

The Worship of God ✠ September 21, 2025
Fifteenth 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

September 21, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Phillip Keveren

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mr. Walt Pierce, Miss Libby Pierce & Miss Stuart Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Betty Joyner

Brothers and sisters, we gather today in the presence of the living God, who calls us to lift up prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving for all people.

We come to worship the One who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

There is only one God, and there is only one Mediator between God and humankind Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all.

In You, Christ, we find hope, peace, and new life.

We come to worship You alone, the God of mercy, and we lift our hearts in prayer and praise, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord. To God be all glory, now and forever!

Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 339 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

+INVOCATION Ms. Joyner

+OLD TESTAMENT LESSON I Chronicles 29:11-13 Ms. Joyner

In Pew Bible, page 479 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 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, page 254 of New Testament

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+HYMN 412 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* SWEET HOUR



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Bazemore

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

MESSAGE IN SONG

Amazing Grace
arranged by Craig Courtney

Mr. Brandon Zoch

SERMON

Instructions on Prayer

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, 504

I Am, Thine, O Lord

I AM THINE

+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 by the Williford family to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dot, Clarence, and Al Williford, and Ruth and Henry Holloman.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

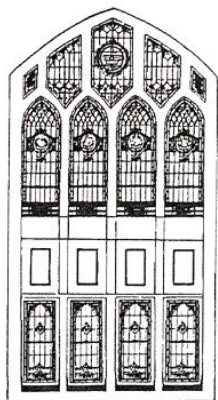
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 14, 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: Blake & Abbigail Outlaw

Ages 1 & 2: Kay Byrd, Taylor Rose & Carson Rose

Pre-K & K: David, Elizabeth & Pace Davis

✦ Back To Youth Bash | Today | 5:30-7:00 PM | Home of Brent & Kari Pierce

Join us for our Back to Youth Bash today, 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!

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

✦ Building & Grounds Meeting Postponed

The monthly Building & Grounds meeting that is scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM will be postponed due to the Men's Supper. A new date is forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact L. Taylor Rose.

✦ Wednesday Night Schedule

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

Make your meal reservations by noon on Monday, September 15. 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.

Meal: Hamburger Steak with Brown Gravy, Hot Buttered Noodles, Green Pea Salad, Hot Buttered Bread, Assorted Cakes. **Child Options:** PB&J Sandwiches and Fresh Fruit

Adults: \$8 **Ages 4-12:** \$4 **3 & Under:** Free

✦ Churchwide Fall Picnic | October 5 | 5:00 PM

✦ Upcoming Meetings

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

✦ Adult Bible Study

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

Five Sessions: Wednesdays, Through October 8 | 5:15 PM

✘ **Thank You, Nominating Committee**

The Deacons would like to thank our Nominating Committee for their hard work.

✘ **Women's Bible Study | October 9 & 23**

✘ **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 & Susan Earley

✘ **2026 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.