



THE HERALD

WORKING WITH GOD'S BLUEPRINTS

May 4 Called Church Conference following worship to vote on the lease extension.

The current lease ends in October. The Trustees have negotiated a lease extension with the City of High Point.

Summary of the minutes from the April 5 Church Conference

Joy Key, Music Committee chair, brought figures regarding the future of the organ. Removal/storage/renewal of the 1974 organ would cost \$59,000 to remove. Storage would be \$1,400-1,700/month or \$33,000-40,000 to store for 2 years. To install and rebuild, \$450,000-\$550,000. A new organ would cost around \$450,000, depending on type, size and space. Our options is to leave it or donate it. We also have an inventory of over 1,000 anthems. Our goal is to reduce it by half. These anthems are not appropriate for the current size of our choir or our current type of worship. There will be more discussion at a future meeting.

Alisha Hunnicutt, Site Committee chair, said they have looked at land, buildings and leases but have not found anywhere to move. Land is scarce and very expensive. Leases average \$10-28/sq. ft. for \$8,000/month. Storage buildings would cost more.



**The May 28 Church Picnic
at City Lake Park has been postponed
due to scheduling problems.
Watch for the new date.**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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

March 23, 2025

Weekly Budget Need \$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings \$1,066.00
Total Budget Receipts \$1,066.00
Budget Needs to Date \$85,982.31
Budget Receipts to Date \$32,120.673

March 30 2025

Weekly Budget Need \$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings \$4,686.30
Total Budget Receipts \$4,686.30
Budget Needs to Date \$93,147.50
Budget Receipts to Date \$35,806.93

April 6, 2025

Weekly Budget Need \$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings \$2,970.00
Total Budget Receipts \$2,970.00
Budget Needs to Date \$100,312.69
Budget Receipts to Date \$39,776.93

April 13, 2025

Weekly Budget Need \$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings \$1,960.00
Total Budget Receipts \$1,960.00
Budget Needs to Date \$107,477.88
Budget Receipts to Date \$41,736.93

April 20, 2025

Weekly Budget Need \$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings \$1,767.00
Total Budget Receipts \$1,767.00
Budget Needs to Date \$111,643.08
Budget Receipts to Date \$43,503.93

Online Giving

It is easy to support FBC with your monetary gifts online. Go to the church's website, www.fbchighpoint.org, and click on the word "GIVE" in the blue bar at the top of the homepage. 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.

Embrace Complexity ... and Community!

One phrase within leadership guru circles is the call to "embrace complexity." Why does one need to do this?

Because it helps us get beyond the surface and see how things connect.

Because it forces us to rethink what we do at a higher level.

Because it's how we learn and grow.

Because we need to consider the impact of our choices at multiple levels.

Because our organizations need to make decisions that benefit multiple stakeholders.

Because it ultimately makes problems and solutions more clear.

Because linear problem solving assumes that we know the outcome in advance.

Churches had to embrace complexity during the COVID-19 crisis because of the uncertainty and unknowns of what we faced as a community – a global novel viral pandemic. Those organizations and churches who were ready to embrace complexity, survived. FBC High Point has embraced complexity and weathered the last 5 years together – through COVID-19, changes in leadership and selling our building, just to name a few.

But FBCHP did more than that! We have also embraced community. Why is it necessary to embrace community?

Because it helps us see how connected we are to one another.

Because it forces us to rethink what gifts and roles we play.

Because community helps us to grow.

Because a community recognizes that individual choices impact the whole.

Because a community considers everyone as a valuable stakeholder.

Because when we work together as a team, problems and solutions come easier.

Because even when we don't know the outcome in advance, we have one another.



In a genuine community there is safety and confidence that even if we might not always agree on everything, our mission remains the same – to make faithful disciples of Jesus. That is the most important thing! Community is complex, but when we embrace community in Christ Jesus, not only do we know what the mission is, we envision and know the outcome in advance because it is God's work we advance, together! It makes our decision making a lot easier.

So if we are ready to embrace complexity and community the question becomes ... Does this decision help our community make disciples and be more faithful in our discipleship to Christ? May you see with eyes of faith, hear with open ears, and receive with open hearts all that God has for you!

Paul S. Olson

Senior Minister, FBC High Point

FBC communications can reach much further with your help!

You can amplify FBC news in a variety of ways. For those active on Facebook or other social media, share our worship services and other news to your own page. Encourage your friends to re-share.

Borrow from the Friday email update and share upcoming events with your Facebook friends.

Mark your calendar for upcoming events and invite your friends to join us.

Let former members, especially, know about the anniversary events leading up to our 200th birthday. Let's have a big party September 8, 2025!

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 notifications. Also please let us know when it is time to remove their name from the list.

Deadline for information for the JUNE Herald is MAY 22. Please email your information to Carol Brooks at cab1@northstate.net.

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Building, Grounds, and Transportation Committee News

The BG&T Committee has been doing some strategy and calendar planning relative to FBC's surplus equipment and furniture. We anticipate relocating many of the items in the church in such a manner as to separate the things we know we want and need to keep (including annual/seasonal items) from things we know we do not need to be kept. We do not intend to interfere in rooms which are actively being used (i.e. flower room, Sunday School classes, etc).

Our focus will continue to be on those rooms which have been, and are expected to remain, idle. Some items in these rooms may warrant donation or sale. It will come as no surprise that some items simply need to be disposed of in a responsible manner (i.e. old CRT TVs).

For those items we want to keep, at least for further consideration, they will be consolidated and tagged. The appropriate committee or decision makers will be consulted and given the opportunity to participate in deciding the items destiny.

BG&T understands that many of these decisions warrant careful consideration relative to the history of the item and the item's potential for future use. If you have responsibility for a particular room, or the items within, please let BG&T know by emailing Brooks (brooksg@mac.com). Specificity is helpful. Send room numbers or photos, if possible. We will tag these accordingly.

The Church Council is putting plans together for an "All Committee Cleanup" on May 17. Join us!

*Looking forward,
Brooks Godfrey*

200th Anniversary Information

Former ministers Dr. Al Cadenhead and Dr. Bill Slater have agreed to come back and preach on a Sunday for the anniversary. It will be good to see them again. No dates have been set yet.

Look for upcoming information about a **Bus Trip to Former Locations** that have influenced First Baptist.

Unfortunately, the May 28 covered dish picnic at High Point City Lake Park has been postponed. Since it was scheduled near the Memorial Day holiday, we realized many people will be out of town. We are working on another picnic date.

This year will be special as our original Jamestown location is less than a half-mile away from the Park, so we'll almost be home. We hope to have some foundation stones from that church.

To help plan, we would like to add at least two members to our committee, preferably someone 20-60 years old.

If you would like to help, please contact Carol Brooks or Brooks Godfrey.

The 200th Anniversary Committee
200thanniversary@fbchighpoint.org

Wednesday nights meals for May

May 7: Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Lima Beans and Dessert

May 14: Fried Chicken, Potato Wedges, Black Eyed Peas and Dessert

May 21: Cheeseburger Casserole, Sweet Potato Fries, Salad and Dessert

May 28: BBQ sandwich, Hush Puppies, Slaw, Baked Beans and Dessert.

Please sign up by Monday noon before the meal either by calling the church or emailing Heather Absher by 1 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is available at the RMC Lobby Desk or you may call the church to have your name added to the list.



Books books books

Stop by the Recreation Ministries Center lobby to find FREE books from our library, as well as non-Christian children's books.

Treasurer's report

	March 2025	Last Year-to-Date May 2024
Budget Receipts	\$14,691	\$22,648
Budget Spending	\$24,248	\$24,439
<Budget Deficit>	<49,557>	<\$1,791>
Lease/Non Budget	\$5,000	\$5,000
<Net Deficit>	(\$14,557)	(\$6,791)

March revenue was better than January and February but not by much. This year's spending is right on course with last year's. Giving is just not keeping up with spending. We had to dip into savings again this month and investments took a hit but they will come back. No reason to panic. Nothing else to do except hope giving gets better.

– Alisha Hunnicutt, Treasurer

Children's Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Children's Sunday School is located in Room 225, across from the flags and is open to any children in grades K-5.

Missions

The Blessing Box needs small food items, socks, hygiene supplies or similar items. Continue to support A Simple Gesture. Bags are due June 1.

Thank you for filling baby bottles for Family Service of the Piedmont to distribute to Family Service of High Point Foundation, Carpenter House Domestic Violence Shelter, The High Point Children's Advocacy Center and Healthy Start.

– Linda Winslow

A Simple Gesture



Please remember to pick up a Simple Gesture 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.

Dates for 2025 are

**June 1, June 22, July 27,
August 24, September 28, October 26,
November 23, and December 14**

Greeters

May 4

Don and Janet Hritz

May 11

Peggy Wilson

Carol Brooks

May 18

Maxine Perdue

May 25

Rick and Nanette Cornwell

Deacons on Call

May 4

Cynthia Eddinger

Shirley Garis

May 11

Linda Causby

Marty Key

May 18

Betsy Hines

Alisha Hunnicutt

May 25

Diania Baum

Brian Garis



Did you know ...

First Baptist High Point was once the home of a man who became one of America's most distinguished church musicians.

Dr. Austin C. Lovelace, Jr. (1936-37) was a conductor, organist, clinician and composer, creating over 1,000 compositions.

Known as the Dean of American Church Music, Lovelace directed church music programs and workshops all over the country and was internationally known. A 1993 interview with Lovelace revealed his background.

"I started as the organist and choir director-at the age of 15 at a Baptist church in Forest City, N.C. In high school I used to be a paid singer, \$2 a service. When I went to college I was planning to become a Southern Baptist minister, so I took Greek and majored in English and History and really had no music courses. **There I spent one year [1936] with the First Baptist Church in High Point as choir director (also as Educational Director in 1937)** and then I moved over to the First Methodist Church for my last two years in college."

While awaiting word from the Juilliard School about his audition as a vocalist, Lovelace wandered across the street to the Union Theological Seminary. Inside, he played a hymn, in a few different keys, on the organ. The school's director offered him a full scholarship on the spot. A church star was born.

He earned his Doctor of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary.

Not confined to sacred music, Lovelace also loved jazz and had jazz greats Dave Bruback and Duke Ellington and their bands join the choir at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church in Denver.

He was known for his sense of humor and wrote six books, including "Hymns that Jesus Would Not Have Liked." He also created a revision of the Methodist Hymnal in 1970, a project that took six years.

Dr. Lovelace died in 2010 at the age of 91. He served churches in High Point, (First Baptist, First Methodist), Charlotte (Myers Park), Greensboro (First Presbyterian) as well as other states. By his recollection, he was involved with 20 different denominations.

BIRTHDAYS in



Brenda Pressley	May 1	Donna Fincher	May 17
Hannah Garis	May 3	Barrett Baxendale	May 22
Linda Winslow	May 3	Martha Lancaster	May 22
Adam Jones	May 7	Trey Perdue	May 22
Barbara Culler	May 10	Lisa Powell	May 24
Shirley Smith	May 11	Elizabeth Blackwell	May 26
Linda Swan	May 14		

**Sunday Worship
Live Stream Every
Sunday**

at 11:00 a.m. on



**The Lobby Desk hours are
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
from
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Pastoral Care Line
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