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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 21-23. 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



Worshiping Together

September 14, 2025

11:00 AM

Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Grateful for His Patience

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore



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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.

2025 Deacon Nominations

Deacon Nominations are approaching. Members are invited to prayerfully consider who would serve our church well as a deacon for three years beginning January 2026. If you would like your name removed from the ballot, call the church office by September 19, 2025.

Women's Bible Study

10:30 AM

October 9 & 23

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

I'm With You- we've been given the invitation to love. Taking it seriously is where life meets faith.

Free to Fail- exploring the nature of failure, how it works, and what God does with it.

Audacious Love- understanding why receiving love is essential to giving love.

Be Not Afraid- chasing out the anxieties that keep us from acting and living life that Jesus called us to.

Follow Me- delving into how to bring our passions and plans together and bind them to God's plan.

Upcoming Meetings

Building & Grounds Meeting

Monday, September 15, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 | 7:00 PM

Nominating Committee Booklet Corrections

Please make the following corrections in your Nominating Committee Booklet.

- ADD Georgia Copeland on page 4 as a Children's Music & Missions Grades 1-5 Mission Leader
- REMOVE Josh Brinkley from Audio & Visual Services on page 7 and Ushers & Greeters on page 11

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.



2025 Budget Preparation

Budget preparations forms will soon be issued to committee chairs and other appropriate persons. 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.

Stewardship Statement

September 7, 2025

Weekly Need	\$ 10,096.71
Weekly Offering	\$ 10,065.06
Difference	\$ -31.65
YTD Needs	\$ 363,481.56
YTD Offerings	\$ 310,137.18
August Online Giving	\$ 2,930.00
YTD Difference	\$ -50,414.38
Benevolence	\$ 2,675.00
Memorial	\$ 100.00

Thank you for your generous gifts!



October 2025

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 •10:30 AM Ahoskie Garden Club •10:30 AM Jr. Garden Club	2	3	4
5	6	7 •10:00 AM WMU Groups 2 & 4	8	9 •10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	10	11
12	13 •7:00 PM Finance Committee	14 •7:00 PM Deacons' Mtg	15 •12:00 AM Ahoskie Woman's Club	16	17	18
19	20 •7:00 PM Building & Grounds Mtg	21	22	23 •10:30 AM Women's Bible Study	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Sundays •9:45 AM Sunday School •11:00 AM Worship •12:00-2:00 PM Youth Group Meal & Bible Study •2:00 PM Chairo		Wednesdays •2:00 PM Staff Mtg •5:15 PM Children's Music & Missions/ Adult & Youth Bible Study •6:15 PM Wednesday Night Meal •7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir			Fridays •9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) <i>The Gathering Place</i>	

October Birthdays

3 Cindy Henderson
3 Eli Willis
4 Eley Whitehead
5 Jennifer Byrd
6 Sophia Sumner
8 Janet Oliver

10 Dennis Bazemore
10 Michelle Boyd
11 Stan Dixon
15 Rita Myers Bula
16 Linda Bazemore
19 Corbett Britton

20 J. C. Doughtie
21 Allie Alexander
23 Timothy Pierce
24 Tommy Oliver
26 Catherine Harrell
27 Melanie Byrum

30 George Deloatch
31 Ryan Britt
31 Maddie Morris

If we have neglected to acknowledge a birthday, please let us know by calling the church office.

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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

Ushers - September 14

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

Week of September 21 - 27, 2025

Minister on Call

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

Deacons on Call

Austine Evans, 398-2724
Jim Wiggins, 287-9790

Childcare During Worship - September 21

Crib: Bill & Debbie Magette
Ages 1 & 2: William, Heather & Abby Alexander
Pre-K & K: Will & Ashlyn Blanchard

Ushers - September 21

J. C. Doughtie, Tim Frei, Bennett Pierce,
Henry Pierce, Frank Rose, Walter White;
Balcony: Andy Woodard

Sound System Operator - September 21

Frank Britt

Security Monitor - September 21

Brian Outlaw

Floral Offering - September 21

To Be Determined

Home Delivered Meals - September 22

Linda Bazemore & Elizabeth Craft

Food Pantry - September 26

Carolyn Arrington, Noreen Hannon & Margaret Winn