

The Worship of God ✠ July 20, 2025
Sixth 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

July 20, 2025 ☩ 11:00 AM

☩ *The Season of the Church Year: The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE John Carter/Victor Labenske
Medley: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee with I Will Follow

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Miss Lily Ann Brinkley & Mr. Bryant Brinkley, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 35 and 1 Peter 1 Dr. Greg Barmer
Listen to me says the Lord, your God.
Listen to me, all who hope for deliverance, all who seek the Lord!
Those who have been ransomed by the Lord will return to him.
They will enter Jerusalem with singing, crowned with everlasting joy.
Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be filled with joy and gladness.
All praise to you Father! It is by your great mercy that we have been born again,
filled with your Spirit, and have a priceless inheritance kept in heaven, pure and undefiled.
Come, and transform us today by the presence and power of your Holy Spirit. Amen!

ANTHEM *When We All Get to Heaven* Men's Choir
arr. Don Chapman

INVOCATION Dr. Barmer

+HYMN OF PRAISE 312 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

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 Ezekiel 36: 23-27 Mr. Andy Woodard
In Pew Bible, pages 986 & 987 of Old Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 236 *Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me* ADORO TE DEVOTE

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OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Woodard

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Mr. Jordan Martin

+ DOXOLOGY, hymn 705

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:16-18, 22-25

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 232 & 233 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE, HYMN 495

STEP BY STEP

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SERMON

Walking in the Spirit

Dr. Bazemore

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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 272 *They'll Know We are Christians*

ST. BRENDAN'S

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Bazemore

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+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

Where He Leads Me

Cindy Berry

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of our church family by Alex, Sarah Grace, Corbett and Wells Britton.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

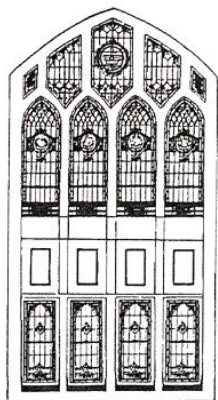
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

July 20, 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

✦ Adjusted Summer Hours | Through August 31, 2025

• Sunday School: 9:00 AM • Worship: 10:00 AM

✦ Save The Dates | Vacation Bible School | July 29 - 31 | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

✦ Worship Decorating Committee Advent Planning & Banners

It is hard to believe, but the Worship Decorating Committee is already planning for Advent! We have some Chrismon's in need of repair and we would also like to make some new ones. We are also trying to repair and make some new banners. We don't want to have all the fun, so we are inviting others to help. Many of you may have made them in the past and we need your expertise! If you are interested in helping with this project, there will be a sign-up sheet on the second-floor bulletin board. Dates will be determined based upon interest.

✦ Faithful & Free Bicentennial History Books

We have Faithful and Free Bicentennial History books available to pick up at each church entrance. Written by Dr. Jesse J. Croom, his vision for these books would provide a love for our heritage, hope for our future and thanks to our loving God. Please consider making a donation to our Heritage and Hope Fund.

✦ Women's Bible Study | July 17 & 31 | 10:30 AM

✦ Greece Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Paul | April 6-20, 2026

Join us for a transformative pilgrimage combining the breathtaking beauty of Greece with deep spiritual growth as you literally walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul through the Acropolis, Mars Hill, & the Athens Central Market. The journey includes a 7-day cruise of the Greek Islands with highlights in Ephesus, Mykonos, and Santorini. Led by Joe & Kim Olachea (from New Bern), respected and experienced teachers of Biblical history, and Greg and Lisa Barmer. \$5495 includes airfare from NJ, meals, ground transportation, 4 & 5-star hotels, tours, tips, etc. Contact Greg at (252) 362-1195 or Lisa at (252) 940-9296 for details and a brochure.

✦ No Choir Rehearsals | Through July 30

✘ **Join The Choir for One Sunday**

July 27 Women's Choir | Ages 6th Grade - Still Breathing

It's just a one Sunday commitment, and we're coming after you! We'll meet in the choir room at 9:30 AM and learn an anthem for 10:00 AM worship. Contact Greg Barmer at (252) 362-1195 with questions.

✘ **The Gathering Place Ahoskie Needs**

The Gathering Place needs used household furniture (pots, pans, couches, etc.) and hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo/conditioner, razors, feminine products, bodywash, deodorant.)