



The Worship of God ✠ October 4, 2026
19th 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 4, 2026 ✠ 11:00 AM

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

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS Jack Glasgow

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Jordan Martin

PIANO PRELUDE *Wherever He Leads, I'll Go* arr. Stan Pethel

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES AND OPENING OF THE BIBLE
Taylor F. Rose & Hudson Rose, Acolytes

+CALL TO PRAISE Jack Glasgow

God is calling us, not simply to sit and listen, but to step into active service in the Kingdom of God.

Here we are, Lord. Send us!

There is work to do, burdens to carry, people to love, and the transforming Gospel to share.

Give us willing hearts and ready hands, Lord.

We are ready to worship, to listen, and to serve.

Use us today - wherever You send us - to make the Gospel known and the love of Christ seen. Amen!

+HYMN OF PRAISE 488 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

+MORNING PRAYER Jack Glasgow

+RESPONSE, see insert *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 Matthew 20:20-28 Joy Futrell
In Pew Bible, page 27 of New Testament

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Carson Atkins Rose
Daughter of Taylor & Taylor F. Rose

+THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*To God Be the Glory
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice.
O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son, and
Give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

+HYMN 449

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN



+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Penny Rose

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

Mark 8:27-38

Jack Glasgow

In Pew Bible, pages 53 & 54 of New Testament

SERMON

Seeing with His Disciples

Jack Glasgow

ANTHEM

*Many Gifts, One Spirit
Many gifts, one Spirit; many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.*

Pote

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 660

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

MARYTON

+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

Footsteps of Jesus

FOOTSTEPS

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of E.L. & Barbara Holloman, Ada Fornes, Glenda Byrd, and Carrie Leigh Askew by Sharon & Kenny Roope, and Tracy & Bryant Lewis.

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

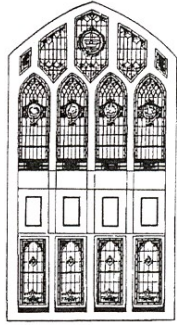
Rev. Jack Glasgow
Interim Pastor

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 4, 2026

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

♦ **Worship Childcare** – We give thanks for those caring for our young ones today while we worship:
Crib: Sylvia Britt & Winnie Matthews
Toddler: Bland & Nancy Baker
Age 2 – K: Lisa, Victoria & Peyton Outlaw

✦ **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

✦ **Benevolence Offering Received Today**

✦ **2027 Budget Preparation**

Committee chairs are encouraged to consider their budget needs for the year 2027, and return completed forms to Sharon Hill, Financial Secretary, by October 6.

✦ **2027 Deacon Nominations**

Please prayerfully consider who would serve our church well as a deacon for three years beginning January 2027. Voting will take place on October 18. Absentee ballots will be available in the church office October 5 through October 16. The church will vote on the five persons who have agreed to serve on Sunday, December 13. Anyone elected as a deacon for the first time will be ordained in January 2027.

✦ **First Wednesday Meal & Bible Study | October 7 | Bible Study 5:15 PM | Meal 6:15 PM**

To make your reservation, comment on the Facebook post, sign up on the bulletin board in the second-floor hallway, or call the church office. **Menu:** Hamburger Steak & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, and Pumpkin Pie (adults), Ice Cream/Sugar Cookie (children).

✦ **Sunday, October 18, 2026**

Parent–Child Dedication | During Worship

Any families who would like to participate in the Parent-Child Dedication, please contact the church office.

Churchwide Fall Cookout | 5:00 PM

✦ **CBF NENC Regional Gathering**

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

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

✦ **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

✘ Pastor Search Committee Timeline Report

Below is a summary timeline of the work of the Pastor Search Committee in 2026 thus far and expected future actions.

May 13 PSC officially appointed at Church Conference, approval of Craig Janney and Greenfields Consulting

May 20 First Congregational Self Study Meeting with Janney

June 16 Chairman met with Deacons about pastor compensation package

June 24 Second Congregational Self Study Meeting with Janney

July 17 Janney Report to PSC on two Congregational Self Study Meetings and recommendations

July 29 PSC Meeting to consider Reports and comments, factual review of former documents, editing Pastor and Church Profile

July 31 Church and Pastor Profiles sent to Janney and Glasgow by PSC

Aug 2 Sunday Morning Report to Congregation on completion and approval of Profiles, planned initial ad postings this week, reaching out to prior suggested names, Oct. 7 application deadline but, could act earlier

Aug 5 Profile and Ad posted with Oct. 7 deadline

Aug 20 Janney sent PSC list of 25 places ad posted (plus his individual contracts not disclosed)

Aug 26 Report to Congregation at Quarterly Church Conference; places posted, reached out to suggested names, not waiting until Oct 7 if good applicants

Aug 28 Three applications from Janney (one acceptable); delayed planned 9/13 PSC meeting to get more applications

Sept 20 Eight more applications from Janney (four acceptable)

Sept 27 PSC Meeting to decide which candidates to conduct initial zoom interviews on October 4, 5, 11 or 12

Sept 28 Chairman contacted candidates

Oct 4,5,11,12 Eight slots for five interviews

Oct 11, 12 PSC review of additional applications received by Oct. 7, schedule more interviews for last week of October or November dates, to extent necessary depending on candidates

Nov 8,15,22,23,29 Scheduled PSC Meetings (to extent necessary)

Please continue to pray for guidance, for the PSC and candidates.

*Charles L. Revelle, III
Pastor Search Chairman*

✘ Passport Summer Camp Opportunities for Students

We are excited to offer TWO summer camp opportunities for our students through Passport Camps; Passport Kids for completed Grades 3–6 & Passport Missions for completed Grades 6–12. These experiences provide students with opportunities to grow in their faith, build relationships, serve others, and experience Christian community.

Passport Kids — Completed Grades 3–6: Total cost \$403

- First Choice: June 9–12 at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, Virginia
- Second Choice: June 15–18 at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia

Passport Missions — Completed Grades 6–12: Total cost \$503

- First Choice: June 14–18 at Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina
- Second Choice: June 8–12 at Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina

Registration Information

If you missed the October 1st deadline to submit your \$100 deposit to Sharon Hill, our Financial Secretary, please submit it as soon as possible. Final deposit will be due March 1st. If you have questions please contact Lyndsay Britt, (252) 332-9046.

When registering for Passport, we are required to select TWO possible dates. Please note that the dates listed above are our first and second choices; the second choice is included as an alternative in case our first-choice session is not available. We look forward to providing our children and youth with meaningful opportunities to grow in their faith and experience God through fellowship, service, and worship this summer.

✘ Eswatini Donations

The Barmers and FBC Washington will be visiting Eswatini (formerly known as Swaziland), Africa. If you, your Sunday School class, mission group, or club would like to help in a tangible way, there are some supplies that may seem mundane to us but would be a vital blessing to these precious people. Below is a list of some things you could help supply. Of course, smaller and lighter items are better since I'll have to pack everything into my own luggage! I'm collecting donations through October 25th and 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

✘ “Seeing With Jesus”

We continue our fall series of sermons and Wednesday night Bible Study discussions based on the book, “Seeing with Jesus: Developing a Worldview Shaped by the Gospels”. We have copies of the book available in the church office for \$20. Proceeds directly benefit Good Faith Media.

✂ Youth Group Announcements

Breakfast Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help provide and serve breakfast for our youth on Sunday mornings. We need volunteers for 11, 18, and 25; November 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; and December 6, 13, and 20. If you are interested in helping with breakfast, please contact **Jenni Byrd** at (252) 717-9720. This would be a wonderful opportunity for our Sunday School classes to get involved and spend time serving and connecting with our youth!

Share Your Testimony

We are also looking for individuals who would be willing to share their testimony with our youth. Hearing the stories and experiences of others can have a lasting impact and help our young people see how God is working in the lives of those around them. If you are interested in sharing your testimony, please reach out to **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 26. If you'd like to help, please contact **Ashleé 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!