

The Worship of God ✠ January 26, 2025  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 26, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 136 Mrs. Jamie Burns

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

**His faithful love endures forever**

Give thanks to him who alone does mighty miracles.

**His faithful love endures forever.**

Give thanks to him who made the heavens, the earth, the heavenly lights, and the sun to rule the day,

**His faithful love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever!**

+HYMNS OF PRAISE, 309 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
*Count Your Blessings* BLESSINGS

*Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

INVOCATION Dr. Greg Barner

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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 136:1-9 Mrs. Burns  
In Pew Bible, page 708 of Old Testament

MESSAGE IN SONG *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Mr. Martin  
*Dan Forrest, arranger*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:11-19 Mr. Andy Woodard  
In Pew Bible, page 250 of New Testament

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## CONVERSE

Mr. Woodard

Mrs. Newsome

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>, 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.*



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.*

## GIVE THANKS

## Give Thanks

+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 honor of our great nieces, Allie & Avery Byrum by Gene & Jo Ann Herring.*

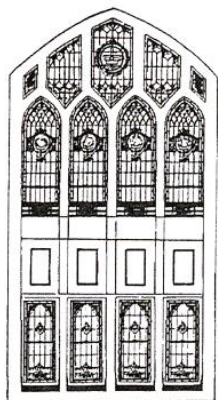
## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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 26, 2025

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: 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 29, 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.

**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

## ✦ Volunteers Needed for Youth Meals

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

## ✦ Valentine's Banquet | Friday, February 14, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Adult members of First Baptist Church are invited to attend our Valentine's Banquet. The cost is \$5.00 per adult. Childcare will be provided. Reservations for childcare and the meal must be made by February 10 at noon.

## ✦ 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.

## ✦ Chair Resumes February 9, 2025

## ✂ Youth “Soup”er Bowl Scavenger Hunt | Sunday, February 9, 2025

*The youth group invites you to join them for a fun and meaningful event—our "Soup"er Bowl Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, February 9, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM! This exciting activity will help stock the Ahoskie Food Pantry with much-needed items. The youth will be divided into teams to compete and see who can collect the most donations. Each item collected will be assigned points, and the team with the highest total score wins!*

### **Items Needed:**

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| •Soup cans (large: 2 pts, small: 1 pt)                | •Treet (3 pts)         |
| •Canned tuna, mackerel, or chunk chicken (3 pts)      | •Canned fruit (3 pts)  |
| •Canned spaghetti sauce (traditional or meat) (4 pts) | •Peanut butter (5 pts) |
| •Canned milk (evaporated) (2 pts)                     | •Ketchup (5 pts)       |
| •Vienna sausages (3 pts)                              | •Chili sauce (3 pts)   |

**Note:** *Pop-top cans are preferred for easier access and distribution and add an additional point to each item.*

### **How You Can Participate:**

*If you would like to participate by having a youth team visit your home to collect donations, please sign up on the bulletin board behind the Sanctuary. Don't worry, if you don't sign up, the youth may still stop by your house to collect items, so be prepared! This is a wonderful opportunity to support the youth and help our church serve the community. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Lyndsay Britt at (252) 332-9046. Let's work together to make this "Soup"er Bowl Scavenger Hunt a success and bless many families in our community!*