

FBC
High Point

THE HERALD

WORKING WITH GOD'S BLUEPRINTS



**Join us Aug. 6 at 5 p.m.
at the RMC portico for a delicious
Community-wide
Hot Dog Social!**

Bring desserts or a freezer of ice cream and a lawn chair. Invite friends and neighbors. Proceeds from dessert sales will go to our Benevolence Fund. If it is too hot, we'll meet in the Dining Room.

Parking Lot

Volunteers needed for July and August to work the parking lot. Please sign up in the Recreation Ministries Center lobby. In July, we will partner with Open Door Ministries but their people cannot work alone. To date, we have made around \$5,000 from parking.

- Mike McGaha, Parking Lot Committee chair



Church Conference July 16

The quarterly Church Conference has been moved to July 16 due to Dr. Rogers' vacation. It will be held following morning worship.

According to the Bylaws, In July we are to elect organizational directors and the Committee to Nominate Deacons.

The following have agreed to serve on the Committee to Nominate Deacons for 2023-2024.

Jeanneen Adamcik

Mike McGaha

Janet Odum

Adele Myers

Brooks Godfrey

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

May 28, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,464.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$3,889.34
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$3,889.34
Budget Receipts to Date	\$142,208.00
	\$90,615.52

June 4, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,464.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$2,877.25
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$2,877.25
Budget Receipts to Date	\$148,672.00
	\$93,492.77

June 11, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,464.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$2,275.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$2,275.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$155,136.00
	\$95,767.77

June 18, 2023

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$6,464.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$2,215.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$2,215.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$161,600.00
	\$97,982.77

There are several ways you can support FBC with your monetary gifts.

Online, go to www.fbchighpoint.org, and click on the word "GIVE" in the blue bar. 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.

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

Gathering together



In our Congregational Forum in April, four table-groups were asked to "Identify three specific initiatives that would enhance/expand" one of four areas identified in a previous forum as things "you would look for in a church if you were looking for a church right now": "fellowship/friendly/welcoming/loving/family," "intergenerational participation," "out-standing music program," "calling to missions."

Of the 12 initiatives the table-groups identified, I would categorize four as "low-hanging fruit": things that can be implemented with some minimal additional planning and effort and few or no additional resources.

- Blended music in 11 a.m. worship
- Refresh existing missions programs
- Fellowship activities
- Up-to-date internal communication

A second category of initiatives requires a ladder, as in stepped up resources, planning, and/or participation above and beyond who

external partners.

- Bi-annual meal for the neighborhood
- Feed the needy
- Host concerts by various artists
- Community events
- Music education for the community

"Each tree is known by its own fruit," Jesus said (Luke 6:44). It's time to start making plans and marshaling resources for the harvest.

– Jeff Rogers, interim minister

Thank You

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your kindness, support, and encouragement to me during my time at Piedmont Divinity School at Carolina University. God opened a door for me to immerse myself in a focused study of him, and I found the experience deeply humbling. I'm grateful for you, and I love you. Thank you also for your kindness recently during worship, and for your generous gift of the set of Scripture commentaries.

My calling, as I understand it, is to continue my professional vocation in human resources and safety, with a part-time pursuit of ministry opportunities through pulpit supply at churches in our area. I'm scheduled to preach at a church in Winston-Salem on August 13, and will enjoy using your gift to help me prepare for the message.

Please continue to keep me, Jeanneen, and our family in your prayers.

Yours in Christ, Rev. John Adamcik, MAM

A Big Thanks to ...

The Cao family for their hard work pulling weeds and making the front area of the church look much better.

Sympathy

... to the family of Hal Lackey.

Thank You

I thank God, the doctors and nurses, everyone at First Baptist, family and friends for thoughts, prayers, cars, visits, food, gift cards, rides, etc. throughout this journey.

I'm now taking a pill to hopefully prevent any future cancer.

You continued prayers are appreciated.

Love you all,
Gayle Smoot

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 and Phonetree notifications. Also please let us know when it is time to remove their name from the list.

Staff

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Organist/Choir Master
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Pastoral Care Line
881-6480

Thank You

**On behalf of the staff and families of Christ's Little Acorns
Preschool, Carol and Cindy would like to thank you, the
congregation of First Baptist Church, for the Christ-like love and
support you have shown us along our journey of sharing Jesus
with our precious children.**

**You opened your arms and welcomed us into your beautiful
church fellowship three years ago when we needed a home.
You've given your time and energy to support us at graduations,
Christmas programs and Easter egg hunts.**

**It has been our privilege and honor to serve along beside you as
a ministry of First Baptist Church and telling the children of our
community how much Jesus loves them.**

**May the seeds we have planted together grow and blossom in
each of the lives of our Little Acorns. Together we have made a
difference that will last a lifetime and into eternity.**

**We will keep you and your sweet congregation in our prayers
as we both continue on to the next step of our Christian journey
doing what God has called us to do as His church and as His
preschool. We love you and will always hold you close in our
hearts.**

**Gratefully serving Him,
Carol and Cindy**

(Turn the page for photographs.)



**Christ's
Little Acorns**



Christ's Little Acorns



Missions Committee

As children will be preparing for a new school year, we are going to again partner with Communities in Schools. They serve children in High Point city schools.

In July and August we will be collecting **school supplies**. Anything you would find in the school supplies aisles is needed.

Some items they have suggested are, loose-leaf paper, spiral notebooks, black and white composition books, Crayola crayons, Crayola markers, colored pencils, No. 2 pencils, erasers, scissors, glue sticks, fine point dry erase markers, pocket folders, and ABC writing paper.

Bring your donations to the church lobby and place them in the labeled bin. We had a big response last year, let's see if we can do it again.

Also, we are still collecting suitcases, dufflebags and Pampers.

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



Update from Pastor Search Team

Your Pastor Search Team remains steadfast in our goal to discern the pastor that God is preparing for us in our church's unique restart and relocation. We have reviewed scores of resumes, met with multiple candidates online, traveled out of state and across North Carolina for face-to-face conversations, checked references, and know that God is at work with us. Recently, we had lengthy conversations with one candidate and were hopeful that we might be in the home stretch of this search process. After many prayers and team discussions, all members of the Pastor Search Team agree that we will begin

accepting additional resumes in August. During July, the team will enjoy a brief respite before resuming regular meetings in mid-August.

I am reminded of Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen." Please join us in keeping the faith, with hope and prayers abounding as God leads and guides us. I am convinced God has selected a special pastor for us at First Baptist Church, High Point!

– Debbie Edwards and the Pastor Search Team

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.

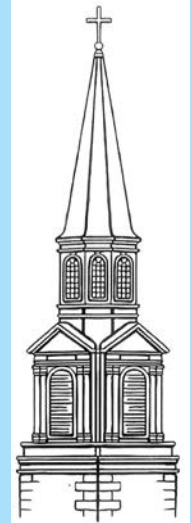
To get your creative juices flowing, here are some ideas that have been mentioned:

- Inviting former ministers and staff to visit and participate in worship
- 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, 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



Church Inventory Coming

The Church Council has decided we need to inventory the items in the church for several reasons: to see what we have, to see what we want to take with us to the new location and to determine what we will want to sell. The Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee is heading this up but we cannot do it alone.

In the coming months, committees, Sunday School classes and special groups will be asked to help inventory a specific

part of the church or the former Youth building. A form will be provided.

The two biggest challenges will be the library and the kitchen (dishes, utensils, etc.) If you are willing to help in these, please contact Carol Brooks.

We would like to finish the inventory by Nov. 1.

– Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee

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881-6480

Deadline for information for the
AUGUST Herald is JULY 23. Please email
your information to Carol Brooks at
cab1@northstate.net.

Greeters

July 2

Terry & Cynthia Eddinger

July 9

Don & Adele Myers

July 16

Libby & Mike McGaha

July 23

Lib & Bud Blackwell

July 30

Janet Odum & Sarah Carter

Deacons on Call

July 2

Linda Causby

Rob Fincher

July 9

Janet Odum

Mike McGaha

July 16

Jeanneen Adamcik

Alisha Hunnicutt

July 23

Donna Willis

Teena Reddeck

July 30

Wayne Perdue

Linda Winslow

A Simple Gesture



Please remember to pick up a Simple Gestures 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.

Pickup dates for the following **SUNDAYS** in 2023:

July 30, August 27, October 1, October 29, November 19, and December 17.



Online Giving

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The Lobby Desk hours have changed to Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

– Personnel Committee



Pat Johnson

July 4

Joni Brooks

July 19

Darrell Meredith

July 4

Bruce Hartgrove

July 21

Adele Myers

July 16

Peggy Wilson

July 25

Janet Hritz

July 17

Thomas Folk

July 29

Ben Adamcik

July 18

Ben Anderson

July 30

**Sunday Worship
Live Stream Every Sunday
at 11:00 a.m. on**



**Midweek Prayer
and Bible Study
via Zoom
is on hiatus
until after Labor Day**