

FBC  
*High Point*

THE HERALD

WORKING WITH GOD'S BLUEPRINTS

# *Holiday* LUNCHEON Dec. 3 at Noon

Come join your First Baptist family and prospective members as we gather for a catered holiday luncheon featuring ham, turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, sauteed vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls, red velvet cake.

Sign-up sheets are at the Rec Center desk.

The event is free.



*Christmas Cantata*  
*"Season of Wonders"*

*Dec. 10*

*during morning worship*



*Christmas Eve*  
*Service*

*Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.*

**Christmas Eve: Morning Worship Only at 11 a.m.**

**There will be no Sunday School.**

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

336-883-0178

[www.fbchighpoint.org](http://www.fbchighpoint.org) – [www.facebook.com/firstbaptisthighpoint](https://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

### October 22, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	\$6,464.00
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,026.10
Total Budget Receipts	\$3,026.10
Budget Needs to Date	\$277,952.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$176,513.57

### October 29, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	\$6,464.00
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,638.62
Total Budget Receipts	\$5,638.62
Budget Needs to Date	\$284,416.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$182,152.19

### November 5, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	\$6,464.00
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,889.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$1,889.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$290,880.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$184,041.19

### November 12, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	\$6,464.00
Tithes & Offerings	\$2,919.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$2,919.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$297,344.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$186,960.19

### November 19, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	\$6,464.00
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,966.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$3,966.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$303,808.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$190,926.19

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

## Gathering together



The Advent wreath is a circle, with no beginning and no end, as there is no beginning or end to God. The evergreen branches of the wreath are a sign of ever-new life: new life present and new life to come in Jesus Christ. The four candles on the wreath represent the light of the world in Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. The candle at the center that we will light on Christmas Eve is the Christ Candle, the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

This year's Advent-wreath readings focus on enduring promises of God in Scripture. Week 1: "a future with hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). Week 2: "My covenant of peace shall not

be removed" (Isaiah 54:10). Week 3: "They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (Isaiah 35:10). Week 4: "God's steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:1, among many other places). Christmas Eve: "The Lord will be your everlasting light" (Isaiah 60:19-20).

People of biblical faith continue to proclaim these enduring promises of God of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and Light,

and especially so in times of international, national, and personal crisis, hardship, war, or terror. We join their number in this season of Advent in which we prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ in his birth, in our hearts, and at the end of time. "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20)

– Jeff Rogers, interim minister

## Scripture readings for December worship planning

Dec. 3: (Advent I) Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Dec. 10: (Advent II) Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13;  
2 Peter 3:8-15a

Dec. 17: (Advent III) Psalm 126;  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Dec. 24: (Advent IV) Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26;  
Luke 1:26-38

## Sympathy

... to Janice Grady on the death of her brother, Verlin Strickland.

## Prayer Needs

Email [heather@fbchighpoint.org](mailto: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.

## Staff

**Dr. Jeff Rogers**  
Interim Minister  
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**Pastoral Care Line**  
881-6480

## 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.

Remaining pickup date for 2023 is **SUNDAY December 17.**

## Pastoral Care Line 881-6480

**Deadline for information for the JANUARY Herald is DECEMBER 20.**  
**Please email your information to Carol Brooks at [cab1@northstate.net](mailto:cab1@northstate.net).**





## Advent begins Dec. 3

### Pastor Search Team

Since early September, your Pastor Search Team has been diligently reviewing resumes and cover letters. We have also sent follow up questions to a few candidates that we wanted to learn more about. We will continue to conduct interviews in December. Continue praying for both the team and the candidates that God will clearly speak to make His will known. We appreciate the patience and support you have shown as we seek the leader God has already chosen for us.

–Teena Reddeck, chair

### For your Christmas card list

**Dr. Jeff Rogers,**  
110 Creekside Road, Greer, SC 29650

**Stan Grady,**  
518 Haworth Circle, High Point, 27262

**Heather Absher,** 3131 Central Ave., Apt B  
Charlotte, NC 28205

**Rob Fincher,**  
801 Shamrock Rd., High Point 27265

**Bruce Hartgrove,**  
206 W. Parkway Ave., High Point, 27262

**Dec. 10 is the  
deadline to order  
poinsettias in  
memory or in  
honor of someone.**



### Financial Report Through October 2023

	Oct-2023	YTD	LY Oct-2022
Budget Receipts	\$15,179	\$182,153	\$240,109
Budget Spending	\$25,899	\$230,473	\$225,506
< Budget Deficit >	<\$ 10,720>	<\$48,320>	\$14,603
City Lease	\$5,000	\$11,333	
< Net Deficit >	<\$15,720>	<\$59,653>	

In total we have spent \$60,000 more than received through 10 months. In the general budget we're behind by \$48,000 and additionally \$11,000 due to our lease to the City that started on Sept 22. It leaves us with the choice to curtail spending or to burn through savings and interest.

As you read this summary we're coming into December. If you find you are behind on gifts and are able to do some catch up this would be a wonderful time to do it.

**Join us Wednesday nights!**

**Delicious meals. Great Bible study.  
Fellowship. 6 p.m.**

### *Feasting on the Psalms*

Between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, you are invited to "feast on the riches" from the Book of Psalms on Wednesday evenings. Beginning November 29 and ending December 20, you are invited to enjoy good food, fellowship, sharing of prayer concerns and a study of Psalms led by Bruce Hartgrove. Meal reservations are necessary. Plan to join us, we may even sing a psalm or two from the book of songs!

Reservations must be made by phone to the church before the 12 noon deadline on the Monday before the Wednesday meal. All cancellations must also be made by 12 noon on Monday.

If you were unable to make a dinner reservation, you can still come to Bible Study and there may be meals available for purchase.

### Tell Us About Your Time at FBC

If you grew up in the church or have been a long-time member, tell us something about it. If you're new to First Baptist, what drew you to the church? Maybe your family has been in the church for many years. Email [cab1@northstate.net](mailto:cab1@northstate.net) with your stories and we will publish them in *The Herald*.

Remember, our 200th anniversary is coming up in 2025 and we will be moving to a new location in several years. After 164 years at 405 N. Main St. (as of now), we have to be full of memories.

## **Greeters**

**December 3**

Pam Myers, Betsy Hines

**December 10**

Barbara and TL Smith

**December 17**

Terry and Cynthia Eddinger

**December 24**

Don and Adele Myers

**December 31**

Libby and Mike McGaha



## **Deacons on Call**

**December 3**

Wayne Perdue

Linda Winslow

**December 10**

Donna Willis

Joy Key

**December 17**

Linda Causby

Rob Fincher

**December 24**

Janet Odum

Mike McGaha

**December 31**

Jeanneen Adamcik

Alisha Hunnicutt

## **Missions Committee**

In conjunction with other groups in High Point, First Baptist hopes to adopt three families for Christmas. More information will be coming.

We are still collecting blankets (new or gently used) for Cover the City.

Please bring your donations and place them in the bin in the Recreation Ministries Center.

**Matthew 25:40** *“The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”*



## **Online Giving**

It is easy to support FBC with your monetary gifts online. Go to the church’s website, [www.fbchighpoint.org](http://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.



Braiden Spires	Dec. 1	Chelsea Reddeck	Dec. 19
John Adamcik	Dec. 3	Kyle Wooden	Dec. 19
Linda Causby	Dec. 3	Sharon Chastain	Dec. 20
Jefferson Burgess	Dec. 6	Gayle Blackwell	Dec. 22
Joy Key	Dec. 14	David Farrington	Dec. 26
Kathleen Culbreth	Dec. 18	Carole Meredith	Dec. 28

**Sunday Worship  
Live Stream Every  
Sunday**

**at 11:00 a.m. on**



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