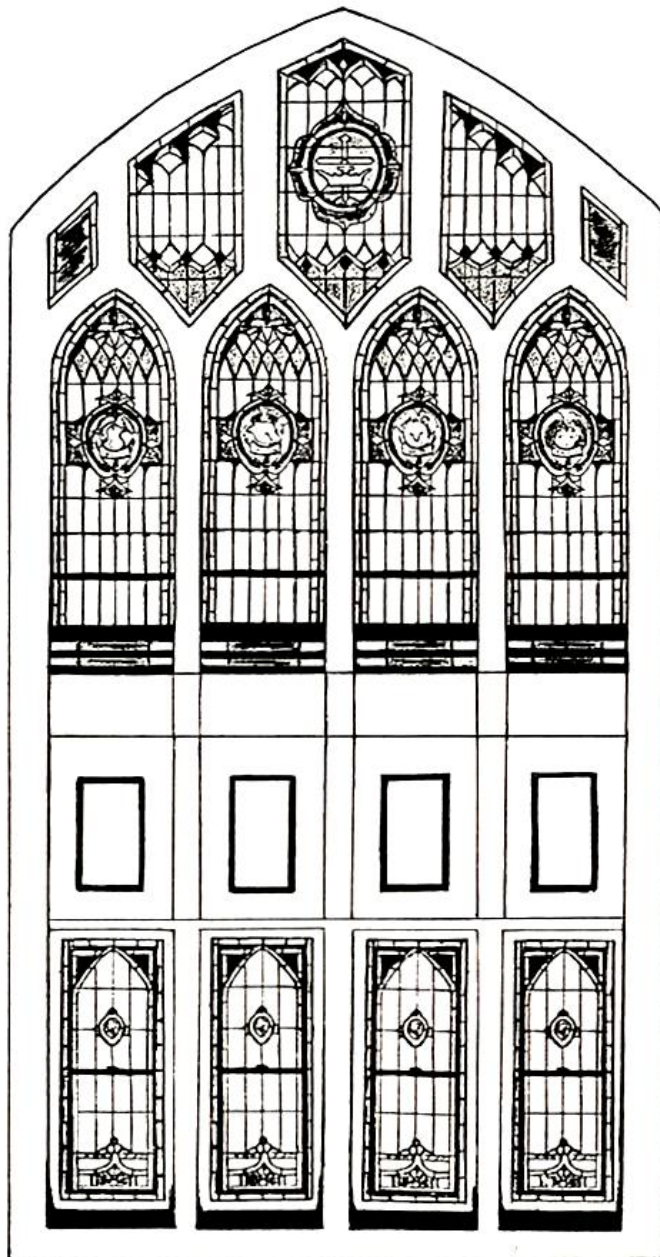




The Worship of God ✠ October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 12, 2025 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Dr. Dennis Bazemore

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Mr. Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Come Share the Lord* arr. by Fred Bock

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Lisa Barmer
Come, Christians, join and sing, *Alleluia! Amen!* The Lord of all invites us to His table of grace, to share in the feast of His love and mercy.
Loud praise to Christ our King! Alleluia! Amen!
He calls us from every place and circumstance to rejoice in His presence and delight in His goodness.
Lift your hearts to heaven's throne, for the Lord who reigns above has spread a banquet for His children.
We raise your voices to You, Father, Alleluia! Amen!
With hearts and hands we come to praise the One who satisfies every hunger and fills every soul.
Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. Come, join the everlasting song of praise!
Alleluia! Amen!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 306 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

+INVOCATION Dr. Barmer

ANTHEM *O God Beyond All Praising*
*"O God beyond all praising, we worship You today, and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay.
For we can only wonder at every gift You send, at blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord."*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 25:6-8 Mrs. Penny Rose
In Pew Bible, page 798 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.

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+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 19:6-9 Dr. Bazemore
In Pew Bible, page 313 of New Testament
This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 459 *Come Share the Lord* DIVERNON

OFFERTORY PRAYER Mrs. Rose

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 *The Prelude to the Banquet* Dr. Bazemore

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

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 520 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* AZMON

+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 and in loving memory of Mary Frances and Ernie Johnson, and Becky Wines by Emily and Graham Johnson.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

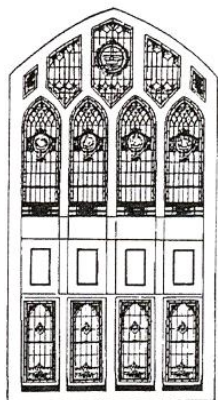
Dr. Dennis N. Bazemore
Interim Pastor

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 12, 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 F. & Carson Rose

Pre-K & K: David & Elizabeth Davis

✦ Eligible Deacon Nominees Correction

Please pardon our errors in the Eligible Deacon Nomination list. A new list has been printed with the correct information. The following names were inadvertently omitted from the initial list:

Eligible Deacon Nominee: Don Joyner

Standing Removal from Deacon Nominations: Rick Burns, Ernie Evans, Millard “Eley” Whitehead

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

Please plan to join us for dinner and our Fire Safety Class hosted by our Health Committee. We will discuss fire escape plans and other important information. During the meal we will review for children and children’s volunteers who were not present. Sign up on Facebook or on the 2nd floor bulletin board.

✦ Greek Meet & Greet Tasting Dinner | October 18 | 6:00 PM

Greg & Lisa Barmer are hosting a Greek Meet & Greet Tasting Dinner for those who are interested in attending the trip in April. Please contact Greg at (252) 362-1195.

✦ Trunk or Treat | Sunday, October 26, 2025

Bring the kids in costume and enjoy a family-friendly night of treats and fun! We’re still in need of 6 trunks, so if you’d like to decorate your car and hand out candy, please contact Sarah-Grace Britton at (252) 287-9858. We’d love to have you join the fun!

5:00–5:30 PM Trunk Set-Up

5:30–6:00 PM Trunk or Treating

5:00–6:00 PM Hotdogs

✦ 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.

✦ Join Us for Chairō | Sundays at 2:00 PM | Grade 5 - Still Breathing

✦ Women’s Bible Study | October 23 | November 6 & 20

✘ 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 19: Dennis & Linda Bazemore

November 2: Jerri Harrell, Sandra Pierce & Penny Rose

November 16: Pat Byrd & Susan Earley