

The Worship of God ✠ August 24, 2025
Eleventh 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 24, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

The Season of the Church Year: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* Todd Smith

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mrs. Lyndsay Britt, Mr. Wade Britt & Mr. Wyatt Britt, Acolytes

ANTHEM *I Will Joyfully Sing* Mary McDonald
*"I will joyfully sing in the morning! I will joyfully sing all the day!
I'll sing praises to Thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day!"*

+CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Greg Barmer
Once we were dead in sin, without hope.
But God's mercy has made us alive with Christ. What a gift it is to have joy and hope in Him!
By grace we are saved, not by our works, but by God's gift.
And with joy we receive His gift of new life!
We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus.
With joy we gather in His name, offer our sacrifice of praise, and go forth, ready for the good works God has prepared for us. Let us worship with glad hearts - alive, redeemed, and sent on mission in the name of Jesus!

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 619 *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

+INVOCATION Mrs. Jamie Burns

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 1 Chronicles 16:8-11 Dr. Barmer
In Pew Bible, pages 464 & 465 of Old Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 285 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA
+HYMN 574 *My Tribute* MY TRIBUTE

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Burns

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Mr. 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 Ephesians 2:1-10

Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 235 of New Testament

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Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Made for a Mission

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, 43

Grace Alone

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+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

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Glenn, Russell, and Mark Overman, and their families, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill and Ruth Overman.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

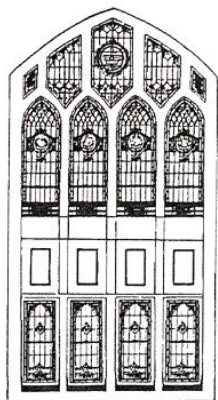
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 24, 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: Kay Byrd & Taylor F. Rose

Ages 3 & 4: David & Elizabeth Davis

Kindergarten: Lily Ann Brinkley & Winnie Matthews

✦ Online Church Directory Training | Today | Fellowship Hall Following the Morning Worship Service

Following the morning worship service, members of our church will be available in the fellowship hall to assist you in downloading the new online church directory. If you have not contacted Jessica with your updated email address, please do so to gain access to the app. Printed copies of the directory will be available at a later date upon request.

✦ Church Leadership for Church Year 2025-2026

Nominating Committee Booklets are now available. Booklets are placed in Sunday school boxes. Additional booklets are available at each sanctuary entrance. We would like to thank the members of our Nominating Committee who worked tirelessly to bring our booklet together; Heath Britt, Jack Britt, Georgia Copeland, Claudia Morris, Lou Riddick, and Mary Ann Umphlett. The congregation will vote to approve the Nominating Committee Booklet at a called business meeting prior to worship on September 7, 2025.

✦ 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

August 28 | September 11 | October 9 & 23

✦ September 7, 2025 | During Worship

Promotion Sunday

Bible Presentation (1st, 6th & 9th Graders)

✦ 2025 Budget Preparation

Budget preparations forms are available for committee chairs to pick up in the second-floor hallway. They are encouraged to consider their budget needs for the year 2026, and return completed forms by Tuesday, October 14, 2025, to Sharon Hill, Financial Secretary.

✘ Youth Lunch Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to cover youth meals for the following dates. Please contact Jennifer Byrd at (252) 717-9720 if you'd like to volunteer.

September 21:

October 5: Elizabeth Craft/Mary Ann Umphlett

October 19: Dennis & Linda Bazemore

November 2:

November 16:

✘ 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.

✘ Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Regional Gathering

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

September 28, 2025 | 3:45 PM - 7:30 PM

All FBC Ahoskie folks are invited. The gathering will feature informative breakout sessions, a fellowship meal and meaningful worship. The event is free, however the meal is \$10.00. More information is forthcoming.