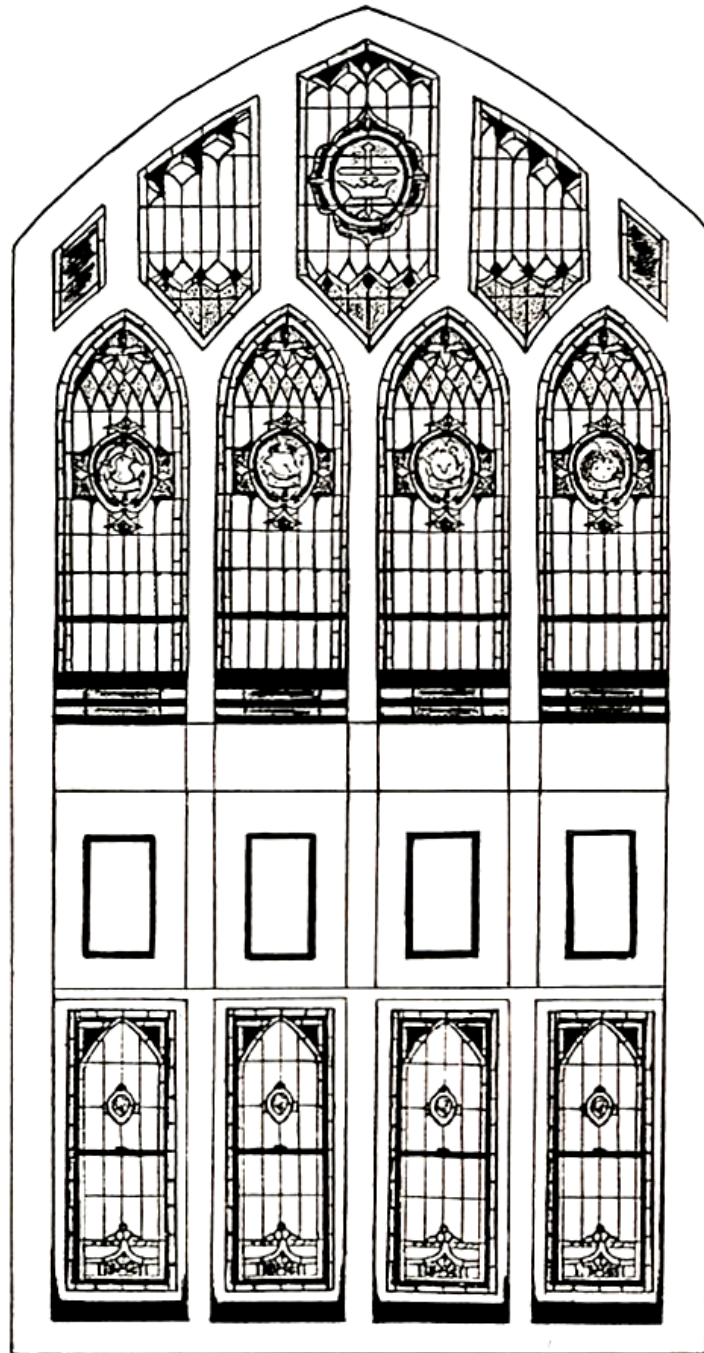




The Worship of God ✠ October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 11, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

The Season of the Church Year: The Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS		Jack Glasgow
CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Jordan Martin
PIANO PRELUDE	<i>More Love to Thee, O Christ</i>	arr. McDonald
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE		Heath Britt, Wade Britt & Wyatt Britt, Acolytes
ANTHEM	<i>We Are God's Delight</i> <i>We lift to God a heart full of happiness, we lift a song joy. Offering praise to God with exuberance, singing unto the Lord! Every child has a reason to celebrate, a reason to feel alive. Up in the heaven the Lord is rejoicing for we are God's delight!</i>	Hayes
+CALL TO PRAISE		Greg Barmer
We are God's delight, not because we are worthy and certainly not because of our purity. We are loved simply because we belong to Him. Jesus sought after the outsiders, the broken, and the unworthy. Today, He looks at us and says, "You are my joy. You are my delight." Thank you Father, for meeting us in our own brokenness and calling us Your own. Help us throw open the doors of our hearts, celebrate Your divine love, and move from listening to responding. Lord, we pray for Your divine love to flourish within us today. Fill us with Your unbounded grace, and teach us to love and serve others just as boldly as You love us. Amen!		
+HYMN OF PRAISE 281	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	BEECHER
+MORNING PRAYER		Jack Glasgow
+RESPONSE	<i>Through the Eyes of Christ</i> <i>Let me see the world through the eyes of Jesus. Let me hear the voice of the people lost in sin. Let me feel the touch of the hurting reaching out for hope. Let me see the world through the eyes of Christ. Let me see the world through the eyes of Christ.</i>	Hamilton
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 9:1-17 In Pew Bible, page 10 & 11 of New Testament	Greg Barmer
+HYMN 437	<i>How Wide the Love of Christ</i>	FESTAL SONG
+OFFERTORY PRAYER		Adalyn Britt

OFFERTORY

+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!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:18-38

Jack Glasgow

In Pew Bible, page 11 & 12 of New Testament

SERMON

Seeing in His Encounters

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 656

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

+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

The Great Physician

arr. Stockton

+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

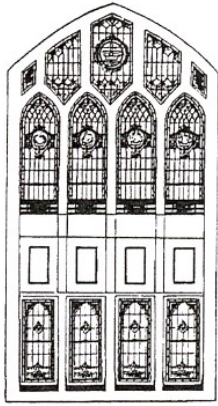
Rev. Jack Glasgow
Interim Pastor

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

October 11, 2026

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ **Worship Childcare** – *We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today while we worship:*

Crib: Kay Byrd, Taylor F. & Carson Rose

Toddler: Blake & Abbigail Outlaw

Age 2 – K: David, Elizabeth & Pace Davis

✦ **Remember in Prayer**

•Sarah Grace Britton •Ashley Baker •William Burden •Judd Byrd •AT Byrum •Trey Byrum •Virginia Chitty •Jesse Croom •J.C. Doughtie •Lynell Eure •Don Joyner •Peggy Lowe •Catherine Pierce •Eunice Sellars •Family of Sandra Hassell •Family of Joan Pierce

✦ **2027 Deacon Nominations | October 18**

Please prayerfully consider who would serve our church well as a deacon for three years beginning January 2027. You can complete an absentee ballot during church office hours through October 16. The church will vote on the those who have agreed to serve on Sunday, December 13. First time deacons will be ordained in January 2027.

✦ **Bible Study | Wednesday, October 14 | 5:15 PM | Light refreshments will be served.**

✦ **Fire Safety Meeting | October 14 | 6:15—7:00 PM | Fellowship Hall**

The Health Committee would like to meet with the following group of people: Security, Sound or Video person, Ushers, Sunday School teachers, staff person, Health Committee, or in the Preschool Department. This is a review of Fire safety and responsibilities. It is also a chance for suggestions for input and improvement.

✦ **Sunday, October 18, 2026**

Parent–Child Dedication | During Worship

Churchwide Fall Cookout | 5:00 PM

✦ **Annual Christmas Choir Festival: “Voices of Christmas” | December 13 | 5:00 PM**

“Voices of Christmas,” will take us through the journey of the birth of Christ from the perspective of a multitude of biblical figures. We are in need of people to serve as scripture readers, as well as the biblical figures. The biblical figures featured are: Gabriel, Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, A Neighbor, The Innkeeper, A Shepherd, Simeon, Anna, The Three Wise Men, and King Herod. If you are interested in serving as a speaker or reader, please contact Jordan Martin at (252) 862-7890.

✦ **CBF NENC Regional Gathering**

Murfreesboro Baptist Church | October 25, 2026 | 4:30-6:00 PM

✦ **Trunk or Treat | Wednesday, October 28**

If you'd like to decorate a truck, please contact Elizabeth Davis at (252) 287-6213.

Set up: 5:00-5:30 PM | Trunk or Treat: 5:30-6:00 PM

✘ Eswatini Donations

The Barmer's and FBC Washington are visiting Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland), Africa and collecting donations through October 25th. They can be placed in the box next to my office. Thank you for your consideration, and for standing with us in prayer for a people so dear to our hearts.

- Ibuprofen/acetaminophen • Men's Work Gloves • Neosporin Ointment • Multivitamins • Band-Aids • Balloons
- Ziploc Bags • Jump Ropes • Underwear (Men, Women & Children) • Deflated Soccer Balls & Hand Pumps

-Greg Barmer

✘ Youth Group Announcements

Breakfast Volunteers

Please contact Jenni Byrd at (252) 717-9720 if you'd like to assist with breakfast.

Share Your Testimony

If you are interested in sharing your testimony with our youth, please contact Lyndsay Britt at (252) 332-9046.

Youth Disciple Now (DNow) Weekend | October 24-25, 2026

A Disciple Now (DNow) weekend is a local retreat for our youth focused on discipleship, worship, and fellowship. We are looking for volunteers to provide dinner on Saturday, October 25, and breakfast on Sunday, October 25. If you'd like to help, please contact Ashlee Perry at (252) 862-7315.

Day of Service | October 24 | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

We will have additional opportunities for the church to help, including a "Day of Service" on Saturday, October 24, from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, followed by a churchwide sandwich lunch in the fellowship hall. If you'd like to assist with the lunch, please contact Kay Byrd at (252) 398-6157. If you are in need of a service project or know someone in our community who has a need, please contact Mr. Lee Wilson at (252) 326-2701.

We're also collecting snack foods and drinks for our Youth DNow weekend. A basket will be on the first floor placed across from the fellowship hall for donations. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, please turn that into our Financial Secretary, Sharon Hill, (write Disciple Now in the Memo if writing a check). Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our Youth!