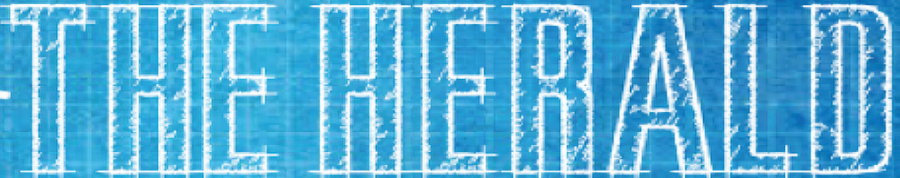



 FBC
High Point


 THE HERALD

WORKING WITH GOD'S BLUEPRINTS


 ASH
WEDNESDAY
SERVICE**March 5****7 p.m.****in the sanctuary***(There will be no meal served that evening.)*

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of repentance and reflection on human mortality. It involves the imposition of ashes on the forehead, symbolizing sorrow for sins and the need for reconciliation with God. The ashes are typically made from burning the palm fronds used on Palm Sunday the previous year.

January Church Conference Wrap-up

- As there was no surplus of budgeted funds, the Stewardship Committee did not have anything to allot to missions.
- The non-Deacon member elected to serve on the Pastoral Relations Committee was Kay Rhodenhiser.
- Don Myers gave the treasurer's report. We cut costs in 2024 and expenses were \$269,000, \$4,000 less than the previous year. However, giving was \$230,000, making us \$39,000 in the red. Compared to 2023, our expenses and giving were just about the same but we usually receive 20 percent of our donations in December but we received \$75,000 in 2023 and only \$43,000 in 2024.

We then broke up into committees to elect chairs and talk about 2025.

Committee chairs for 2025

Bereavement – Betsy Hines
 Building/Grounds/Transportation
 – Brooks Godfrey
 Fellowship – Shirley Garis
 Missions – Linda Winslow
 Music – Joy Key
 Nominating – Brian Garis
 Pastor Relations – Teena Reddeck
 Personnel – Patricia Clinard
 Stewardship – Debbie Edwards
 Trustees – Carl Hunnicutt


 Celebrating
FBC
 200th
 anniversary

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

January 26, 2024

Weekly Budget Need	\$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings	\$5,217.58
Total Budget Receipts	\$5,217.58
Budget Needs to Date	\$28,660.77
Budget Receipts to Date	\$12,441.58

February 2, 2025

Weekly Budget Need	\$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings	\$2,038.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$2,038.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$35,825.96
Budget Receipts to Date	\$14,479.58

February 9, 2025

Weekly Budget Need	\$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,076.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$1,076.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$42,991.15
Budget Receipts to Date	\$15,555.58

February 16, 2025

Weekly Budget Need	\$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,420.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$1,420.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$50,156.35
Budget Receipts to Date	\$16,975.58



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](https://www.tithe.ly). There are also instructions for setting up an automatic bank draft.

What is vision and where does it come from?

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Andy Stanley is a pastor from Georgia and in his book "Visioneering" explains where vision comes from: "Vision is born in the soul of a man or woman who is consumed with the tension between what is and what could be... vision demands change and implies movement... and requires someone to champion the cause." Is anyone frustrated, longing for change, even angry about the way things are? This tension is the place from whence vision has the potential to arise. This can be summed up well by the prayer of Dr. Bob Pierce who was a medical missionary in the 1970s. Pierce worked to help those fleeing communist rule in Vietnam in the 1970s. After visiting suffering children on an island in Korea he wrote this well known prayer: "Let my heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God". Amen!

On the other side of this brokenness however, is the reality that a vision has to mature in us before we see what "could and should be" actually materialize. Moses tried to "free" the people of Israel by killing the Egyptian soldier. It was 40 more years before he returned to Israel to lead the people back to the Sinai mountain where God first spoke to Moses. The vision had to mature in him and he had to mature himself. Stanley continues, "Vision might not require immediate action. But a vision that is divinely ordered requires waiting on God's timing. God is working behind the scenes to prepare the way. God's vision is much bigger than you and apart from his intervention and preparation you and I are incapable of pulling off even our small part of the operation."

Finally, vision ultimately takes place in people and the everyday lives of people. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18) The Hebrew word for "perish" (para) means to make someone go out of control, to run wild, to "cast off restraint". God's instruction provides us a blueprint for the revealing of vision. The hymn "Be Thou My Vision" speaks to the scriptural reality that Jesus came to open the sights of the blind. Asking God to be our vision means that Jesus himself is our 'best thought' our 'light' our 'true Word' our 'treasure' our 'now and always'.

Vision comes from a place of tension, requires action and maturity, and is guided by the truth of the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. Its 2025 and

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

First Baptist Church of High Point is in its 200th year of ministry but our resolve to pursue God's vision remains as strong as ever. Be thou our vision, oh LORD!

Amen.

Sympathy

... to Rick Smoot in Gayle's passing.

... to Dr. Jeff Rogers in the death of his mother, Lois McCarthy.

Prayers of Joy for Your Love

It has been two months since the day my love, partner and friend, Wayne, joined our loving God. It has been and continues to be a difficult time for me. While I love the Lord and look forward to being with him, I feel lost without Wayne; my heart hurts daily as I miss his words, laughter, prayers and love. Each of you has shown love and kindness. Your gifts have shown me how much you care. I appreciate your praying for me and the family, the flowers, money, cards, meals and hugs. Lunch with some of you lifted my spirit and filled me with moments of joy. Wayne and I both appreciate those of you who have honored him by recognizing him through gifts to Hospice. The love and care shown to us by Hospice personnel was uplifting and inspirational as we traveled the pathway of death. Your help through the valley of depression followed by illness has helped me immensely. I give thanks and pray for each of you and for the joy your love has given to me. Wayne is smiling as he watches from Heaven.

LOVE & JOY, Maxine Perdue

Congratulations

... to Asher Olson for securing a spot on the Olympic Development Program US Youth Soccer National Select Team. Asher will be traveling to Italy with the team in April. Way to go Asher!

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

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Mission Opportunities

The Missions Committee requests your participation during Lent in the "Changing-Lives" campaign to benefit High Point families. We will collect loose change and dollar bills, checks, etc. in baby bottles. Please pick up a baby bottle in the Recreation Lobby and return it full by Easter Sunday.

Proceeds support Family Service of High Point Foundation, Carpenter House Domestic Violence Shelter, High Point Children's Advocacy Center, and Healthy Start.

– Linda Winslow

THANK YOU FIRST BAPTIST FOR



Building, Grounds, and Transportation Committee is on "The Move"

The Building, Grounds, and Transportation Committee's plan for inventory reduction is taking shape. The first objective is to move items from idle rooms on the 3rd floor to vacant rooms on the 1st floor. Signs will be posted in the rooms being vacated, indicating the room to which those contents have been moved. If you are responsible for a 3rd floor room, or the contents of one, you are encouraged to make that known by email to brooksg@mac.com. Accumulated contents will be considered for disposal (pursuant to the constitution "Duties of BG&T"), sale, donation, or storage for future use.

– Brooks Godfrey

Treasurer's report

Financial Report through November 2024

	YTD 2025	Last Year to Date January 2024
Budget Receipts	\$12,442	\$13,054
Budget Spending	\$39,626	\$29,512
< Budget Deficits >	(\$27,184)	(\$16,458)
Lease & Non-Budget	\$11,239	\$5,000
< Net Deficit >	(\$38,423)	(\$21,458)

Januaries are always bad – usually bad for receipts – not always so bad on the spending side of things. As you can see, receipts were low but not much lower than last January. Spending took several hits – all legitimate but coming at the same time it really shows up. That's why a more consistent level of giving every month makes it easier to work through the months when spending is up. We took a steep dip into savings this month. At this point all the additional spending from December and January are behind us. We move on.

– Alisha Hunnicutt, Treasurer

Drop them a note

If you would like to send a card or encouraging note to the Olson family (Heather, Asher, Qolbe, John, Ava) while they remain in Minnesota, their address is 15760 103rd St SE, Becker, MN 55308.

Congratulations to the winners of our Feb. 9 Chili Cookoff



Brian Garis (1st), John Hunnicutt (2nd) and Kay Rhodenhiser (3rd) (Michael Rhodensider is pictured.)

200th Anniversary Committee

The 200th Anniversary Committee has been discussing some exciting ideas for the 200th Anniversary of our church in 2025. Specific details and events are still being decided.

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

Paul Olson's schedule

Paul S. Olson is our new Senior Minister. His main areas of responsibility include preaching/teaching, worship planning, care of members, equipping leaders, vision and mission.

He is typically working Sunday-Thursday. If you would like to meet via phone, in person or online please choose an open slot on his Google calendar at this link, <https://tinyurl.com/2k2a7ujt>.

If there is a ministry need, call the Pastoral Care Line 336-881-6480.

Our front desk is available to take calls at the church on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-1 p.m. at 336-883-0178.

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

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

Wednesday nights meals for March

March 5 - NO MEAL (Ash Wednesday Service)
March 12 - BBQ, Cowboy Beans, Slaw and Dessert
March 19 - Chicken and Dumplings, Rolls, Broccoli and Cheese Casserole and Dessert
March 26 - Shepherd's Pie, Salad 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.

Greeters

March 2

Peggy Wilson
Carol Brooks

March 9

Maxine Perdue
?

March 16

Rick & Nanette Cornwell

March 23

Pam Myers
Betsy Hines

March 30

Barbara & TL Smith

Deacons on Call

March 2

Linda Causby
Marty Key

March 9

Betsy Hines
Alisha Hunnicutt

March 16

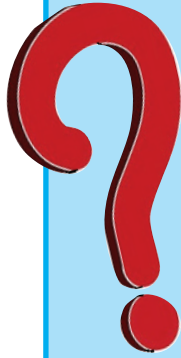
Diania Baum
Brian Garis

March 23

Jeanneen Adamcik
Linda Winslow

March 30

Cynthia Eddinger
Shirley Garis



Did you know ...

Our first lot in High Point, which is part of the present lot, cost \$225. We received quite a bit more when we sold the property to the City of High Point in 2023.

The first little wooden church building was replaced by a brick building in 1906. The wooden building was later moved to Westwood Avenue to be used as a residence for nurses of the Junior Order Hospital.

Dr. J.T. Burrus, a church member, organized the Burrus Clinic which has come down to be Atrium Wake Forest Baptist. Our original wooden church building was part of the Clinic at one time. Dr. Burrus was twice a North Carolina State Senator.

When the first kitchen was built in 1922-23, 600 Octagon soap wrappers were collected and used to order spoons and forks.

The baptistry in the first brick church could be covered and used as a stage!

The Ladies Aid Society once bought a new pipe organ for \$1,750. The current organ cost \$90,000.

The church sanctuary before our current one had stained glass windows! A photo is hanging in the Heritage Room.

Can you help?

Did you know that the Anniversary Committee has a church email address? We encourage you to share 200thanniversary@fbchighpoint.org with former church members and staff. Invite them to share some of their favorite memories of First Baptist Church. We want to collect the myriad stories people have.

Church members old and new are also encouraged to share ideas, to this email address, for ways our church should mark this milestone anniversary. We have some great ideas already, sure, but don't let that deter you from sharing. We would rather hear an idea multiple times than to never hear it at all!

Looking forward!

The Anniversary Committee



Chip Harris	March 6	Lily Murrow	March 18
Otis Blackwell	March 7	Molly Murrow	March 19
Krystal Wolfe	March 8	Susan Stanley	March 21
Betsy Hines	March 9	Craig Chastain	March 26
Donna Kaiser	March 10	Patricia Clinard	March 26
Harrison C. Kelley	March 12	Jan Overman	March 26
Cali Harris	March 14	Christopher Reddeck	March 27
Terri Newton	March 14	Shirley Garis	March 29

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.

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