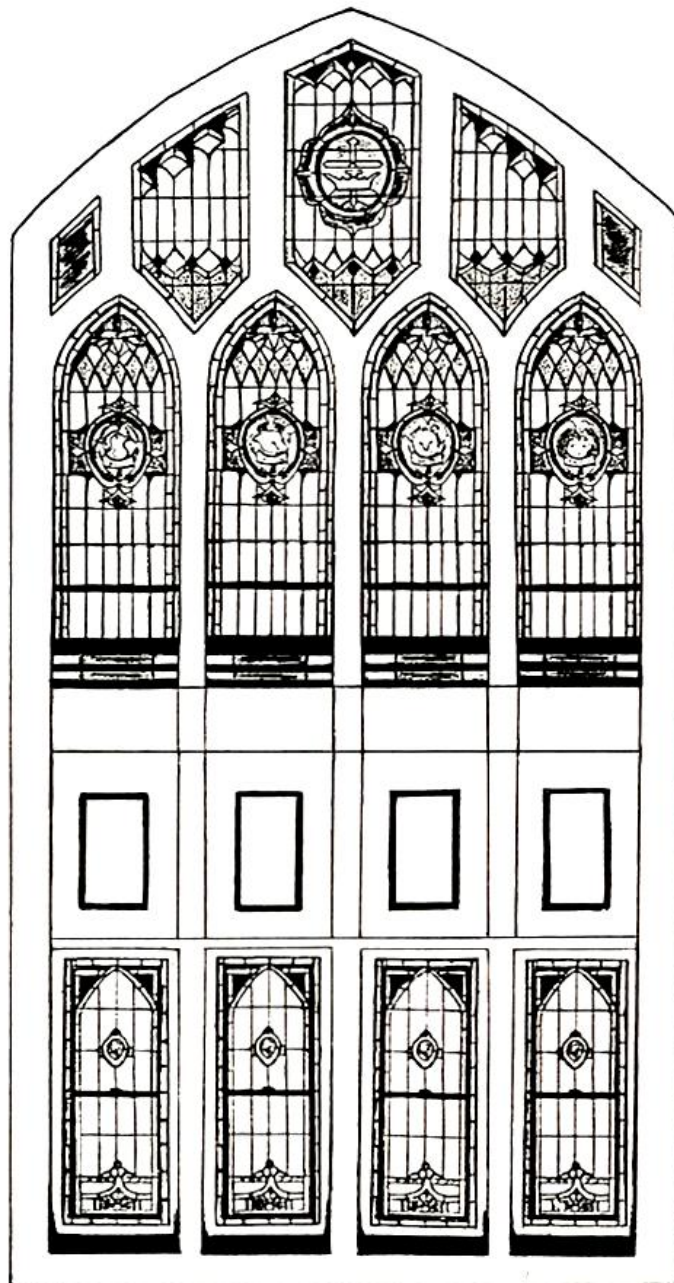




The Worship of God ✠ August 17, 2025
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 17, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE Dr. Greg Barmer

Sonata Pathétique, II: Adagio Cantabile
L.V. Beethoven

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Ms. Abby Alexander & Ms. Madison Alexander, Acolytes

+CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Bazemore

Come, friends. Come all who seek wisdom and long to understand the Way of life.

Come ready to worship, ready to learn.

We come to sit at the feet of Jesus, our Master Teacher.

His words are spirit and life, more precious than gold and sweeter than honey.

We want to hear His voice and follow His ways.

Jesus says, "Come and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart."

We need His hope, His healing, His forgiveness. We need His truth to re-shape our lives, so let's worship Jesus - the One who teaches with absolute authority and love, who shows us how to live and love. We open our hearts, our minds, and ears to you Jesus - our Savior, our Redeemer, our Teacher, our Friend!

+HYMN OF PRAISE, 297 *Here I Am to Worship* HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

+INVOCATION Dr. Barmer

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Dr. Bazemore

Blessing of the Backpacks

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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 40:1-5 Dr. Barmer

MESSAGE IN SONG *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Chair

"Lord, I lift your name on high, I love to sing your praises! You came from heaven to earth to show the Way; from the earth to the cross my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave; from the grave to the sky. Lord, I lift your name on high!"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

Dr. Linda Alexander

In Pew Bible, page 48 of New Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 280

Speak, O Lord

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Alexander

PIANO OFFERTORY

Impromptu in Gb, Opus 90
Franz Schubert

Dr. Barmer

+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

Amazed at His Teaching

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, 395 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

SCOTT

+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 Earl and Linda Futrell and April and Austin Yeager.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

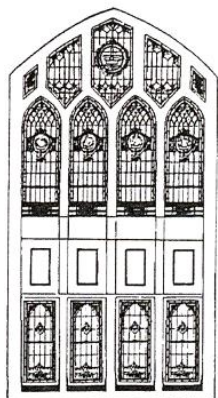
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

August 17, 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:

Ages 1 & 2: Pat Daniels & Roxie Thompson

Ages 3 & 4: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Kindergarten: Alex & Sarah Grace Britton

✦ Online Church Directory Training

Today & August 24 | Fellowship Hall

Following the Morning Worship Service

Today, August 17 and August 24, following the morning worship service, members of our church will be available in the fellowship hall to assist you in downloading the new online church directory. If you have not contacted Jessica with your updated email address, please do so to gain access to the app. Printed copies of the directory will be available at a later date upon request.

✦ 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.

✦ 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.

✦ Women's Bible Study

August 21 | September 11 | October 9 & 23

✦ 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.

✦ Faithful & Free Bicentennial History Books

We have Faithful and Free Bicentennial History books available to pick up at each church entrance. Written by Dr. Jesse J. Croom, his vision for these books would provide a love for our heritage, hope for our future and thanks to our loving God. Please consider making a donation to our Heritage and Hope Fund.

✘ **Worship Decorating Committee Advent Planning & Banners**

It is hard to believe, but the Worship Decorating Committee is already planning for Advent! We have some Chrismon's in need of repair and we would also like to make some new ones. We are also trying to repair and make some new banners. We don't want to have all the fun, so we are inviting others to help. Many of you may have made them in the past and we need your expertise! If you are interested in helping with this project, there will be a sign-up sheet on the second-floor bulletin board. Dates will be determined based upon interest.

✘ **Greece Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Paul | April 6-20, 2026**

Join us for a transformative pilgrimage combining the breathtaking beauty of Greece with deep spiritual growth as you literally walk in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul through the Acropolis, Mars Hill, & the Athens Central Market. The journey includes a 7-day cruise of the Greek Islands with highlights in Ephesus, Mykonos, and Santorini. Led by Joe & Kim Olachea (from New Bern), respected and experienced teachers of Biblical history, and Greg and Lisa Barmer. \$5495 includes airfare from NJ, meals, ground transportation, 4 & 5-star hotels, tours, tips, etc. Contact Greg at (252) 362-1195 or Lisa at (252) 940-9296 for details and a brochure.