

FBC  
*High Point*

THE HERALD

WORKING WITH GOD'S BLUEPRINTS

*Celebrating*

**FBC**

**200<sup>th</sup>**  
*anniversary*

**September  
8**

Special music

Special guests  
Vietnamese  
Baptist Church

Special Events

**Covered Dish  
Lunch**

***Mark your calendars for a special day as we kick off the year-long celebration of the 200th anniversary of First Baptist Church.***

**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

### July 28, 2024

Weekly Budget Need \$6,786.37  
Tithes & Offerings \$3,575.54  
Total Budget Receipts \$3,575.54  
Budget Needs to Date \$203,591.10  
Budget Receipts to Date \$119,659.10

### August 4, 2024

Weekly Budget Need \$6,786.37  
Tithes & Offerings \$2,232.00  
Total Budget Receipts \$2,232.00  
Budget Needs to Date \$210,377.47  
Budget Receipts to Date \$121,891.10

### August 11, 2024

Weekly Budget Need \$6,786.37  
Tithes & Offerings \$1,971.10  
Total Budget Receipts \$1,971.10  
Budget Needs to Date \$217,163.84  
Budget Receipts to Date \$123,862.20

### August 18, 2024

Weekly Budget Need \$6,786.37  
Tithes & Offerings \$5,842.00  
Total Budget Receipts \$5,842.00  
Budget Needs to Date \$223,950.21  
Budget Receipts to Date \$129,704.20



## 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.

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

## Gathering together



And pray for the congregation to "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" (Psalm 27:4).

### For the 200th Anniversary.

As we kick off 12 months of celebrating 200 years of mission and ministry on Sunday, September 8, pray that we will learn from God's guidance and provision in the past two centuries in order to prepare for becoming the people God

is calling us to be entering this congregation's third century. We have much to be grateful for. And we have much to prepare for. "We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks!" (Psalm 75:1). And "Build up, build up, prepare the way!" (Isaiah 57:14).

– Jeff Rogers, interim minister

## Scripture readings for September worship planning

Sept. 1

Psalm 15; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sept. 8

Psalm 90; Hebrews 12:1-13

Sept. 15

Psalm 116:1-9; Mark 8:27-38, John Adamcik preaching

Sept. 22

Proverbs 31:10-31; Mark 9:30-37

Sept. 29

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Mark 9:38-50

## 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.

As summer unofficially and officially gives way to fall (Labor Day weekend unofficially, September 23 officially), it is time for us to enter a new season of prayer.

**For the Pastor Search Team.** Pray for each of them (Teena Reddeck, Chair; John Adamcik, Debbie Edwards, René Folk, Shirley Garis, Carl Hunnicutt, Barbara Smith) and all of them together that they will be discerning and insightful in listening to God, to one another, and to the candidates they are now interviewing. Pray for the candidates who have been vetted by the search firm that they will be open, honest, and discerning as they explore their sense of God's call to the unique ministry field that is FBC High Point at this juncture in its history.

## Thank you

So much love has been shown to me during my recent forced "vacation" that a mere THANK YOU cannot adequately express my appreciation. But for all your prayers, calls, visits, cards, and care for our nutrition, I do humbly thank you from the bottom of my heart. My FBC friends are the best!

–Donna Willis

## Phone Tree

The Phone Tree is working again! We made one call so far regarding the July covered dish and Church Conference.

If you didn't receive the call or want to be removed from future calls, call the church at 336-883-0178 to let us know.

You will not be inundated with calls, just some about important upcoming events, like special 200th Anniversary events.

## 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 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!

## Staff

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## Treasurer's report

Financial Report through July 2024

	YTD 2024	Last Year TD July 2023
Budget Receipts	\$119,605	\$140,680
Budget Spending	\$159,863	\$156,692
< Budget Deficits >	(\$40,258)	(\$16,012)
Lease & Non-Budget	\$43,760	\$0
< Net Deficit >	(\$84,018)	(\$16,012)

Again, receipts lag during the summer. We have received \$21,000 less than last year-to-date at the same month – \$119,000 versus \$140,000,

Budget spending is almost the same as last year at this time. Our budget plus lease costs require around \$29,000 per month and will do so for the rest of the year.

So, in dollars spent versus received, we're a net \$40,000 in the red compared to \$16,000 in the red last year. An increase in receipts of only \$3,000 per month would have kept us in line with last year.

The lease and non-budget line is near \$44,000, so with the \$40,000 net loss on budget we're consuming \$84,000 out of the bank since the first of the year.

To be fair, the lease cost is in addition to budget and while it would be great if receipts had it covered, it's not the end of the world. After 24 total months and when we relocate, the lease stops. If receipts pick up we could at least hold closer on the normal budget spending.

– Don Myers, Treasurer

## Missions

The Mission Focus for September will once again be Open Door Ministry. And please join us on Wednesday night, September 18, when our speaker will be a representative from our mission partner A Simple Gesture. Then on September 25 we will have the opportunity to learn more about Leslie's House, a new mission partner for us and is located in High Point. Thank you again for being so faithful to missions! And remember non-perishable items for the Blessing Box!

– Linda Winslow, Missions Coordinator

## 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:**

**September 29, October 27, November 17 and December 15.**

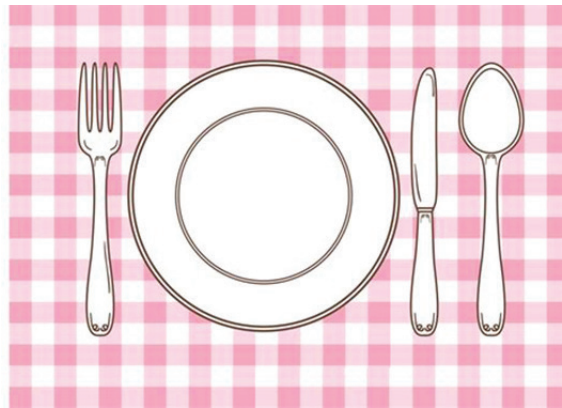
## Pastor Search Team

The team met on Monday, August 19, with our Chemistry Staffing coach for the presentation of three candidates for consideration. We have received their profiles, introductory videos, and a work sample (sermon) and will begin the process of reviewing their submissions.

In the next few weeks, we will be meeting with each candidate by Zoom for a first interview with our team. Once these are completed, there will be a second round of interviews scheduled.

Please be in prayer for us as we consider each candidate and pray that God will give us the insight and clarity we need to know if any of these are "the one."

Also be in prayer for the three candidates, that God will speak clearly to them about where He is calling them to go.



## Wednesday nights return

The Fellowship Committee would like to announce the resumption of Wednesday Night Bible Study and meal starting September 4. Supper will start at 5:30 p.m. with Bible Study to follow at 6 p.m. Terry Eddinger will once again be leading our study with occasional guest speakers provided by the Mission Committee.

For the Fall season we are making BIG changes to the price and menu. The price will now be \$5 per person. You read that right \$5 per person. The menu for the month of September is as follows:

**Sept. 4 – Pizza, Salad, Fruit, Dessert**

**Sept. 11 – Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips, Dessert**

**Sept. 18 – Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert**

**Sept. 26 – Sub Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, Chips, Dessert**

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. Please sign up again even if you were on the permanent list last time.

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.

See you all September 4.

## 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 165 years at 405 N. Main St. (as of now), we **MUST** be full of memories.

## Greeters

September 1

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September 8

Lib & Bud Blackwell

September 15

Maxine & Wayne Perdue

September 22

Brian Garis

Jeanneen Adamcik

September 29

Janet & Don Hritz

## Deacons on Call

September 1

Brian Garis

Janet Odum

September 8

Jeanneen Adamcik

Alisha Hunnicutt

September 15

Diania Baum

Donna Willis

September 22

Wayne Perdue

Linda Winslow

September 29

Cynthia Eddinger

Shirley Garis



# Did you know ...

High Point Baptists can thank a Moravian with help in establishing their congregation here.

When the little Jamestown Baptist Church decided to move to the new city of High Point in 1859, the name was changed to High Point Missionary Baptist Church, located on Salem Street. Later, the name was changed to Salem Street Baptist Church before the current First Baptist Church name.

We needed property on which to construct our church building so Francis Levin Fries of Salem (now Old Salem) sold us some of his property – the same property on which we are still located.

Fries (1812-1863) was a “progressive industrialist, civic leader and builder ... rooted in Moravian traditions yet attuned to new ideas,” according to N.C. State University Libraries. He was instrumental “in transforming Salem from a congregational town into a community in the cultural and economic mainstream, and moving its industries from domestic handicrafts into the era of mass production.”

His parents had hoped he would enter the Moravian ministry and he actually briefly trained for such a role but instead decided to practice law. He also became interested in textiles.

Fries “supported construction of the Plank Road [Main Street] that led from Fayetteville to Bethania (the Moravian community only a few miles from Salem).” He was also one of the original stockholders and directors of the North Carolina Railroad.

## 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)

## BIRTHDAYS in



Betty Jo Clary	Sept. 1	Nanette Cornwell	Sept. 17
Terry Eddinger	Sept. 1	John S. Hunnicutt	Sept. 17
Jerri Lackey	Sept. 4	Katheryn Burgess	Sept. 24
Tatum Murrow	Sept. 8	Brenda Coates	Sept. 25
Gayle Smoot	Sept. 8	Brenda Jones	Sept. 25
Bob Culler	Sept. 10	Kathy Martin	Sept. 26
Don Myers	Sept. 10	Robert Kaiser	Sept. 30

## 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.**

**Pastoral Care Line  
336-881-6480**