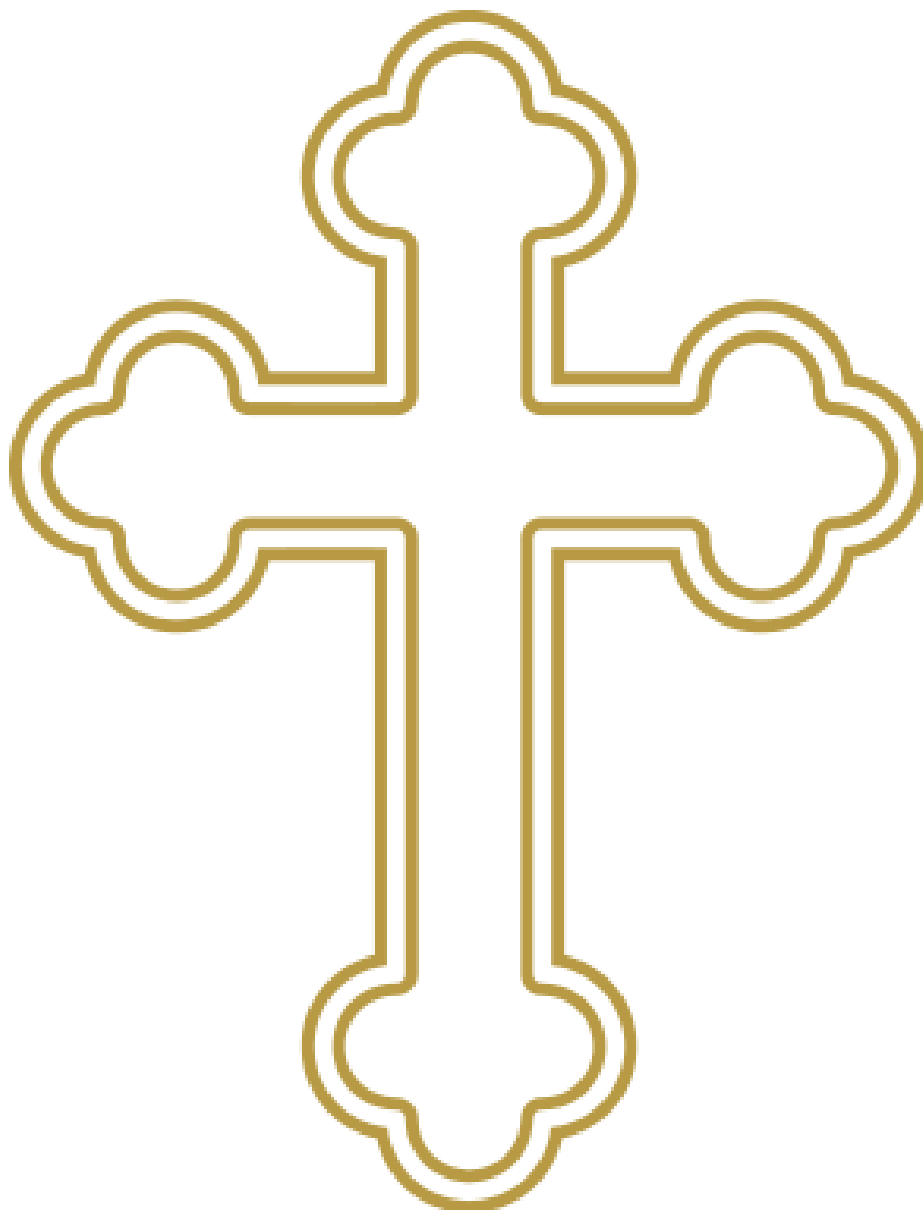




The Worship of God ✠ October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

October 18, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

The Season of the Church Year: The Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Greg Barmer

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE

We Gather Together

arr. John Carter

PARENT – CHILD DEDICATION

Natalyn Faith Blanchard

May 12, 2020

Lainey Hope Blanchard

May 27, 2026

Daughters of William & Ashlyn Blanchard

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Charlotte Blake Outlaw

February 4, 2026

Daughter of Blake & Abbigail Outlaw

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAMILIES

LITANY OF DEDICATION

In our Baptist Christian tradition, we wait with anticipation and expectation for the baptism of our children after they have made their personal decision to follow Jesus and professed their faith in Christ. We do, however, celebrate their birth with their families in a service of dedication. Today, we dedicate the lives of these children to God. Parents dedicate themselves to the Lord as they accept the responsibility of raising these beloved children. And, as a congregation, we dedicate ourselves to nurture these children in Christian faith and to support these parents.

Parents, do you dedicate yourselves to love and nurture your children and to lead them to faith in Jesus and love for the church?

We do.

Parents, do you commit to provide a Christian home for your children, to set an example of sincere Christian faith for them, and to involve them in the life and ministry of the church?

We do.

Finally, parents, do you acknowledge your children as gifts from God, that parenting a child is truly an act of stewardship, and that the highest goal for every child is that they will grow to love and follow Jesus?

We do.

And now to the congregation, do you commit yourselves to pray for these parents and their children, to care for them as beloved members of our church family, and to provide for them a caring and nurturing ministry to children, youth and families with your generous gifts of time, talents and money.

We do.

A PRAYER OF BLESSING

PRESENTATION OF DEDICATION CERTIFICATES

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+HYMN OF DEDICATION 685 *Children Are a Gift from Heaven* HARLAN

+MORNING PRAYER Jack Glasgow

+RESPONSE *Through the Eyes of Christ* Hamilton

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.

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 Luke 15:1-10 William Blanchard
In Pew Bible, page 95 of New Testament

+HYMN 650 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* MADILL

+OFFERTORY PRAYER Scott Outlaw

OFFERTORY *The Lord is My Shepherd* arr. Heather Sorenson

+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 Luke 10:25-37 Jack Glasgow
In Pew Bible, page 87 of New Testament

SERMON *Seeing in His Teaching* Jack Glasgow

VOCAL MEDITATION *Prayer of Mother Teresa* Craig Courtney
Jordan Martin, soloist

Lord, help me spread Your fragrance wherever I go. Flood my soul with Your Spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that my life may be only a radiance of Yours.

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I know will feel Your presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me, but only You. Amen.

INVITATION

+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

Compassion Hymn

Getty/Townend

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the child dedications of Avalyn Faith Blanchard, Lainey Hope Blanchard, and Charlotte Blake Outlaw, by Blake and Abbigail Outlaw.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

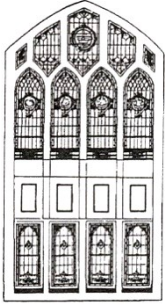
Rev. Jack Glasgow
Interim Pastor

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 18, 2026

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

♦ **Worship Childcare** – We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today:

Crib: Jenni Byrd & Melanie Byrum

Toddler: Pat Daniels & Roxie Thompson

Age 2 – K: Anna Dawson & Leslie Lawrence

✦ Remember in Prayer

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

✦ 2027 Deacon Nominations | Today | During Worship

Please prayerfully consider who would serve our church well as a deacon for three years beginning January 2027. 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. The following individuals have asked to be removed from nominations in addition to the previously printed list as of October 5, 2026: Dennis & Linda Bazemore, Rick Burns, Ernie Evans, Sandra Evans, Reagan Zoch

✦ Parent–Child Dedication | Today | During Worship

✦ Churchwide Fall Picnic | Today | 5:00 PM

✦ Meeting Notifications & Submission Deadlines

To help ensure effective communication and smooth coordination of activities, we kindly ask that all meetings, events, and gatherings be reported to the office in advance so they can be added to the calendar and/or included in church publications. This will help prevent scheduling conflicts and ensure that everyone stays informed of upcoming activities. Please be mindful of the following submission deadlines:

Newsletter Articles: Submit all information via email to jessica@fbcahoskie.org no later than Monday at 12:00 noon.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements: Submit all information via email to jessica@fbcahoskie.org no later than Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Your cooperation in meeting these deadlines and keeping the office informed is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration and for helping us maintain clear communication and effective planning.

✦ Bible Study | Wednesday, October 21 | 5:15 PM | Light refreshments will be served.

✦ Youth Announcements

DNOW Weekend | October 24-25 | If your child plans to attend, contact Lyndsay Britt, 332-9046.

Day of Service | October 24 | 8AM-12PM | Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

✦ CBF NENC Regional Gathering

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

At the service, we will hear from CBFNC Executive Director Larry Hovis, also about a new missions initiative supporting scholarships for young adults who were in the foster system as children and youth to attend Chowan University, and to bless and commission Matty Grace Gilliam.

✦ 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

✘ **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.

✘ **Thank You for Eswatini Donations**

Thank you so much for all the contributions to the people of Eswatini. They will be thrilled to receive these gifts from my church in America! At this point, my suitcase overflows with blessings! So unless you have already purchased items, I probably have all I can carry. I am happy to take those things you’ve already purchased though. I look forward to the opportunity to report back about the trip and share some of the blessings of this ministry! My thanks and God’s blessings, Greg Barmer

✘ **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

It is time to prepare for this year’s Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our church goal this year is to complete 100 boxes! Let’s help share God’s Love through a gift-filled box, bringing hope to a child in need. Due to customs requirements, soap and toothpaste is no longer permitted. Drop off your completed boxes in the library behind the desk. Donations can be given to Sharon Hill or placed in her drop box. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Byrum, OCC Coordinator at (252) 209-7744.