

The Worship of God ✠ September 7, 2025
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Baptist Church of Ahoskie is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship congregation.

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September 7, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Wherever He Leads I'll Go* Stan Pethel

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mrs. Elizabeth Davis & Mr. Pace Davis, Acolytes

+CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Andy Woodard

Come, friends, and gather in the presence and the joy of the Lord!

We come to bow our lives, and lift our voices in praise to the One who gives us life.

God calls us out of our easy chairs and quiet, anonymous corners.

He calls us to walk in faith, to serve in love, to step beyond ourselves.

Today we celebrate you, God, the One worthy of all praise, the King of all creation!

We open our hearts and hands, Lord.

Rouse our spirits to boldly proclaim, Here we are, ready and willing to obey!"

For you, Father, are faithful. May our praise lift your name above all! May our service and obedience bring glory to your holy name!

+HYMNS OF PRAISE

606, *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

319, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

+INVOCATION Dr. Bazemore

MESSAGE IN SONG *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Dr. Barmer
arr. Mark Hayes

+HYMN 660 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON



+OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 24:14-15 Dr. Barmer

In Pew Bible, page 267 of Old 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.

+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 14:25-33 Dr. Bazemore
In Pew Bible, page 94 & 95 of New Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 499 *I Surrender All* SURRENDER

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Woodard

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

SERMON *What is Really Expected!* 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, 497 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

+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 *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 honor of our Children's Ministry.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

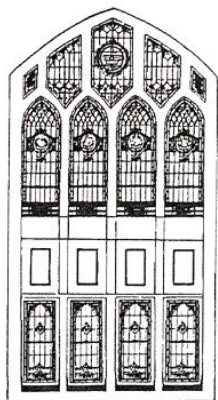
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

September 7, 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:

Crib: Sylvia Britt & Winnie Matthews

Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Perry, Mary Page Pierce & Stuart Pierce

Pre K & K: Georgia Copeland & Corbett Britton

✠ Benevolence Ministry Offering Received Today

✠ Upcoming Meetings

Finance | Monday, September 8 | 7:00 PM

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

✠ 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 | 5:15 PM

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

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

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

Sign up on the second-floor bulletin board or contact Lee Wilson.

✠ Thank You, Youth Lunch Volunteers

Please contact Jennifer Byrd at (252) 717-9720 if you have any questions.

September 21: Ann Cooke & Leslie Lawrence

October 5: Elizabeth Craft/Mary Ann Umphlett

October 19: Dennis & Linda Bazemore

November 2: Jerri Harrell, Sandra Pierce & Penny Rose

November 16: Pat Byrd

✘ **Christmas Choir - It's Time!**

Come join us in the loft for this year's Christmas Festival! The music is great and the rewards are heavenly! We kick off the season with a dinner on September 13 and meet on Wednesday evenings for rehearsal. Make the short-term commitment and reap the blessings. The festival is scheduled for December 14. Talk with Greg about specifics asap.

✘ **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.

✘ **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.

✘ **Back To Youth Bash | September 14 | 5:30-7:00 PM | Home of Brent & Kari Pierce**

Join us for our Back to Youth Bash on Sunday, September 14, from 5:30–7:00 PM at the home of Brent and Kari Pierce (237 DT Road, Ahoskie, NC)! Come enjoy a fun evening of food, games, and reconnecting as we kick off the new youth year!