

The Worship of God ✠ August 31, 2025  
Twelfth 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 31, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

*The Season of the Church Year: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Victor Labenske

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE  
Mr. Larry Matthews & Mr. Bryant Brinkley, Acolytes

+CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Jessica Brinkley

Come, beloved of God, the Lord is speaking.

**We open our ears to hear your voice, Father. Help us to listen carefully.**

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, we gather as those who belong to You.

**And with open hearts, we turn our ears to your Word. Help us to listen clearly.**

God calls us by name,

**So speak to us today Father - in the stillness, through your Word, through your Holy Spirit, even through our distractions.**

May we come ready to hear, ready to follow, ready to obey.

**Praise to you Father for your grace and favor. We will listen, we will trust, we will lift our hearts and voices in praise! Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven!**

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 337 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

+INVOCATION Dr. Greg Barmer

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 1:13-16 Dr. Barmer  
In Pew Bible, page 282 of New Testament  
This is the word of God for the people of God;  
**Thanks be to God.**

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 81:1, 10-16 Dr. Bazemore  
In Pew Bible, page 666 of Old Testament  
This is the word of God for the people of God;  
**Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN 38

*Thy Word*

THY WORD



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mrs. Brinkley

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!

+HYMN 332

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

SERMON

*If Only You Would Listen*

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, 482

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, 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 glory of God and in honor of my family by Elizabeth Craft.*

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## OUR MINISTRY TEAM

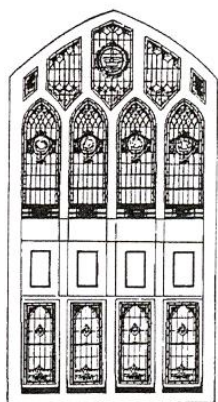
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore  
Interim Pastor

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 31, 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: Jenni Byrd & Nancy Freeman

Ages 3 & 4: Jamie Burns & Betty Cooper

Kindergarten: Bill & Debbie Magette

## ✦ Benevolence Ministry Offering Received Today

## ✦ Return to Traditional Schedule | September 7, 2025

Sunday School: 9:45 AM | Worship: 11:00 AM

## ✦ September 7, 2025 | During Worship

Promotion Sunday

Bible Presentation (1<sup>st</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Graders)

## ✦ Upcoming Meetings

Finance | Monday, September 8 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' | Tuesday, September 16 | 7:00 PM

## ✦ Men's Fellowship Supper | September 15 | Mixed Grill | 6:30 PM

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Hash Brown Casserole, Slaw, Hush Puppies & Desserts

## ✦ 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:

## ✦ Women's Bible Study | September 11 | October 9 & 23

## ✦ Church Leadership for Church Year 2025-2026

Nominating Committee Booklets are available at each sanctuary entrance. We would like to thank the members of our Nominating Committee; 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.

## ✘ 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.*

## ✘ Wednesday Night Schedule

**Free Meal September 10, 2025 Only | Reservations Required**

- 5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions, Adult/Youth Prayer & Bible Study
- 6:15 PM Wednesday Night Meal
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

*Please join us for pizza, ice cream, bible study and a free meal! Make your meal reservations by noon on Monday, September 8. You may do so by calling the church office, signing up on the bulletin board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway, or responding to the Facebook post. When making your reservation, be sure to include total number of adults and children and specify if your reservation is standing or weekly. If you make a standing reservation, you do not need to reserve your place each week. Takeout plates will not be provided.*

## ✘ Adult Bible Study

**"Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World"**

**Five Sessions: Wednesdays, September 10-October 8**

## ✘ 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.*