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CONGREGATIONAL

HYMN SING

SERVICE NOV. 17

***What is your favorite hymn(s)? Just fill out the form that will be available Oct. 6 and let us know. The deadline to submit your hymn is Nov. 10.***

***The Hymn Sing Service is part of the 200th Anniversary celebration.***



**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

### August 25, 2024

Weekly Budget Need \$6,786.37  
Tithes & Offerings \$7,054.00  
Total Budget Receipts \$7,054.00  
Budget Needs to Date \$230,736.58  
Budget Receipts to Date \$136,758.20

### September 1, 2024

Weekly Budget Need \$6,786.37  
Tithes & Offerings \$2,144.00  
Total Budget Receipts \$2,144.00  
Budget Needs to Date \$237,522.95  
Budget Receipts to Date \$138,902.20

### September 8, 2024

Weekly Budget Need \$6,786.37  
Tithes & Offerings \$1,454.00  
Total Budget Receipts \$1,454.00  
Budget Needs to Date \$244,309.32  
Budget Receipts to Date \$140,356.20

### September 15 2024

Weekly Budget Need \$6,786.37  
Tithes & Offerings \$6,314.00  
Total Budget Receipts \$6,314.00  
Budget Needs to Date \$251,095.69  
Budget Receipts to Date \$146,670.20

### September 22 2024

Weekly Budget Need \$6,786.37  
Tithes & Offerings \$3,533.00  
Total Budget Receipts \$3,533.00  
Budget Needs to Date \$257,882.06  
Budget Receipts to Date \$150,203.20



## 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](http://Tithe.ly). There are also instructions for setting up an automatic bank draft.

## Gathering together



At our quarterly Church Conference on Sunday, October 13, the congregation will receive a recommendation from the Church Council that current committee assignments remain unchanged for 2025, with exceptions made for filling vacancies and for persons who feel they cannot continue their service in the new year.

The FBC Bylaws stipulate committee tenures that range from 2 to 5 years with annual turnover that ranges from a low of 20 percent (Trustees) to a high of 50 percent (Nominating). The point of the stipulated length of tenure and rotation of members is to ensure that no one person or small group of persons can monopolize the direction and oversight of the church's ministries, missions, and essential operations. That's extremely important. However, heading into next year, we face a different set of challenges.

First, we currently have seven "over-and-above" committees that together constitute more than three dozen slots being filled by people who are already serving on other committees and/or would be asked to serve on another committee next year: Pastor Search Team, Site Committee, Design Committee, Investment Committee, 200th Anniversary Committee, Vision Team, and Worship Planning Team. Asking people to consider

## Thank you

Wayne Perdue would like to send out a warm thank you for all of the prayers, food, cards and love received from his church family following his injury. It was very much appreciated during this recovery time. He continues to improve with each day.

## Sympathy

... to Dr. Michael Blackwell on the death of his wife Kathy.

**Deadline for information for the NOVEMBER Herald is OCTOBER 22. Please email your information to Carol Brooks at [cab1@northstate.net](mailto:cab1@northstate.net).**

doing something else when they are already doing so much risks exhausting them and their willingness to serve. Asking people to continue their current commitments is a more reasonable request.

Second, an unusual number of our committees are in early stages of developing or implementing important new initiatives or processes that are far more likely to go well with continuity rather than with turnover in committee membership and leadership. While this might be true in any given year about any given committee, it is unusually the case for an unusual number heading into next year. At a time when so much else in our congregational life is in transition (and potentially more so in 2025), the Church Council is recommending that we "stay the course" on our current committee service for one more year.

I hope you will give their recommendation the serious consideration that it deserves.

– Jeff Rogers, interim minister

## Scripture readings for October worship planning

### Oct. 6 World Communion Sunday

Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

### Oct. 13

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Mark 10:17-31

### Oct. 20

Psalm 91:9-16; Mark 10:35-45

### Oct. 27

Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28  
John Adamcik preaching

## 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

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## Pastor Relations

The Pastor Relations Committee met with Dr. Rogers on September 12 for our Quarter 2 meeting. We reviewed progress in the areas of Worship and Spiritual Leadership, Congregational and Staff Relationships, Church Vision and Growth, Professional and Personal Growth, Service, and Administrative and Professional Skills. We discussed strengths, weaknesses (if any), challenges (if any) and developed action steps to support and guide Dr. Rogers' continuing work.

We would like to thank Dr. Rogers for his hard work and continued dedication to FBC. We are truly blessed to have such a strong, wise, collaborative pastor!

## Church Conference Oct. 13

The quarterly Church Conference will be held after worship and a **covered dish lunch** on Oct. 13.

The Deacon Nominating Committee will be presenting Betsy Hines and five others to be determined for 2025-2026.

Other items to be presented per the Bylaws include Nominating Committee shall present a nominee for Trustee who shall take office Jan. 1. Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer shall be elected. The Stewardship Committee shall present budget for next fiscal year. The Church Council shall present four names to the church for the Nominating Committee, with service to begin January 1.

## Pastor Search Team

In the last three weeks, The Pastor Search Team has completed interviews with three potential candidates. Of the three presented to us, we have identified one candidate that we wish to continue talking to.

We are asking that you bathe this team and candidate in prayer as we seek to discern God's calling.

We are hoping to be able to provide you with another update on our progress at the October 13 Church Conference. We feel God's presence with us and know that He will do as promised in Philippians 1:6: "... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

## Treasurer's report

Financial Report through August 2024

	YTD 2024	Last Year to Date August 2023
Budget Receipts	\$137,562	\$155,340
Budget Spending	\$179,702	\$186,159
< Budget Deficits >	(\$42,140)	(\$30,819)
Lease & Non-Budget	\$53,010	\$0
< Net Deficit >	(\$95,150)	(\$30,819)

- Don Myers, Treasurer



## Missions:

### Look at what you did!

You get another huge thank you from the Missions Committee for the response to collecting school supplies for Communities in Schools. You can see in this photo the variety of useful supplies that were donated to make the school year more successful for High Point children.

We were fortunate to have Maria Purcel from A Simple Gesture as our guest speaker on Wednesday, September 18. We learned that through August this year, FBC has donated over 1,700 pounds of food, which could become over 2,000 meals for adults in the High Point area.

The food we donate goes to the High Point Community Clinic to help keep their food pantry supplied. Hunger in High Point and the Triad area continues to be a real concern and filling the green bags each month makes a difference!

Maria mentioned that can openers are also welcome since often not all cans of food have easy-open tops.

Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile program.

- Linda Winslow, Mission Coordinator

## Bibles

Extra Bibles are available at the front of the sanctuary and in the RMC lobby for visitors who need a Bible. If you see a visitor who needs a Bible, please give them one.

## 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.

## Wednesday nights meals for October

- Oct 2: Tomato soup, Cheese Sandwich, Dessert
- Oct 9: Baked Potato and Salad Bar with fixings, Dessert
- Oct 16: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert
- Oct 23: TBA
- Oct 30: TBA

The Fellowship Committee would like to remind everyone to sign up by Monday noon before the meal either by calling the church or emailing Heather.

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.

Sign up will also be available for set up and clean up.

The deadline for the meal will be on the Monday before the meal by 1 p.m. Please be aware the church will have already paid for your meal on your behalf so if your name is on the list and you do not show, payment is still due.

## 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.

**Drop-off dates for 2024 are:  
October 27, November 17 and December 15.**

## Greeters

October 6

Peggy Wilson

Carol Brooks

October 13

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October 20

Rick & Nanette Cornwell

October 27

Pam Myers

Betsy Hines

## Deacons on Call

October 6

Linda Causby

Rob Fincher

October 13

Brian Garis

Janet Odum

October 20

Jeanneen Adamcik

Alisha Hunnicutt

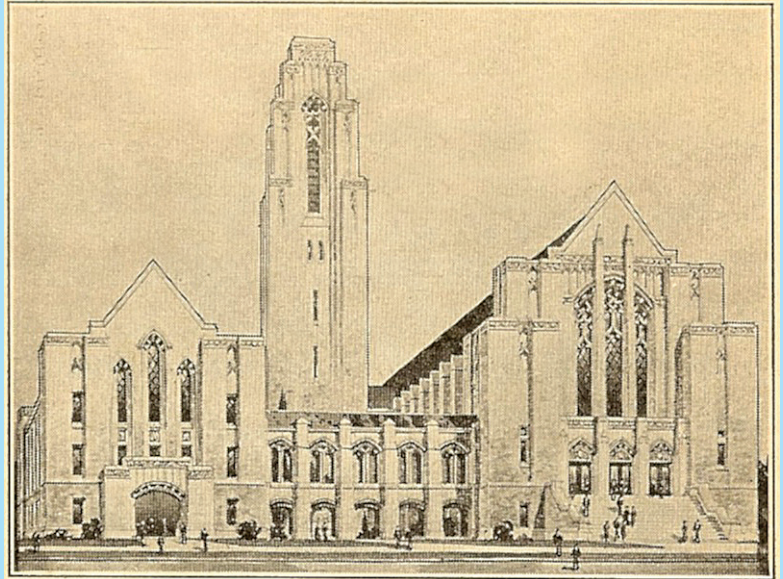
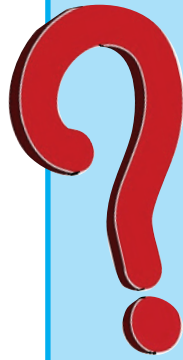
October 27

Diania Baum

Donna Willis



# Did you know ...



Can you imagine this as First Baptist High Point? This design was proposed around 1930. The current sanctuary was built in 1941.

## 200th Anniversary Committee

The 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.

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 below.

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](mailto:200thanniversary@fbchighpoint.org)



Arthur Cole	October 3	Betty Hall	October 19
Rich Burgess	October 4	J.C. Bradley	October 21
Bryan Culbreth	October 6	Taylor Freeman	October 21
Barbara Smith	October 7	Thomas Garis	October 22
Michela Chapman	October 11	Carl Hunnicutt	October 23
Robert Fincher	October 12	Judith Kerstetter	October 23
Rene Folk	October 16	Grace Abboud	October 28
David Williams	October 18	Diddy Alston	October 31

## 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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