

The Worship of God ✠ April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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April 26, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

The Season of the Church Year: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Jack Glasgow

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Open the Eyes of My Heart* arr. Mark Hayes

+CALL TO WORSHIP Jack Glasgow

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

We seek to know God's will for our lives through the transforming work of the Spirit in us.

Remember that the sacred writings of Scripture are profitable for our lives.

May we commit ourselves to the study of God's Word, so that we may be equipped to live as a disciple of Jesus.

Let us go to God in prayer in any circumstance, with any need,

That in prayer we may know the peace of God.

Let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,

Worshiping together in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs.

That we might give thanks to God in all things,

And be subject to one another in reverence for Christ.

God is our Shepherd, we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

So let us hear and know the voice of the Good Shepherd, that we might be led by Him.

+HYMNS OF PRAISE 195 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* REGENT SQUARE
Revive Us Again REVIVE US AGAIN

*We praise thee, O God, For the Son of thy love,
For Jesus who died And is now gone above.*

Refrain: *Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, Amen!
Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.*

*We praise Thee, O God! For Thy Spirit of light,
Who hath shown us our Savior, And scattered our night. [Refrain]*

*Revive us again, Fill each heart with Thy love.
May each should be rekindled with fire from above. [Refrain]*

MORNING PRAYER Greg Barner

CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING Jack Glasgow

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 John 10:1-10 Greg Barner
In Pew Bible, page 126 of New Testament

+HYMN 641 *Higher Ground* HIGHER GROUND
Lord, Be Glorified BE GLORIFIED
In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Vicky Overman

OFFERTORY Jordan Martin

+ EASTER DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23 Jack Glasgow
In Pew Bible, pages 234 & 235 of New Testament

SERMON *Easter People Have Robust Spiritual Lives* Jack Glasgow

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 490 *Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON

+BENEDICTION Jack Glasgow

+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 *You Are My All in All* JERNIGAN

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Teddy Davis by Anthony & Betty Cooper.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

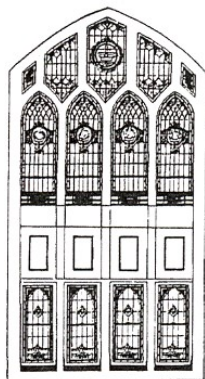
Rev. Jack Glasgow
Interim Pastor

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

April 26, 2026

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 & Olivia Jenkins

Pre-K & K: Michelle Boyd & Henry Pierce

✠ Remember in Prayer

•Sarah Grace Britton •Judd Byrd •AT Byrum •Trey Byrum •Baron Chamblee •Virginia Chitty •Lynell Eure
•Earl Futrell •Noreen Hannon •Carl Pierce •Eunice Sellars

✠ Called Business Meeting Information | May 13, 2026 | 6:30 PM

This will be the first of our quarterly business meetings, scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the church fellowship hall. During this meeting, we will discuss a proposed amendment to the church By-Laws, specifically Article X, Section 1(A), which addresses the process for the election of a pastor. After discussion, a church vote on this proposed by-law amendment will be held at the business meeting.

Another matter of business will be the unanimous recommendation from the Deacons to reinstate the prior Pastor Search Committee. The committee members are Don Joyner, Claudia Morris, Ashlee Perry, Mary Page Pierce, Chuck Revelle, Cheryl Slachta, Jim Wiggins, and Lee Wilson. After discussion, a church vote to reinstate this committee will be held.

We are happy to announce, with a unanimous recommendation from the Personnel Committee, the Deacons unanimously approved the hiring of Rev. Jack Glasgow as our Interim Pastor. Rev. Glasgow will preach as a guest on April 12, 2026, and will officially begin his duties as Interim Pastor on April 16, 2026. Details regarding his employment will be shared at the upcoming business meeting. Please join us in welcoming Rev. Glasgow to First Baptist Church Ahoskie.

Reports will be presented from the following committees: Finance Committee, Building & Grounds Committee, Utilities Committee, and WMU-Missions. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

✠ Wednesday Night Bible Study | April 26 | 5:15 PM | No Meal

Please join us this Wednesday, April 29, our Interim Pastor will continue to lead the study, “The Seven Living Words from the Cross”, with the discussion of the 2nd word, “The Word of Salvation and Grace.”

✠ First Wednesday | May 6, 2026

5:15 PM Bible Study | 6:00 PM Pancake & Sausage Dinner

Donations will help the FBCA youth that are attending Passport Camp at Eagle Eyrie in June. Please sign up on Facebook post or sign-up sheet.

✠ Vacation Bible School | June 2, 3, 4 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Volunteers Needed! Contact Kari Pierce at 217-8017.

✘ Graduate Announcement

We would love to recognize high school and college graduates in an upcoming newsletter. To submit a graduate, please email the secretary with the following details: a headshot photo (it does not need to be professional, but should clearly show the graduate), the graduate's name, school name, degree and graduation date.

✘ Youth Information

Youth Local Mission Project

The youth will be collecting items for Bearfield Primary School as they celebrate the students' efforts over the 25-26 School Year. This collection helps our very own Gretchen Zoch. Please consider donating the following items: gift cards to popular restaurants, Roblox and Play Station gift cards, board games, bikes, etc. A basket will be located across from the fellowship hall for any donations. All donations are due April 30.

Youth Letters for Mission Trip

We would like members of FBC Ahoskie to write letters of prayer and support to the youth while they are on their mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Letters can be dropped off in Jessica's office through May 31. There are 13 youth participating: Sophia Byrd, Lily Ann Brinkly, Bennett Pierce, Henry Pierce, Dempsey Pierce, Gates Vaughan, Jade Jones, Hannah Jones, Gabriel Loucas, Eri Lynn Loucas, McKynlee Loucas, Lily Bowe, and Justin Cox. There are 5 FBC Ahoskie Members participating: Kari Pierce, Lyndsay Britt, Jenny Byrd, Jessica Brinkley, Winnie Matthews. Thank you for your support and prayer for our youth and chaperone before and during their trip.