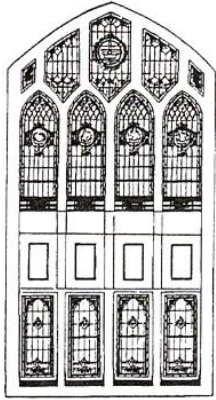
OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 19, 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: Kari Pierce & Cheryl Slachta

Ages 3 & 4: Claire & Jordan Harrell

Kindergarten: Avery & Harriet Byrum

✦ Church-wide Called Business Meeting

January 29, 2025 | 5:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

A church-wide Called Business Meeting will take place on January 29, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. The purpose of this meeting is to receive a recommendation from the Deacons and the Finance Committee to purchase the Brinkley property, located adjacent to the southeast side of our church. A letter regarding the meeting is available in the church office and located at the 4 entrances of the Sanctuary. Please make every effort to attend.

✦ Wednesday Night Meal | January 22, 2025

We started 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 20. Hostess Committee members, please remember to make your reservations.

Menu: Hamburger Steak with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Assorted Cake with Fruit and Whipped Cream, Tea and Water. **Kids:** PB&J sandwiches, Fruit, and Jello.

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

✦ Chair Resumes February 9, 2025

✦ CWJC Mission Project

We are collecting the following hygiene and cleaning items for CWJC through January 30:

Shampoo/Conditioner, Soap/Bodywash, Deodorant, Body Lotion, Toothbrushes/ Toothpaste, Toilet Paper, Dish Detergent, Clothes Detergent, Bleach, Bathroom Cleaner, Paper Towels, Pine-Sol, Fabuloso, etc.

✦ Volunteers Needed for Youth Meals

If you're interested in providing meals for our youth, please contact Jamie Burns at (252) 332-9461.

✘ 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

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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