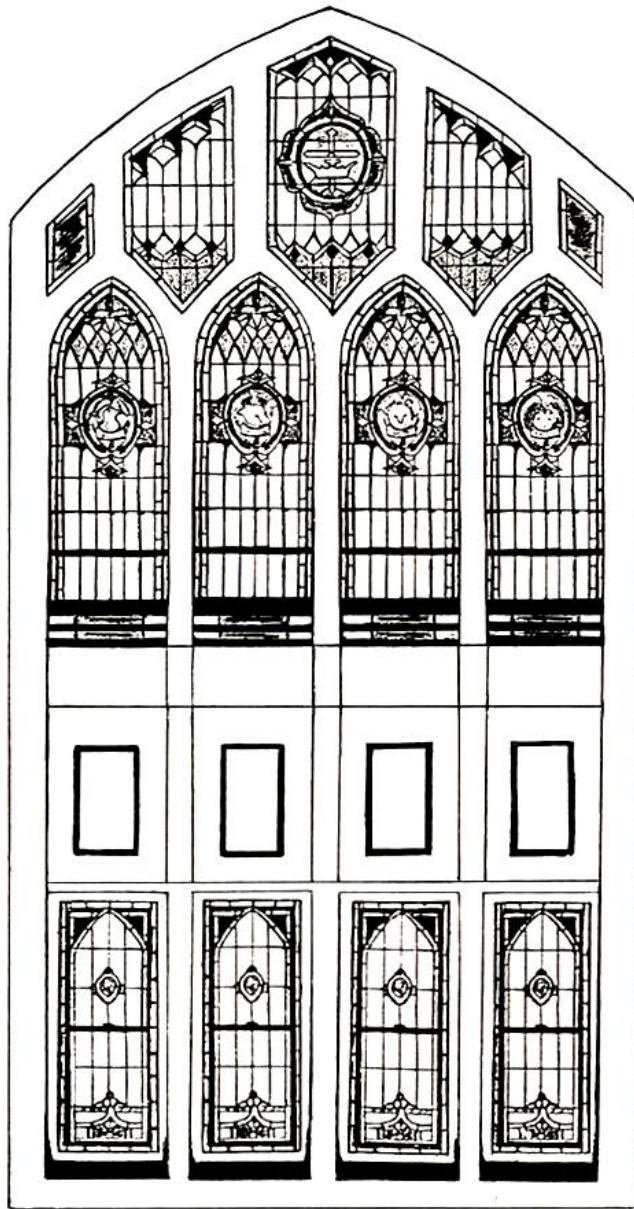




The Worship of God ✠ September 28, 2025
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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 28, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Come Christians, Join to Sing* Bernadine Johnson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mrs. Leslie Lawrence & Mr. Graham Lawrence, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Ms. Judy G. Pierce

Come, people of God, come to lift your voices in praise!

For the Lord is good, and his steadfast love endures forever.

In Christ, we are one body, many members joined by one Spirit.

Together we are called to worship and service as brothers and sisters in the family of God.

The Lord who gathers us also sends us, shaping us into a people for his glory.

So we will worship with thankful hearts, and we will serve with willing hands.

We come, as the church of Christ, to worship the Lord in unity and joy!

To You, God be all glory, now and forever! Amen!

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 246 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

+INVOCATION Dr. Greg Barmer

ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Schrader

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 16:5-11 Dr. Barmer

In Pew Bible, page 610 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 Acts 2:42-47 Dr. Bazemore

In Pew Bible, pages 145 & 146 of New Testament

This is the word of God for the people of God;

Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 477

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Bazemore

OFFERTORY

Mr. Martin

+ DOXOLOGY, Hymn 706

OLD 100th, alt

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him, above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SERMON

Together

Dr. Larry Hovis



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, 272 *They'll Know We Are Christians*

ST. BRENDAN'S

+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 the glory of God by Rick & Jamie Burns, in honor of their grandchildren, Adalyn, Wade, & Wyatt.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

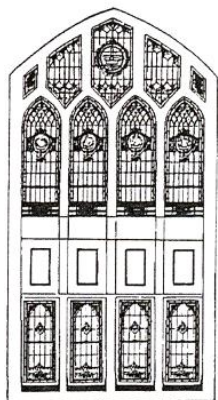
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 28, 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: Anna Dawson & Kari Pierce

Ages 1 & 2: Debbie Greene, Sarah Jenkins & Olivia Jenkins

Pre-K & K: Michelle Boyd & Henry Pierce

✠ Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Regional Gathering

Today | First Baptist Church of Ahoskie | 3:45 PM - 7:30 PM

Registration closed on Wednesday, September 24.

✠ Wednesday Night Meal | October 1

• 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 29. 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.

✠ Churchwide Fall Picnic | October 5 | 5:00 PM | No Cost | No Reservations

Please join us for our Churchwide Fall Picnic hosted by our Deacons!

✠ Adult Bible Study

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

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

✠ Women's Bible Study | October 9 & 23

✠ 2026 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.

✠ Fire Safety Class | October 15 | 5:15 PM

Please plan to join us in a Fire Safety Class hosted by our Health Committee. We will discuss fire escape plans and other important information.

✘ 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.

✘ Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt

Do you know where all of the fire extinguishers are located inside of FBCA? Join the scavenger hunt hosted by the FBCA Health Committee. You can do it alone or each class can work together. The first person/class to complete the hunt and turn their completed papers into Betty Joyner wins! The winners will be announced in the newsletter.

✘ Thank You, Youth Lunch Volunteers

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

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