

The Worship of God ✠ August 3, 2025
Eighth 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

August 3, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

✠ *The Season of the Church Year: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PIANO PRELUDE

Mr. Jordan Martin & Mrs. Leah Newsome

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE

Mr. Bennett Pierce & Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Greg Barmer

Come, beloved of God, and hear the word of the Lord,

A love that called us from our beginning,

A grace that held us when we stumbled,

A mercy that would not let us go.

Come, all who are weary and burdened.

Come, all who are wandering and wounded.

The love of God will not let you go.

Your mercy, O God, flows like a river through our sorrow,

Your light shines through our darkest night,

Your joy springs up through every trial.

In Christ, we find a grace that holds, a hope that lifts, a joy that never ends.

O Love that will not let us go,

O Light and Joy that seek us in our wandering,

We rise to worship You! Be glorified among us, we pray!

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 48

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

INVOCATION

Mr. Henry Pierce

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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.

MESSAGE IN SONG

Favorite VBS Songs

VBS Children

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:38-39

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 192 & 193 of New Testament

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Hosea 11:1-11 Dr. Bazemore
In Pew Bible, page 1032 & 1033 of Old Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 625 *Standing on the Promises* PROMISES



OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Barmer

PIANO OFFERTORY Mr. Martin & Mrs. Newsome

+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!

SERMON *Love that Doesn't Stop Loving!* 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, 601 *O How I Love Jesus* O HOW I LOVE JESUS

+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.

PIANO POSTLUDE Mr. Martin & Mrs. Newsome

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Tommy and Janet Oliver to the glory of God and in honor of their children and grandchildren.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

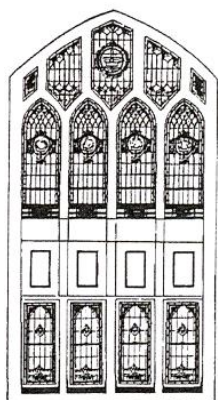
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

August 3, 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: Bland & Nancy Baker

Ages 3 & 4: Heather & William Alexander

Kindergarten: Lyndsay & Heath Britt

✠ Adjusted Summer Hours | Through August 31, 2025

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

✠ 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.

✠ Pastor Search Committee Update

On July 21 and 22, the Pastor Search Committee interviewed the two finalist candidates (out of a pool of 32), at length, at First Baptist Church of Ahoskie. Both candidates presented themselves as excellent choices, both are very interested in our Senior Pastor position, and neither are under any expected timetable or deadline. While the PSC is eager to be able to finish its work and present a candidate to the congregation, much prayer and conversation is going to be needed before making that recommendation. The next PSC meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 3, at 7:00 PM. We ask that you keep us, and our congregation, in your prayers as we continue to consider and gather information.

✠ 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.

✠ 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.

✠ Women's Bible Study | 10:30 AM

August 14 & 21, September 11, October 9 & 23

✘ 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.

✘ The Gathering Place Ahoskie Needs

The Gathering Place needs used household furniture (pots, pans, couches, etc.) and women's deodorant and body lotion.

✘ Churchwide Project

We are collecting aluminum pop tabs from any container (soda can, soup can, pet food, etc.) to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Greenville, NC. The leadership of Ronald McDonald House takes the pop tabs to a local recycler to turn them into money to provide for the families who stay in the house. The Ronald McDonald House program helps reduce stress and financial burden for families when they must travel far from home to access medical care for their child. Collection ends August 2025!