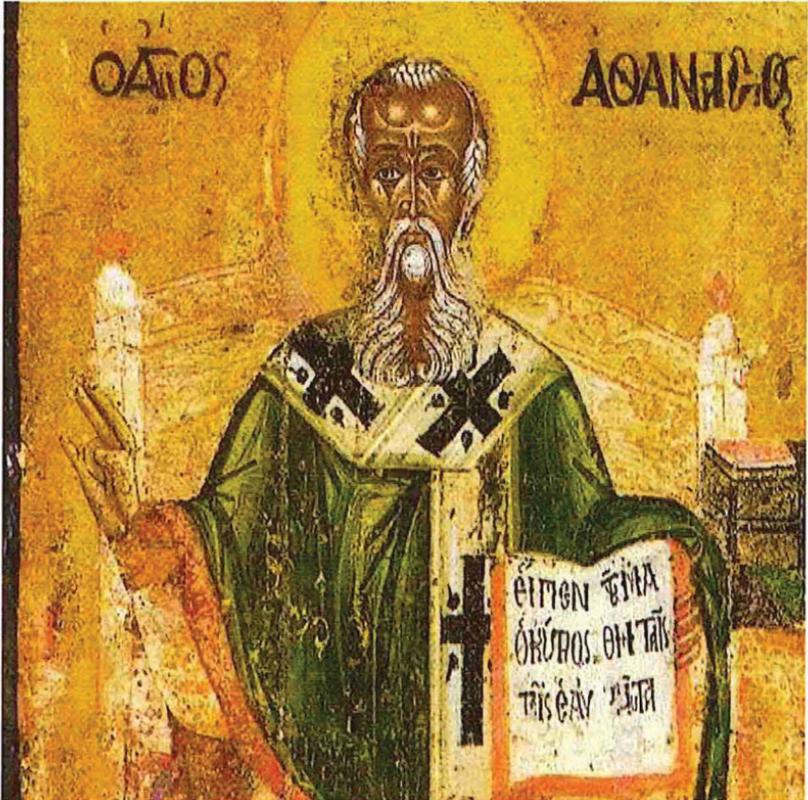




# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HIGHLAND AVENUE • WINSTON-SALEM NC  
REACHING, PREACHING, AND TEACHING THE GOSPEL TO ALL GOD'S PEOPLE



**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

**Rev. Samuel J. Doyle, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Glenn Pettiford, Assistant Pastor**

**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, February 22, 2026**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Music for Gathering**

**Opening Hymn**      *"Lift Every Voice And Sing"*      **Hymn #540**

**Call To Worship and Invocation**

**Pastor:** Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for I pray to no one but you.

**Congregation:** Lead me in the right path, O Lord, or my enemies will conquer me. Make your way plain for me to follow.

**All:** For you bless the godly, O Lord; you surround them with your shield to love. Psalm 5:2,8,12 NLT

**Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

*Pastor and Congregation*

**Chant**      *"Lord Prepare Me"*      **Hymn #462**

**Scripture**      **Deacon Kenneth Simington**  
*Colossians 1:15-23*

**Moments of Inner Reflection**      *"Have A Little Talk With Jesus"*  
*(late worshipers may enter)*

**Prayer**      **Deacon Kenneth Simington**

**Black History Fact**      **Mr. Jasper Brown**

**Welcome and Announcements**      **Mrs. Kathleen Ellis**

**Pastoral Observations**

**Tithes and Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**      **Deacon Kenneth Simington**

**Doxology**      *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*      **Hymn #650**  
*(please stand)*

**Congregational Hymn**      *"At The Cross"*      **Hymn #264**  
*(late worshipers may enter)*

**Selection**      *"I Will Bless The Lord"*      **Male Chorus**

**Sermon**      *"Preeminent"*      **Rev. Samuel Doyle**

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Closing Hymn**      *"We Shall Overcome"*      **Hymn #542**

**Benediction**

Sermon:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 264 AT THE CROSS

...the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed? And  
 2. Was it for crimes that I have done He  
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And  
 4. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay The

did my Sov - 'reign die? Would He de - vote that  
 groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!  
 shut His glo - ries in, When Christ, the might - y  
 debt of love I owe: Here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head For such a one as I?  
 grace un-known! And love be - yond de - gree!  
 Mak - er, died For man the crea - ture's sin.  
 self a - way— 'Tis all that I can do!

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, And the

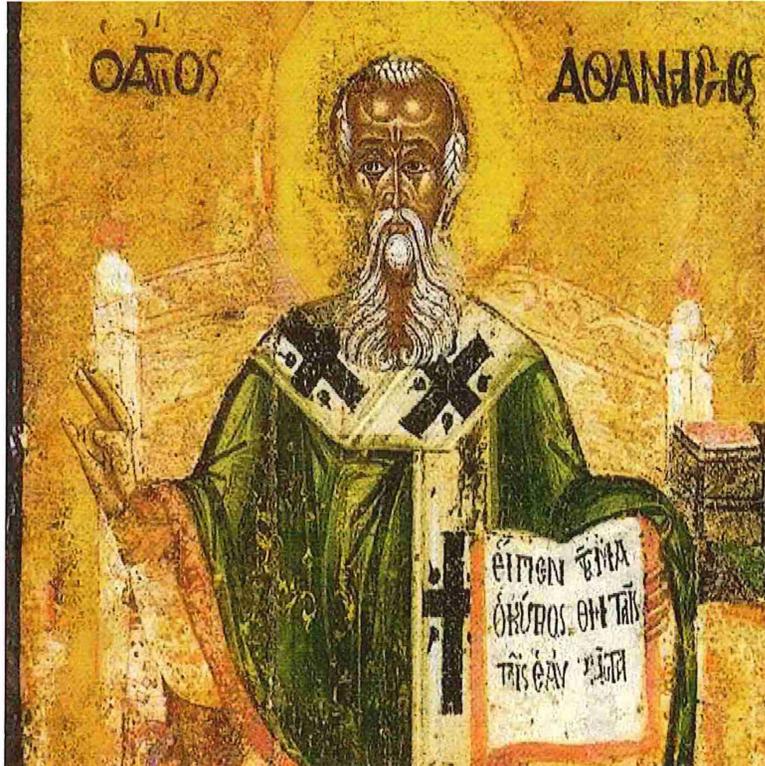
bur - den of my heart rolled a - way— It was  
 rolled a - way—

there by faith I re - ceived my sight, And

now I am hap - py all the day!

Text: Verses, Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; refrain, Ralph E. Hudson, 1843-1901.  
 Tune: HUDSON, CM with refrain; Ralph E. Hudson, 1843-1901

## “Christian History is Black History”



### Church History is Black History

#### Athanasius of Alexandria

Athanasius of Alexandria (c. 296–373 AD) was one of the most influential leaders of the early Christian church. Born in **Alexandria**, he became bishop (patriarch) in 328 and served for more than four decades. His ministry took place during a time of intense theological conflict and political pressure within the Roman Empire. Known for his strong character, deep theological insight, and unwavering faith, Athanasius devoted his life to teaching, writing, and defending what he believed to be the true apostolic faith.

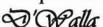
The central issue of his lifetime was the controversy over the nature of Jesus Christ. A growing movement, influenced by the teachings of Arius, claimed that Jesus was a created being and not fully divine. Athanasius strongly opposed this teaching and defended the decision of the **First Council of Nicaea**, which affirmed that the Son is of the same essence as the Father. For Athanasius, this was not a minor theological detail but the very heart of the gospel, because only if Christ is truly God could He fully save humanity.

His commitment to this truth came at great personal cost. Athanasius was exiled five separate times by Roman authorities and spent about seventeen years away from his church. Despite opposition from emperors and many church leaders, he continued writing and teaching wherever he was sent. His perseverance earned him the historical description *Athanasius contramundum*—“Athanasius against the world.” During these difficult years, he also wrote influential works such as **On the Incarnation**, which remains a classic explanation of why God became human in Jesus Christ.

Athanasius matters today because his faithfulness helped shape core Christian beliefs that continue across many traditions. He played a key role in preserving the doctrine of the Trinity, defending the full divinity of Christ, and providing the earliest known list of the 27 books of the New Testament. His life stands as an example of courage, theological clarity, and endurance under pressure. More than a historical figure, Athanasius represents the conviction that truth is worth defending and that faithful perseverance can shape the faith of generations.

First Baptist Church Family– Our very own DeLana Payne is headed to Austria to sing with the WSSU Singing Rams. Let’s support DaLana and donate to the fundraiser to send her on a life changing experience.

You can find out more about the organization and donate here: <https://igfn.us/vf/26CHOIRAUSTRIA>. When you make your contribution for DeLana, please remember to indicate it. You may use the link above or the QRCode.

Respectfully,  




QRCode



DeLana Payne



The Health and Wellness Ministry invites you to "Love Your Heart" this February. American Heart Month is observed annually in the United States to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease, which remains the leading cause of death for both men and women.

This month serves as an important time for education on cardiovascular health and prevention. We encourage you to focus on your heart health by implementing the following lifestyle changes:

- Maintaining a healthy diet and avoiding overeating - Engaging in regular exercise
- Controlling blood glucose levels - Managing blood pressure and cholesterol
- Avoiding smoking - Ensuring you get adequate rest

*The Health and Wellness Ministry invites you to visit our Heart Awareness table in the elevator tower.*

The Pastor and Deacons Ministry are prayerfully accepting candidates for the diaconate. Please read the following Scriptures and pray about godly lay men and women who fit their description. After praying about it, please (1) identify candidates you wish to nominate, (2) ask them for permission to nominate them and (3) submit their name **in writing** to the office, with a description as to why this person would make a good deacon. *Acts 6:1-71 & Tim 3.8-14*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**OPERATION INASMUCH**

April 18, 2026

additional information coming soon.

## **CHURCH OFFICERS AND STAFF**

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*Jesse Hymes*

#### Hedgley Fellowship Choir

*Faye Redd*

#### Youth Choir

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*DeLana Payne*

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*Rod Warren*

#### Usher Ministry

*Leonard Hairston*

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*Wyrine Dorris*

#### Flower Ministry

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*Marilyn Hanner*

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*Edith Bailey, Co-Chair*

#### Law Ministry of Caregivers

*Carmen Wigfall, Chairperson*  
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*Trina Wilson*

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#### Women's Service Council

*Louise Hill*

#### Healthcare Ministry

*Cynthia Jerald*  
*Sherri Murrell*

#### Historical Committee

*Dr. Bill Leonard*

## SUNDAY AND WEEK -DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SERVICE HOUR 10:00 A.M.

*SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES 8:45AM*  
*NOON-DAY BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY 12:00 NOON*  
*WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY— 6:00 PM*

All services are online on Facebook and YouTube.  
Bible studies also via Zoom.