

*Boykins Baptist Church*  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
*Ascension Day*

Rev. Steven R. Gibson, Pastor

May 17, 2026

10:00AM

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Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
\*Chiming of the Hour  
Call to Worship

Shout for joy; sing songs of praise,  
**For God reigns over all the earth!**  
God has gone up with a shout!  
**Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!**

Prayer of Invocation

**Acknowledging God's Presence Among Us**

Hymn # 15                      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*                      Robinson

Call to Confession  
Jesus tells us that repentance and forgiveness is to be offered in his name.  
Therefore let us confess our sins to God, who assures us of new life through  
the power of God's redeeming love.

Prayer of Confession

**Living God, we confess that our faith is often weak, our love is faint, our prayers are timid, and our gratitude is unconvincing. When we look toward heaven, yet we still feel far from you. In your mercy, draw us to you and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers, as Christ is our witness, God's power to pardon is immeasurable.  
Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth; through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Response # 252                      *Glory Be to the Father*                      Anonymous  
Scripture Reading                      Psalm 47                      Mr. James Shafer  
Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

**Entrusting Others and Ourselves to God**

Hymn # 261                      *Wonderful Words of Life*                      Bliss  
Offertory  
Dedication of Gifts  
Doxology #253                      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*                      Ken

**Listening for God's Word**

A Lesson for All Kids  
Anthem  
Scripture Reading                      Luke 24:44-53  
Sermon                      "From Defeat to Christ's Presence Everyday"                      Rev. Steve Gibson  
Invitation to Christian Discipleship

**Responding in Faith**

Hymn # 334                      *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*                      Crosby  
Benediction  
Postlude

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Offering Team for May: Scott Doyle (chair), Jennifer Vincent, Debbie Felts, Gary Baugham

Last Sunday's Records (5/10/26):

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| Offering (total received to all funds)    | \$ 1,073.00  |
| Weekly Needs (total needed for all funds) | \$ 2,622.40  |
| General Fund (85%) Received to date       | \$ 27,804.37 |
| General Fund (85%) Needed to date         | \$ 42,351.76 |

Things to Keep in Mind

Today: The Town of Boykins will hold the annual Memorial Day Service at Beechwood Cemetery, 3:00pm.

Tonight is Family Night! Everyone is invited to attend for dinner followed by the “Not So Newlywed Game” starring Lil and Johnny Hawthorne, Laura and Jason Baldwin, Tiffany and Ben Matteson, as well as Jane and Pastor Steve Gibson. We will enjoy fried chicken with green beans, potatoes, biscuits, and dessert.

Emmanuel Christian Worship Center (Virginia Ave., Boykins) announces their New Mobile Pantry beginning May 19 and every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 - 11:00 to pack groceries and to assist in handing out groceries. Please speak to Pastor Steve about this opportunity.

We will honor Memorial Day in our worship service on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.

*Reflections* devotionals for May – August are available on the table in the hallway.

Graduation Sunday is June 7<sup>th</sup>! We will honor our graduates with breakfast at 9:00am, followed by a presentation during worship service. Please submit your senior photo with name, parents, school, college attending or career next steps to: boykinsbaptistchurch@gmail.com by May 29.

Save the Date: **Vacation Bible School, June 28 - July 1!**

**Scholarship Opportunity:** Courtland Masonic Lodge is proud to announce the 9th R.W. George C. Scott, Jr. Memorial Scholarship to a worthy high school senior residing in the greater Boykins area. Please review the application and guidelines at <https://courtlandlodge85.org/posts/scott-scholarship-announcement>. Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2026.

Cards for Isaac Shafer may be sent to: 129 East Modlin Rd., Ahoskie, NC 27910

**Remember in Prayer:**

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| The Pinto Family      | Isaac Shafer               |                        |                    |
| William & Emily Brown | T Lassiter                 | James Worrell          | Lawson McCutcheon  |
| David Collins         | Erma Scott                 | Elizabeth Stallings    | Eunice Everett     |
| Gladys Baugham        | Rachel Clement             | Barbara & Gene Fickler | Bob & Carol Ruckle |
| Carter Worrell        | Paul & Marguerite Leathers | Martha Holland         | Bobby Bias         |
| Bobby & Linda Carr    | Ronnie & Johnnie Ferguson  | Terry Everett          | Marlene Petsous    |
| Linda Sue Bowden      | Ronnie & Sharon Cobb       | Peggy Johnson          | Otelia Zimmerman   |

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