



First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

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September 3, 2025

Pastor Search Committee Report to the Congregation

The Pastor Search Committee has unanimously agreed upon an excellent candidate to recommend as our next Senior Pastor. There are a number of details to be worked out, including the scheduling of and plans for a Call Weekend.

A Call Weekend will involve a Friday night dinner with the Pastor Search Committee and the candidate. On Saturday, there will likely be a luncheon for the congregation and the candidate at the church, followed by remarks from the candidate, and then a lengthy "meet and greet" where members of the church can talk with the candidate. On Sunday, the candidate will deliver the sermon, and a church conference will be held immediately thereafter to vote on whether or not to call the candidate.

Specific information about the candidate, and the proposed compensation package, would be provided to the congregation prior to the Call Weekend. Specific information is not being provided now, due to the necessity to maintain, as long as possible, the anonymity of the candidate, so as to not damage the candidate's relationship with the candidate's current church, which is not aware of the candidate's consideration of making a move.

There are a number of factors influencing the scheduling of a Call Weekend. We are blessed in that neither the candidate nor Dr. Bazemore have a specific timetable for action. Given the fall schedules of the candidate and both churches affected, the Pastor Search Committee members schedules, and the upcoming holidays, we have tentatively discussed having the Call Weekend on November 14-16. If this was the date set, and the candidate was called, it would allow the candidate to give adequate notice to the candidate's

church, and both churches could complete their Thanksgiving and Christmas Service plans, with our new minister beginning service in January. It also gives adequate time for the minister to arrange housing.

The Pastor Search Committee is excited to be near the conclusion of our process, but we remind the congregation that we all have a responsibility to present a good impression when our candidate is in Ahoskie. Thank you all for your patience and your prayers.

Chuck Revelle Chair, Pastor Search Committee

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 2nd 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

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of September 7 - 13, 2025

Minister on Call

Dr. Dennis Bazemore, (910) 890-2940 dnbazemore@gmail.com

Deacons on Call

Brian Outlaw, 287-9937 Penny Rose, 287-4482

Childcare During Worship - September 7

Crib: Sylvia Britt & Winnie Matthews Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Perry, Mary Page Pierce & Stuart Pierce Pre-K & K: Georgia Copeland & Corbett Britton

<u>Ushers - September 7</u>

Kay Byrd, Sophia Byrd, Frank Britt, Gloria Freeman, Larry Matthews, Nathan Pierce; Balcony: Brad Hauser

Sound System Operator - September 7 Henry Daniels

<u>Security Monitor - September 7</u> Lee Byrum

Floral Offering - September 7

To Be Determined

Home Delivered Meals - September 8

Georgia Copeland & Jayne Frei

Food Pantry - September 12

Carolyn Arrington, Amy Cooke, Sandra Pierce & Donovan Peele



Worshiping Together

September 7, 2025
11:00 AM
hirteenth Sunday after Pent

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

What is Really Expected! Luke 14:25-33

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore

Return to Traditional Schedule September 7, 2025

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

Promotion Sunday & Bible Presentation (1st, 6th & 9th Graders) September 7, 2025 | During Worship

Thank You Note

We have received a thank you note from Kathryn Outlaw. It is located on the bulletin board outside of the main office.

Week of September 14 - 20, 2025

Minister on Call

Dr. Dennis Bazemore, (910) 890-2940 dnbazemore@gmail.com

Deacons on Call

Brian Outlaw, 287-9937 Penny Rose, 287-4482

Childcare During Worship - September 14

Crib: Blake & Abbigail Outlaw Ages 1 & 2: Kay Byrd, Taylor Rose & Carson Rose Pre-K & K: David, Elizabeth & Pace Davis

<u>Ushers - September 14</u>

Madison Alexander, Alex Britton, Corbett Britton, Lee Byrum, Doug Cobbs, Bill Magette; Balcony: Larry Freeman

Sound System Operator - September 14

Chris Slachta

Security Monitor - September 14

Frank Britt

Floral Offering - September 14

Chris & Whit Powell

Home Delivered Meals - September 15

Ann Cooke & Bonnie Revelle

Food Pantry - September 19

Carolyn Arrington & Josanne Jenkins

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

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

> Contact Lee Wilson or sign up on the second-floor bulletin board.

Stewardship Statement

August 31, 2025

 Weekly Need
 \$ 10,096.71

 Weekly Offering
 \$ 6,329.00

 Difference
 \$ -3,767.71

 YTD Needs
 \$ 353,384.85

 YTD Offerings
 \$ 300,072.12

 YTD Difference
 \$ -53,312.73

Thank you for your generous gifts!