

The Worship of God ✠ May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

May 4, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Third Sunday of Easter*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Grades 3-5 Choir

PIANO PRELUDE Mrs. Leah Newsome

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE.
Miss Madison Alexander & Mr. Jackson Alexander, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Grades 3-5 Choir
Nehemiah 9, Psalm 95

+HYMN 334 *Praise the Lord, Who Reigns Above* AMSTERDAM

+INVOCATION Dr. Bazemore

MESSAGE IN SONG *This is the Day* Grades 3-5 Choir

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.

MESSAGE IN SONG Preschool Choir
God, You Know My Name
Jesus Loves Me
Masterpiece Combined Choirs
"God is working on me so I can be the masterpiece I was created to be."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 15:1-4 Dr. Barmer
In Pew Bible, page 309 of New Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE IN SONG Grades 1-2 Choir
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
No One Like You
Every Day with Jesus

+HYMN 333 *Make a Joyful Noise* NINETEN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Linda Alexander

PIANO OFFERTORY

Mr. Jordan Martin

+ EASTER DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

MESSAGE IN SONG

Grades 3-5 Choir

God Bless All Those I Love

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 95:1-7

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 676 & 677 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Worship is More Than...

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 OF RESPONSE 348

Shout to the Lord

SHOUT TO THE LORD

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

+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 those who work with Children's Music & Missions and our children.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

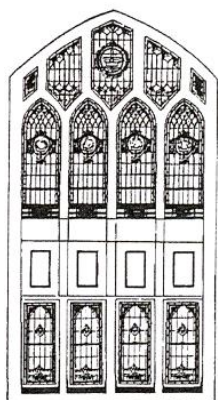
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

Dr. Greg Barmer
Interim Minister of Music

Dr. Jesse J. Croom
Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Leah Newsome
Pianist

Mr. Jordan Martin
Organist



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

May 4, 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: Sylvia Britt & Linda White

Ages 3 & 4: Lisa Outlaw & Victoria Outlaw

Kindergarten: Landis & Will Chamblee

✦ Benevolence Ministry Offering Received Today

As is our practice on the first Sunday of the month, we invite you to contribute to our benevolence ministry which assists our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet. Please place your offering in one of the brown baskets located at all four entrances to the sanctuary.

✦ Called Church-wide Business Meeting May 7, 2025 | Fellowship Hall | 6:15 PM

A called business meeting will be on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 6:15 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall. The Deacons are recommending an Adjusted Summer Worship schedule. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on adjusting our regular service hours to an adjusted summer schedule. The aim is to accommodate the seasonal changes in attendance and activities, and to ensure that our church continues to serve the needs of our congregation in the most effective and welcoming way possible.

The recommended Adjusted Summer Worship schedule during June, July and August 2025:

- 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Worship

Please plan to attend the meeting. Thank you for your continued faith, support, and dedication to our church family. – FBCA Deacons

Absentee ballots became available on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 and are due by Tuesday, May 6, 2025. They are located in the church office.

✦ Children's Music & Missions End-of-Year Party Wednesday, May 7 | 5:15 PM

Children's Music & Missions last gathering of the year! Pizza and ice cream will be served.

✦ The Gathering Place Needs

CMJC is in need of: men's belts and shoes of all sizes; men's pants sizes 30, 32, 34, and 36. CWJC is in need of: women's spring clothes, shoes, and purses. We thank you for your continued support!

✘ Youth Disciple Now (DNow) Weekend | May 17–18, 2025

We're excited to announce that our youth will be participating in Disciple Now (DNow) on May 17–18, and we need your help to make this weekend a success!

A special thank you to Linda Alexander for opening her home to the girls and to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson for hosting the boys!

We are looking for volunteers (individuals or Sunday School classes) to assist with the following needs:

Saturday, May 17:

- *Snack in Fellowship Hall*
- *Late-night snacks (chips, granola bars, chocolate, etc.)*
- *Lunch donation (students will eat at a local restaurant)*
- *Snack donation for Beechwood while youth participate in afternoon pickleball*
- *Dinner host (home needed to prepare a meal and host the youth group)*

Sunday, May 18:

- *Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School for the final worship service*

To sign up or ask questions, please contact Lyndsay Britt at (252) 332-9046. A sign-up sheet will also be available behind the sanctuary. Thank you for supporting our youth as we help them grow in faith and community!

✘ Graduate Recognition Sunday | May 18, 2025

If you are a graduate of a high school, a college or a university please let us know if you will be present and participate in this service. A Luncheon for the graduates and families will be held after the worship service.

✘ Organ & Piano Concert by Michael Morgan & Greg Barmer

Sunday, May 18, 2025 | 4:00 PM | Reception to follow