

FBC
High Point

THE HERALD
WORKING WITH GOD'S BLUEPRINTS



Do you miss Vacation Bible School? Well, you are in luck. The Children's Committee is in the very early stages of planning VBS and we need your help. We would like to fill 5 stations: Registration, Bible Study, Recreation, Music and Snacks. The tentative date for right now is July 19-21. If you would like to be a part of this exciting time in our newly revised Children's Ministry please let Alisha Hunnicutt (336-688-3350) or Teena Reddeck (336-689-4502) know where we can put you. Also, please keep a lookout in future Heralds for more updates.

Thank you,
Alisha Hunnicutt
Chair of Children's Committee

**Called Church Conference
May 5 following worship
to consider a motion from the Trustees
to adopt articles of incorporation.**

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

March 31, 2024

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,786.37
Total Budget Receipts	\$6,398.69
Budget Needs to Date	\$6,398.69
Budget Receipts to Date	\$88,222.81
	\$48,839.04

April 7, 2024

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,786.37
Total Budget Receipts	\$1,322.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,322.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$95,009.18
	\$50,161.04

April 14, 2024

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,786.37
Total Budget Receipts	\$7,507.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$7,507.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$101,795.55
	\$57,668.04



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.

Gathering together



If you have had young children or grandchildren since the late 1980's, you have probably seen the meticulously illustrated crowd scenes in one or more of Martin Handford's delightful books, among them "Where's Waldo?" and "Where's Waldo Now?" The bespectacled Waldo is somewhere in each crowd dressed in his signature red-and-white striped shirt and knit cap. You would think that finding Waldo would be easy. It's not.

I was reminded of Waldo recently when a member of a Pastor Search Committee in another congregation called me to say they thought they had found their next pastor, only for the candidate to withdraw from consideration at the eleventh hour. That committee is now "starting over again," a process with which our Search Team is familiar.

So, why is new-pastor Waldo so hard to find? In a series of columns, I will identify issues I see in "Supply" and "Demand(s)." This month is "Supply Side: Seminaries." For 20 years now, enrollment has been declining in Master of Divinity programs, the foundational professional degree for pastors. That's a double-whammy for search committees. First, there are fewer new pastors produced each year, and, second, the candidate pool of pastors with 5, 10, and 15 years of experience also declines every year.

The challenge is even greater for moderate Baptist congregations. Thirty-six years ago, Randall Lolley, President of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest and a guest preacher for FBC's 200th Anniversary celebration, resigned under pressure to abandon SEBTS's his-

toric Baptist commitments to freedom in the interpretation of Scripture and the authority of local congregations to ordain persons as deacons and pastors regardless of gender, among other factors. By the mid-1990s, Southern Baptist seminaries were no longer attracting, training, and graduating potential candidates for moderate Baptist church pastorates. Even now, the "new" divinity schools at Campbell, Gardner-Webb, and Wake Forest don't enroll as many M.Div. students combined as SEBTS alone did in the 1980s. Four decades in, the river of candidates on the seminary supply side has become a rivulet.

Next month: "Supply Side: Churches"
– Jeff Rogers, interim minister

Scripture readings for May worship planning

May 5

Psalm 98; John 15:9-17

May 12

Psalm 1 and 1 John 5:9-13
John Adamcik preaching

May 19

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21

May 30

Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17

Pastor Relations Committee

The Pastor Relations Committee will be meeting with the interim pastor in May to discuss performance for the first quarter of 2024. The committee welcomes any comments that you would like for us to share with the pastor. These comments can be words of encouragement, comments about things going well, or any concerns you may have.

Please submit your comments to one of the Pastor Relations Committee members (Terry Eddinger, Alisha Hunnicutt, Joy Key, Patricia Clinard, Debbie Edwards, Pam Burgess, Teena Reddeck) either verbally or in writing by email or note by May 15.

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

Sunday School Breakfast

Join us on May 12 for breakfast before Sunday School. Classes are bringing pastries, casseroles and more but everyone is invited to join in.

Sympathy

... to former FBC minister Gil Gulick in the death of his wife Gay, former children's minister at FBC from 2007-2012. Gill was minister 2010-12. Gil's address is 2510 Cherokee Ave. #31A, Columbus, GA 31906.

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**2024 CBF General Assembly
June 19-21**

**Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons
and Koury Convention Center**

This summer at General Assembly, we will re:imagine as we live out our faith through our unique Baptist identity and are ever being transformed through the Holy Spirit. Together, we'll consider transformation through imagination – our own and that of the Holy Spirit moving through us as a community. With the idea of re:, we're exploring the idea of “regarding imagination” as well as the transforming quality of re-imagining – revising, reinvigorating, reenergizing, and renewing.

For more information, visit <https://cbf.net/assembly>.

If you are interested in attending as a delegate from First Baptist, call the church office to sign up.

From the Pastor Search Team

As John Adamcik reported in April at our Church Conference, the Pastor Search Team continues in its work to find our next minister. The team has recently reviewed materials received from two candidates. As a result, we have held an initial interview with one of those two candidates. We are still reviewing the other candidate's submissions and will make a determination soon regarding whether we wish to proceed in our conversation with this person. Please continue to pray for God's wisdom and guidance to help us make the right decisions. We ask that you pray for the candidates as well, that they will sense where God is calling them to be.

Teena Reddeck, chair

Financial Report through March 2024

	2024 YTD	2023 YTD
Budget Receipts	\$48,839	\$47,479
Budget Spending	\$74,670	\$72,495
< Budget Deficit >	<25,832>	<\$25,016>
City Lease	\$15,000	\$0
< Net Deficit >	<\$40,831>	<\$25,016>

While it looks to be very much the same year-over-year there are a few differences worth pointing out.

Receipts in March included \$5,360 paid earlier than last year from HPCA for using the gym. We really only received \$43,479 in contributions.

Spending is remarkably close but utilities are down \$5,000 and property maintenance is up \$9,000 from last year.

The net \$41,000 deficit corresponds to the decrease in our checking account balance since year end.

April 21 Church Conference summary

At the April 21 Church Conference, committees were asked to update the congregation about what is going on with their groups. Some reports follow.

Building/Grounds/Transportation: Brooks Godfrey said the committee is working on a plan to get rid of surplus equipment and explore transportation needs.

Communications: Adele Myers said they are working on getting the phone tree and electric sign working again and are doing more advertising outside the church.

Missions: B.J. Clary reported on the activities in recent months. They partner with other organizations who have shared their missions and purpose during Wednesday Night Bible study. Ideas are being considered for scholarships and becoming an Encourager Church to support sharing the gospel through world missions and missionaries.

200th Anniversary: Co-chair Carol Brooks reported that no firm dates have been established but they are working on events for the celebration. Suggestions include field trips to former church locations, updating the written history, an event giving their sign to the Vietnamese, a “Did You Know?” column in the Herald, and more. We will not only celebrate 200 years as a church but a new beginning in a new location.

Site Committee: Donna Fincher reported they had checked available sites but have not found anywhere yet but there are several vacant lots under consideration that look promising. They visited Mt. Pleasant Church with its growing congregation. They have visited two other Baptist churches with the idea of merging but decided against that. They looked at a new-build and the plans for it. With demographics acquired from the City, they are considering options.

Design Committee: Carl Hunnicutt read a statement from David Williams. They have been compiling information from several sources, including the Sunday afternoon listening sessions held at church last year. These gave insight into the congregation's thoughts on what our new campus could be. They also met with Church Interiors of High Point, a church renovation company; WKWW, a church architectural firm in Charlotte; and Landmark Builders in Winston-Salem. They plan to make more site visits.

NEW TIME!

**Join us
Wednesday nights !**

**Delicious meals. Great Bible study. Fellowship.
Serving line opens 5:30 p.m.**

Terry Eddinger will continue leading the Bible study.
Basil's Cafe & Catering is our new caterer. Many of you have eaten at their East Lexington Avenue restaurant in High Point.
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.

NOTE:
**Wednesday evening meals will be suspended
after May 22 until September 4
for a summer break.**

NEW CATERER!

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

Children's Sunday School began again March 3! Located in Room 225, across from the flags, the new Children's Sunday School is open to all school-aged children in grades K-5.
Volunteers are needed. Contact Alisha Hunnicutt or Wayne Perdue if you would be available to help. Thank you!

Greeters

May 5

Rick & Nanette Cornwell

May 12

Pam Myers

Betsy Hines

May 19

Barbara & TL Smith

May 26

Terry & Cynthia Eddinger

Deacons on Call

May 5

Jeanneen Adamcik

Alisha Hunnicutt

May 12

Diania Baum

Donna Willis

May 19

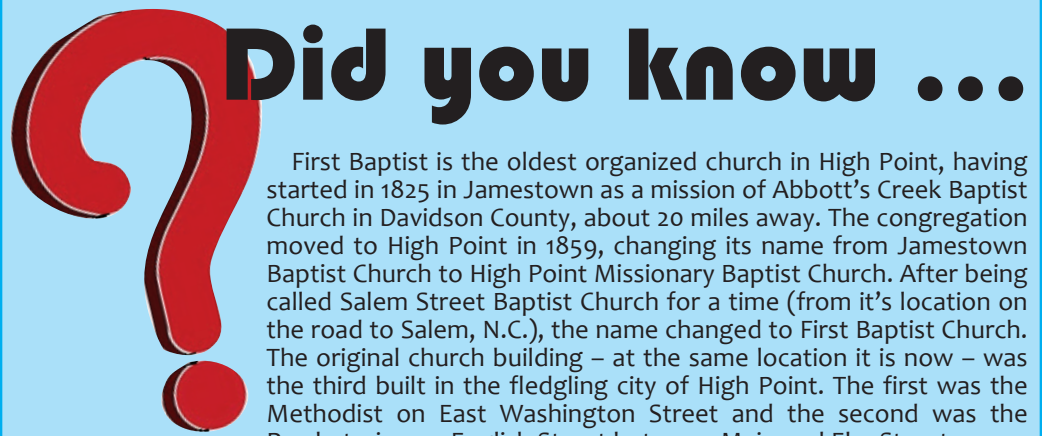
Wayne Perdue

Linda Winslow

May 26

Cynthia Eddinger

Shirley Garis



Did you know ...

First Baptist is the oldest organized church in High Point, having started in 1825 in Jamestown as a mission of Abbott's Creek Baptist Church in Davidson County, about 20 miles away. The congregation moved to High Point in 1859, changing its name from Jamestown Baptist Church to High Point Missionary Baptist Church. After being called Salem Street Baptist Church for a time (from its location on the road to Salem, N.C.), the name changed to First Baptist Church. The original church building – at the same location it is now – was the third built in the fledgling city of High Point. The first was the Methodist on East Washington Street and the second was the Presbyterian on English Street between Main and Elm Streets.

200th Anniversary Committee

The Anniversary Committee has been discussing some exciting ideas for the 200th Anniversary of our church. Specific details are still being decided. After all, the anniversary isn't until 2025.

If you have ideas you would like to share for how FBC-HP should celebrate its 200th anniversary, email your ideas to 200thanniversary@fbchighpoint.org.

To get your creative juices flowing, here are some ideas that have been mentioned:

- Inviting former ministers and staff to visit and participate in worship
- A "field trip" to the former locations of the church from the beginning
- Fellowship events ranging from potluck covered dish to a banquet
- "Time Travel" events in which former members share memories of time at FBC-HP

We want to invite back all former members and staff, so if you know how to get in touch with these people or family, let us know at the email address above.

It is not lost on the Anniversary Committee that the celebration of our 200th anniversary (looking back) and the move to some new location (looking forward) could be happening in the same year. We are so excited about our past, present and future!

Looking forward (and back),
The Anniversary Committee
200thanniversary@fbchighpoint.org.

BIRTHDAYS in



Brenda Pressley	May 1	Gerson Counou	May 15
Hannah Garis	May 3	Donna Fincher	May 17
Linda Winslow	May 3	Barrett Baxendale	May 22
Jo Ellen Godfrey	May 4	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 now
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
from
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**