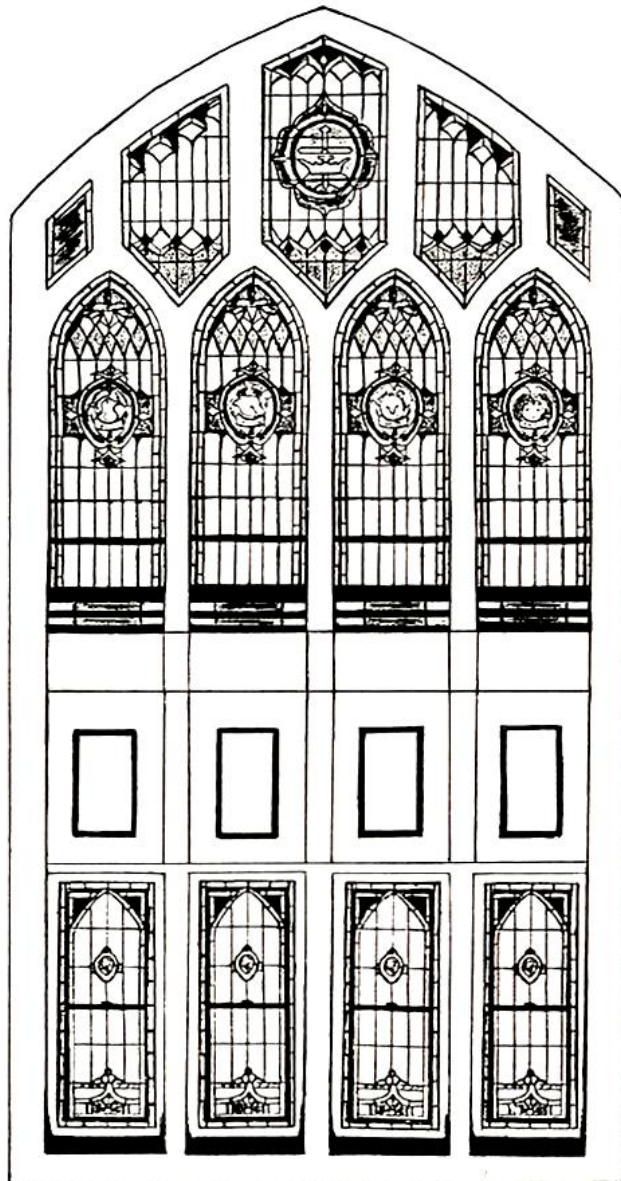




The Worship of God ✠ October 5, 2025
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 5, 2025 ☩ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Greg Barmer

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Jesus, Name Above All Names* John F. Wilson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Mr. Bennett Pierce & Miss Lucy Pierce, Acolytes

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Kari Pierce

Come, people of God, lift up your hearts! For the psalmist declares, *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!*" (Psalm 118:24)

We will rejoice, for the Lord is good, and His love endures forever!

The prophet calls out, *Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near!*" (Isaiah 55:6)

We will seek the Lord together and call on His name with one voice.

And Jesus promises, *Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.*" (Matthew 18:20)

So we worship You, Lord. We worship with gladness! We come before You with joyful songs and give glory to You and Your name! Worship, honor, glory, and blessing we offer You. May Your will be done among us this day. Amen!

+HYMNS OF PRAISE

*335, Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him
495, Step By Step*

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STEP BY STEP

+INVOCATION Dr. Barmer

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Mrs. Pierce

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 Daniel 2:20-23 Mrs. Ann Cooke

In Pew Bible, page 1006 of Old Testament

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

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING Mrs. Cooke

MESSAGE IN SONG *The Lord's Prayer* Mr. Martin
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+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 16: 13-18 Dr. Barmer
In Pew Bible, page 22 of New Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 252 *We Are a People of Faith* HENDRICKS AVENUE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Henry Pierce

OFFERTORY *Hyfrydol* Russell Schulz-Widmar

+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 *The Ultimate Question* Dr. Barmer



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, 431 *Jesus is Lord of All* LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

+BENEDICTION Dr. Barmer



+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 Sharon & Kenny Roope, and Tracy & Bryant Lewis, to the glory of God, and in loving memory of E.L. & Barbara Holloman, Ada Fornes, Glenda Byrd and Carrie Leigh Askew.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

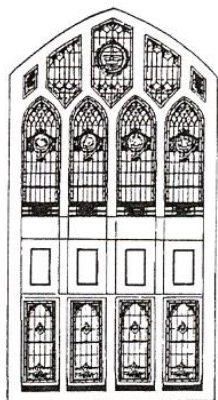
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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

October 5, 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: Bland & Nancy Baker, Lily Ann Brinkley

Pre-K & K: Lisa, Victoria, Peyton Outlaw

✦ Churchwide Fall Picnic Today | 5:00 PM | No Cost | No Reservations

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

✦ Thank You from Our Deacon Chair

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your incredible support during the recent CBF Northeastern NC Gathering. Your hospitality and kindness made our guests feel truly welcomed. A huge thank you to the Hostess Committee for your hard work, delicious food and the warm atmosphere was so appreciated and beautifully done. A special thank you to Greg Barmer, Leah Newsome and Jordan Martin, along with the Sanctuary Choir for providing very inspirational music. I am grateful for each of you and the way you served together to make this event a success.

Blessings,

Jamie Burns

✦ Eligible Deacon Nominees Correction

Please pardon our error in the Eligible Deacon Nomination list. Rick Burns, Ernie Evans, Millard “Eley” Whitehead were inadvertently omitted from the Standing Removal from Deacon Nominations.

✦ 2026 Deacon Nominations

Please prayerfully consider who would serve our church well as a deacon for three years beginning January 2026. Voting will take place on October 19. Absentee ballots will be available in the church office beginning October 13 through October 16.

✦ The Lord’s Supper | Sunday, October 12, 2025

✦ 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

✦ 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.

✘ Wednesday Night Meal | October 8

- 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, October 6. 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: French Toast Casserole, Fresh Fruit, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Tea & Water.

Child Options: Mini Pancakes & Fruit

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

✘ 2026 Budget Preparation | Due October 14, 2025

✘ Fire Safety Scavenger Hunt

Don't forget the FBCA Health Committee Scavenger Hunt! Please answer the questions on the back of the first page and submit your answers to Betty Joyner. 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