

The Worship of God ✠ July 5, 2026
6th 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

July 5, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Jack Glasgow

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Jordan Martin

PRELUDE Duet on NETTLETON arr. Craig Courtney

CALL TO WORSHIP Jack Glasgow

Eternal God, the source of our true freedom in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

We come before You with hearts full of thanksgiving as our nation celebrates its birth.

From the beginning we have boldly declared that all persons are created equally; that You have endowed us with the gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

For this legacy of liberty and commitment to equality, we thank You, Lord.

When our nation has fallen short of living up to these noble ideals, when prejudice, injustice, and division has taken root and the vulnerable have been neglected.

Forgive us, O God, and grant us the wisdom and strength to correct our ways.

Help us to realize that true liberty is not the freedom to do whatever we want, but the freedom with courage to do what is right, just, and good for all.

Give us a heart to serve our neighbors and lift up the voiceless.

For men and women who have sacrificed their comfort, and in many cases their lives, to defend our freedom and protect the innocent.

We honor their courage and commitment to cherishing the peace they fought to secure.

Guide our leaders to act with integrity, justice, wisdom and compassion.

Strengthen our resolve to be a beacon of hope to our citizens and to the world.

Unite our hearts as one people who move past our differences,

To work toward a future of peace, prosperity, justice, liberty and blessing shared by all.

+HYMN OF PRAISE *Christ, Our Liberty* NETTLETON

Stanza 1 *Once a people came together bound by faith and vision new;
With the wonder of the gospel came God's gift of freedom true,
Freed to follow Christ in service, freed to worship and to seek,
Conscience guided by God's Spirit, God their sole authority.*

Stanza 2 *Having suffered persecution, they now fought for freedom's cause,
That our faith be freely chosen, not defined by human laws.
We their children are entrusted with the dream they dared to dream,
Each one free to seek God's leading, in our Lord our unity.*

Stanza 3 *In our freedom God commands us that we share God's gift of grace,
For the sake of God's creation, we seek vision for this day.
Like our fathers and our mothers, may we always faithful be,
In our dying find our living, bound to Christ, our liberty.*

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.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 22:15-22 Jordan Martin
In Pew Bible, page 30 of New Testament

+HYMN 490 *Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated* HENDON

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Jack Glasgow

OFFERTORY *And Can It Be* SAGINA

+ 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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:1-6 Jack Glasgow
In Pew Bible, pages 232 of New Testament

SERMON *Religious Freedom* 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 *For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free* ELLACOMBE

Stanza 1 *"For freedom, Christ has set us free!" What joy is ours to claim!
No more enslaved, humanity finds life in Jesus' name.
We try, Lord, to be justified through all the works we do.
Yet you adopt us, saying, "Child, it's Christ who makes you new."*

Stanza 2 *We're clothed in Christ and we belong; Now no one waits outside.
In him we find our common song; Old ways no more divide.
"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."
He died for us, new life to give—and new identity.*

Stanza 3 *Now, Spirit-filled, may we be led from ways that would destroy.
May we your people turn instead to lives of love and joy.
May we find peace that makes us whole and patience everywhere.
God, give us kindness, self-control, and hearts and hands that share.*

+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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Larry and Winnie Matthews to the glory of God and in honor of Jessica, Josh, Lily Ann, and Bryant and in memory of R.D. Matthews.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

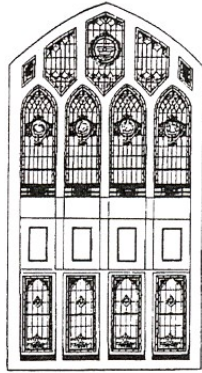
Rev. Jack Glasgow
Interim Pastor

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

July 5, 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: Sylvia Britt & Winnie Matthews

Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Perry, Mary Page & Stuart Pierce

Pre-K & K: Georgia Copeland & Corbett Britton

✘ Remember in Prayer

•Alexander/Buck Family •Sarah Grace Britton •Judd Byrd •AT Byrum •Trey Byrum •Virginia Chitty
•J.C. Doughtie •Lynell Eure •Earl Futrell •Catherine Pierce •Eunice Sellars

✘ Benevolence Offering Received Today

✘ Summer Office Hours

The church office will operate on temporary summer hours. The schedule is as follows:

Monday–Wednesday: 9 AM–4 PM | Thursday: 9 AM–3:30 PM | Friday: 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

✘ Church Building Closed in Observance of Independence Day

Monday, July 6, 2026

✘ CW/MJC Donations Needed

Donations are needed for Christian Women/Men's Job Corps: •Men's- Pants: 30 & 32, Shoes: 10.5

•Boys-Clothes: 18 months, 2T & 3T, Shoes: 2C & 8C, Toys: Ages 1 & 3

•Women's- Pants: 9, Shoes: 8 •Girls-Clothes: 8 & 10, Shoes: 13 C, Toys: Age 6 • Crock Pot

✘ Keeping Our Children Safe

There is a security concern for our children during morning worship that we want to share with the congregation. When children need to leave the sanctuary for any reason it would be best for them to be accompanied by an adult. If an older child does leave the sanctuary without an adult and their return is not prompt, their parent, grandparent, or another responsible adult should check on them. We love our children and are concerned for them when they are away from the rest of the church family without supervision. Keeping everyone safe is important to us. -The Deacons