

FBC
High Point

THE HERALD

WORKING WITH GOD'S BLUEPRINTS

Report from the Jan. 8 Church Conference

At the Jan. 8 Church Conference, the Stewardship Committee recommended using \$3,000 of the nearly \$42,000 surplus to be paid this month to CBF World Missions. The remainder will remain in the checking account. If there is a quarterly surplus, the Committee recommends adding to the CBF donation. This determination of the use of any surplus from unspent budgeted funds is mandated by the Bylaws.

Adele Myers, chair of the Nominating Committee noted some committee changes: Sarah Carter will join the Music Committee, Debbie Edwards on the Bereavement Committee, and Don Hritz would join the Parking Lot Committee, which is now a sub-committee of Building/Grounds. These are taking the place of Byron Godfrey.

Deacon Chair Joy Key said the Deacons are doing the Homebound or Watchcare now.

Key also announced the suspension of the Children/Youth Committee and the establishment of a Radiant Committee.

Deacon ordination

Dr. Jeff Rogers speaks to Janet Odum as she is ordained as a new Deacon on Jan. 8.



Called Church Conference Feb. 19

There will be a Called Church Conference Feb. 19 following worship. The main order of business is a request from Christ's Little Acorns. Further information is not available at this time.

The Nominating Committee has requested an amendment to the Bylaws to require an odd number of people on committees.

The Trustees will have an announcement.



Happy
Valentine's
Day

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

405 N. Main St., High Point, N.C. 27260-5088

336-883-0178

www.fbchighpoint.org – www.facebook.com/firstbaptisthighpoint

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. in person in the sanctuary or via Facebook Live.

Offering and Income

January 1, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,464.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$750.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$750.00
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	\$750.00

January 8, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,464.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$1,485.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,485.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$12,928.00
	\$2,235.00

January 15, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,464.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$2,848.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$2,848.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$19,392.00
	\$5,083.00

January 22, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,464.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$2,910.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$2,910.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$25,856.00
	\$7,993.009

There are several ways you can support FBC with your monetary gifts.

Online, go to www.fbchighpoint.org, and click on the word "GIVE" in the blue bar. Instructions will appear for giving online with credit and debit cards using Tithe.ly. There are also instructions for setting up an automatic bank draft.

You can still mail checks to 405 N. Main St.

Gathering together

Our annual Ash Wednesday service falls on February 22 this year, and it marks the beginning of the season of Lent, 40 days (not counting Sundays) of repentance and preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter. Some people would prefer to play "one, two, skip a few, ninety-nine, a hundred," and jump right to Easter. But neither the gospels nor the historic Christian calendar allow us to do that. The great reformer Martin Luther had it right when he insisted that there is no authentic Christian theology that is not a theology of the cross.

The gospel readings for the five Sundays in Lent this year are all familiar stories: The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11), Nicodemus coming to Jesus by night (John 3:1-17), the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5-42), Jesus healing a man blind from birth (9:1-41), and the resurrection of Lazarus (11:1-45). The sermons for these Sundays will consider



each of these passages for what they tell us about the Christian life lived in the shadow of the cross and the inbreaking light of resurrection.

That's the both/and that is reflected in the thinking of the apostle Paul, who wrote to the church in Corinth both "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2) and "if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

I hope you will join us for this "Great Both/And" of our Lenten journey 2023.

– Jeff Rogers, interim minister

Sympathy

... to Linda Swan in the death of her father.
... to Freddie Campbell in the death of his brother, John Robert Campbell.
... to the family of Jenny Counts.
... to the family of Bill Newton.
... to former member Dawn Hayes in the death of her mother.

Prayer Needs

Email heather@fbchighpoint.org or call Heather Absher at 336-883-0178 when you or someone in your immediate family is in the hospital and/or is in need of prayer. Please provide their address so we may mail the prayer sheet to them. Please get permission to publish their names on our prayer chain and email and Phonetree notifications. Also please let us know when it is time to remove their name from the list.



Congratulations

Jeanneen Adamcik has received a leadership award recognizing 20 years of dedicated service to youth and families through Scouts BSA.

Jeanneen is pictured with Lamar Cassell, district executive for the Akela District of the Old North State Council.

Pastoral Care Line 881-6480

Deadline for information for the MARCH Herald is FEBRUARY 20. Please email your information to Carol Brooks at cab1@northstate.net.

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Treasurer's Report

We are happy to report a third straight year of receipts exceeding spending. For the year, budget receipts were \$310,718 (versus a budget of \$343,270 which included increased cost to cover a full-time minister.) Budget spending for 2022 was \$268,216. This means we received \$41,962 more than we spent.

This year's results are remarkably similar to 2021 when we received \$308,143 and spent \$272,315 – an average of \$35,828.

Obviously, this is a good thing but maybe not for the reason you'd think the treasurer would be excited about. This says we're committed and not going away. It says we're not backing off but are ready to go into an historic year.

Onward to the new year,
Don Myers
Treasurer

A Simple Gesture



Please remember to pick up a Simple Gestures bag, fill it with non-perishable food items and return it to the Recreation Lobby. Hunger is real in the High Point area and your "simple gesture" can make a difference in many lives. Empty bags may be picked up in the RMC lobby. Full bags may be returned to the same location. Put the pickup dates on your calendar.

Pickup dates for the following **SUNDAYS** in 2023:

February 26, March 26, April 30, May 21, June 25, July 30, August 27, October 1, October 29, November 19, and December 17.

Pastor Search Committee

As the New Year rang in, your Pastor Search Team was busy at work continuing to evaluate candidates for our next pastor. We are making progress and beginning to conduct interviews. Our team is feeling very hopeful about the candidates we are interviewing and continue to ask for your prayers that God will clearly speak to us as we make decisions. This new year promises to be a very exciting time in the life of our church!



Blessing of the shawls and totes

Join us Feb. 12 for the blessing of the prayer shawls and totes made by members of First Baptist.

Committee chairs for 2023

Bereavement – Shirley Garis
Building/Grounds/Transportation – Carol Brooks
Fellowship – Shirley Garis
Greeting – Adele Myers
Missions – Abby Williams
Music – Betsy Hines

Nominating – Adele Myers
Parking Lot – Mike McGaha
Pastor Relations – Pam Burgess
Personnel – Joni Brooks and Abby Williams
Stewardship – Debbie Edwards
Trustees – Carl Hunnicutt

Winter Activities



Our creative TK students are learning about many winter animals that God created. Polar bears are always a favorite.



Our three-year-old students made snowy owls.



Bubbles, bubbles ... everywhere!



Our two-year-old class mailed a "real" letter to themselves. They are learning about community helpers.



**CHRIST'S
LITTLE ACORNS**

Greeters

February 5

Lib and Bud Blackwell

February 12

Janet Odum, Sarah Carter

February 19

Brian Garis

Jeanneen Adamcik

February 26

Don and Janet Hritz

Deacons on Call

February 5

Donna Willis

Teena Reddeck

February 12

Wayne Perdue

Linda Winslow

February 19

Don Hritz

Joy Key

February 26

Linda Causby

Rob Fincher

Don't forget the Blessing Box



We need to keep the box filled with things that will be a blessing to people in need, like canned food (cans with pop tops are especially helpful), band-aids, diapers, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, hand warmers and more. Grocery and personal items are the most needed.

Please consider donating to our Blessing Box any time of the year. This is the one thing we can all help with.

You can bring your contributions to the Church Recreation Ministries lobby, but it might be easier to keep up with filling the Blessing Box ourselves if possible. It is in front of the church.



Online Giving

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Sunday Worship Live Stream Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on



Midweek Prayer and Bible Study: The Virtual Edition Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.

via Zoom. We will share our cares and concerns and praises, pray together and then engage in a Bible study. Instructions, the phone number for calling in, and the link for Internet users will be distributed by email prior to each meeting.

On Second Wednesdays, bring your own food and gather in the dining room for fellowship on Second Wednesdays from 6-7 p.m. Zoom Bible Study and prayer time will take place as usual.

On the Fourth Wednesday evenings, we will gather at a restaurant to socialize. An email will be sent to announce the location.



Nancy McNeill	Feb. 2	Nancy Herndon	Feb. 14
Lauren Lawrence	Feb. 6	Vera Moss	Feb. 15
Gladys Black	Feb. 8	Sephora Counou	Feb. 18
Karen Perdue	Feb. 8	Carole Bright	Feb. 21
Michelle Chapman	Feb. 10	Elizabeth Folk	Feb. 22
Laurin Hunnicutt Kues	Feb. 12	Kenny Fincher	Feb. 23
Laura Folk	Feb. 13	Pam Myers	Feb. 25
Janet Flynn	Feb. 14	Abby Williams	Feb. 25