

Holiday **LUNCHEON**
Dec. 12 at Noon

Come join your First Baptist friends and prospective members as we gather for a free holiday luncheon. Reservations required. Please call 336-881-6480 by Dec. 4 to reserve your spot.

Bring some canned food that day for the needy and place it in the lobby.



Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

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 in regular classrooms beginning Dec. 12 at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. in person in the sanctuary or via Facebook Live.

Offering and Income

October 24, 2021

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$7,480.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$3,972.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$3,972.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$321,640.00
	\$213,462.75

October 30, 2021

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$7,480.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$9,043.87
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$9,043.87
Budget Receipts to Date	\$329,120.00
	\$222,506.62

November 7, 2021

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$7,480.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$1,880.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$1,880.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$336,600.00
	\$224,386.62

November 14, 2021

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$7,480.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$3,130.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$3,130.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$344,080.00
	\$227,516.62

November 21, 2021

Weekly Budget Need	
Tithes & Offerings	\$7,480.00
Building Use/ Recreation/ Parking	\$6,490.00
Total Budget Receipts	\$0.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$6,490.00
Budget Receipts to Date	\$351,560.00
	\$234,006.62

Gathering together

Thanks to the Stewardship Committee's commitment to putting the "missions" back in this "missions-minded" congregation, we are following our November over-and-above Missions Offering for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina with a challenge offering for Open Door Ministries.

As I'm sure you are aware, Open Door is our local missions partner in "alleviating the pain of homelessness and hunger by offering our neighbors hope and healing" (www.opendoorministrieshp.org). As a supporting church in 2020, we contributed funds and volunteer hours to Open Door's serving 77,000 meals to homeless and low-income individuals, providing 1,978 households with food assistance, providing emergency housing for 315 homeless men, assisting 186 individuals or families with rent or utility assistance, assisting 108 men in obtaining jobs, providing permanent housing and supportive



services for 68 homeless individuals and families, providing a transitional housing program to 29 homeless veterans, and providing permanent housing and supportive services to 24 chronically homeless individuals. All that was done in a year when the pandemic dramatically interrupted Open Door's typical fundraising opportunities.

Here's the "challenge" part of our December Missions Offering. We want to match with over-and-above giving in December the \$1,200 allocation to Open Door that our volunteers raised by staffing the parking lot for Furniture Market and Rockers games this year.

You will be hearing more in December about Open Door. Please prayerfully consider what you have the capacity to do over-and-above your budget offering in the last month of 2021 to help underwrite the work of providing Food. Housing. Healing. Hope. to individuals and families in our community who need it most.

– Jeff Rogers, Interim Minister

Scripture readings for Sunday worship

Dec. 5: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6
Dec. 12: Isaiah 12:2-6; Luke 3:7-18
Dec. 19: Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:9-55
Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-20
Dec. 26: Psalm 148; Luke 2:41-52

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.

**Deadline for information for the
January Herald is Dec. 20.**

**Please email your information to
Carol Brooks at cab1@northstate.net.**

Thank You

Christmas is the time to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. It is also time to celebrate the membership of First Baptist Church who gave so freely of their love. We are so thankful for the love shown to us during the past year. We sincerely appreciate the calls, cards, food, money and the ramp built from the front door, around the side of the house to the driveway which allows Wayne Jr. to get out of the house. Wayne's life has changed and he is riding a scooter to his car, driving and walking with a walker. GOD IS GOOD! We love the membership of First Baptist Church. As we celebrate the birth of Christ, we celebrate the love each of you have shown us.

With great love,
Wayne Jr., Karen & Trey Perdue

Sympathy

... to Shirley Garis in the death of her sister, Janie Thornton Carroll.

... to the family of Keith Murrow, husband of Molly Lackey Murrow, father of Tatum and Lily, son-in-law of Jerri and Hal.

Staff

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Merry Christmas from



CHRIST'S LITTLE ACORNS

Christ's Little Acorns continues to enjoy sharing the love of Jesus with our students in our wonderful preschool facility. As we approach the holiday season, we are reminded of how grateful we are to be a part of God's plan to be a part of the ministries at First Baptist Church. As directors, we are thankful for the love and support shown to us from the members of the church family, our preschool board and the church staff. We are so appreciative to work in unison with this church to serve the High Point community as we together strive to follow the Great Commission to make Disciples of Christ. And as we all know, it starts with our little ones being introduced to Jesus and the Bible when they are babies.

Our children are hearing and experiencing the Good News each day through chapel time, Bible stories, artwork, dramatic play, music and playing outdoors in God's beautiful creation. Our amazing teachers are loving,

creative and passionate about teaching and preparing our little ones both spiritually and academically to equip them for their days ahead. You can see some of the activities, music and chapel time on our website www.christslittleacornspreschool.org. We hope you will visit there soon as well as our Facebook page to catch a glimpse of our day.

We most recently participated in Operation Christmas Child by packing 38 shoe boxes full of gifts for needy children around the world. Our families brought in hairbrushes, bows, toothbrushes, toy trucks, dolls, gloves, scarves, socks, washcloths and soap, etc. It is important to teach our children to give to others from their hearts and to follow God's commandment to love our neighbors ... near and far. The children who receive these shoe boxes in over 100 countries, including the United States, are also told about Jesus in their native language. What a wonderful ministry to share the

gospel and make an eternal difference in the life of a child!

During December, we will celebrate the birthday of Jesus in many ways. We want our children to always remember the "Reason for the Season." Our staff will lead our children in acting out the nativity story, singing Christmas carols, ringing bells and playing musical instruments. You can view some of these precious activities on the website listed above.

If you or your Sunday School class would be interested in sponsoring a child through a scholarship donation, please contact the directors at 336-889-6169. This need that we are sharing can be a one-time gift or a monthly gift. Any amount shared will be so helpful and applied towards a scholarship for someone attending our preschool.

Thank you and may God richly bless you and your church family. May this season bring Him glory and honor.

Blessings, Carol and Cindy



Our 2-yr-olds are learning about giving to others through Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.



Our 3-yr-olds are proud of their fall trees.

Committees for 2022

Baptismal

Cynthia Eddinger	1
David Williams	1
Abby Williams	1
Shirley Garis	1

Bereavement

David Williams	3
Abby Williams	3
Cynthia Eddinger	3
Sarah Carter	3
Shirley Garis	2
Diana Baxendale	2
Barry Baxendale	2
Byron Godfrey	2
Wayne Perdue	1
Maxine Perdue	1
	1

Bldg, Grounds/Transportation

Donna Willis	3
Rob Fincher	3
Marty Key	3
Bill Logan	2
Carol Brooks	2
Wayne Perdue	1
Travis Spires	1
Gary Pressley, Bldg. Super.	
Trustee	

Children/Youth

Laurin Hunnicutt	3
Pam Burgess	3
Libby McGaha	2
Brian Garis	2
Pam Myers	1
Teena Reddeck	1
Sunday School Director	
Children's Minister	

Christ's Little Acorns Oversight

Alisha Hunnicutt	
Libby McGaha	
Gary Pressley	

Fellowship

Pam Myers	2
Shirley Garis	2
Joni Brooks	2
Cy Brooks	2
Marty Key	2
Joy Key	2
Cynthia Eddinger	1
Hunter Eddinger	1
Maria Gonzales	1
Miguel Gonzales	1
Patricia Clinard	1
Travis Spires	1

Greeting

Barbara & TL Smith	3
Pam Myers / Linda Swan	3
Rick & Nanette Cornwell	3
Bill Logan/Byron Godfrey	3
Carole & Darrell Meredith	2
Lib & Bud Blackwell	2
	2
Libby & Mike McGaha	2
Brian & Thomas Garis	1
Gayle & Jerry Blackwell	1
Maria & Miguel Gonzales	1
Rick Smoot / Diania Baum	1

Missions

Diania Baum	3
B.J. Clary	3
Adele Myers	3
Gayle Blackwell	2
Diana Baxendale	2
Diane McCoy	1
John Adamcik	1
Senior Minister	
Youth Minister	
Stewardship Member	
Diaconate Chair	

Music

Donna Willis	3
Byron Godfrey	3
Rick Hines	2
Joy Key	1
Teena Reddeck	1

Nominating

Betsy Hines	2
Adele Myers	2
Janet Odum	2
David Williams	2
Joni Brooks	1
Libby McGaha	1
Jeanneen Adamcik	1
Sue Harris	1

Parking Lot

Mike McGaha	2
Jerry Blackwell	2
Bill Logan	2
	2
	2
Byron Godfrey	3
Bud & Lib Blackwell	3
Freddie Campbell	3
Carol Brooks	3
Stewardship Member	
Bldg. Grounds, Transp Member	

Pastor Relations

Pam Burgess	3
	2
Joy Key	1
Personnel Chair	
Diaconate Chair	
Past Diaconate Chair	

Personnel

Joni Brooks	3
Mike McGaha	3
Abby Williams	2
Carl Hunnicutt	2
Sue Harris	1
Nanette Cornwell	1

Stewardship

Debbie Edwards	3
Linda Causby	3
Donna Fincher	2
René Folk	2
BJ Clary	1
Cy Brooks	1
Maxine Perdue	1
Treasurer	
Asst. Treasurer	

Trustees

Cy Brooks	5
Donna Fincher	4
Carl Hunnicutt	3
Ray Chambers	2
David Williams	1

Director of Sunday School -	
Wayne Perdue	
Missions Coordinator -	
Linda Winslow	
Church Clerk -	
Carol Brooks	
Assistant Clerk -	
Brian Garis	
Director of Ushers -	
Rob Fincher	
Treasurer -	
Don Myers	
Asst. Treasurer -	
Alisha Hunnicutt	
Moderator -	
David Williams	

(Numbers indicate years to serve.)

Pastor Search Team Update

The Search Team has completed reviewing the first round of resumés and are entering the second phase of the process. Questions have been sent to the top candidates, and once the responses have been received, the Search Team will review these responses. This will help us to determine which candidates, if any, we would like to advance to the next step. Pray for continued discernment and guidance, both for your team and the candidates.

Financial Report through October 2021

Year-to-date we have received \$233,355 and spent \$223,629. At this point we are still positive in our cash position primarily due to our low expenses. We must continue to hold spending within our giving level.

The Sunday School lesson November 21 was from Deuteronomy 26 as Israel was to cross the Jordan River and enter the promised land. After 40 years of a nomadic existence, they would learn to farm and take residence. They received instructions about how to make their offerings from the first crops. They were thankful givers. I don't know about you but I feel like the last couple of years we've been wandering around the desert.

At Thanksgiving it's a great time to take stock of how we have been blessed. This is not an exact quote from the lesson but the point was made that we don't give because we have to ... but because we can. We are blessed with much.

Don Myers, treasurer

Sunday School returns to classes

On Dec. 12, Sunday School classes will return to meeting in their own rooms, rather than a joint class in the Dining Room. Several classes will be combined due to numbers or available teachers.

Volunteer for Mobile Meals

First Baptist is responsible for meal delivery on the fifth Monday or fifth Thursday each month and we need drivers! If you can help deliver, please contact Shirley Garis at 336-489-8931.

... For your Christmas card list

Dr. Jeff Rogers,

110 Creekside Road, Greer, SC 29650

Heather Absher, 3701 Morris Farm Dr.,
Unit 1-A Greensboro, NC 27409

Gary Pressley, 329 Longwood Dr.,
Advance, N.C. 27006-6790

Bruce Hartgrove,

206 W. Parkway Ave., High Point, 27262

Joel & Jennifer Campbell,

c/o First Baptist Church, 1328 16th St,
NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

Called Church Conference Report

The church met in a Called Church Conference Nov. 21. The 2022 church budget of \$343,270 was approved.

The following were elected to serve as Deacons: Rob Fincher, Linda Winslow, and Alisha Hunnicutt, and for a second consecutive term, Rick Hines, Joy Key and Teena Reddeck. Mike McGaha was elected to continue on the Diaconate to fill an unexpired term.

The Trustees recommended FBC enlist Wesley Community Development Corporation to assist them in evaluating unsolicited offers for the church property and lead the congregation in a process clarifying its mission and vision in order for it to make an informed decision about the church's future. They presented a plan to hire WCDC for \$22,650 to conduct a space utilization study, demographic study and analyze the financial reality of the current congregation and operating expenses of the facility. WCDC will meet with the congregation about its history, mission and vision, meet and vet potential developers and present options to the church as to the best future for First Baptist Church. With little discussion, the congregation voted 37-3 to hire WCDC. The funds for this project will not come from our giving, but from the legacy gift we received this year as well as money received from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) initiated during the pandemic.

January 9 Church Conference

Per the Bylaws:

- The Stewardship Committee shall determine if there has accumulated a surplus from unspent budgeted funds for the previous year and, if there is a surplus, the committee shall apportion same to mission projects supported by this Church, the new Church budget, or to programs and special projects and interests of the Church with a specific recommendation to the Church at the January Church Conference, or as soon thereafter as practicable.
- Pastoral Relations Committee shall be elected.



Planned Giving

Are you aware of the many ways you can give to First Baptist Church?

Did you know that First Baptist is available for planned estate giving? We also have the ability to accept stock transfers.

Contact Heather Absher for details.

Don't forget the Blessing Box

We need to fill the box with things that will be a blessing to people in need, like canned food (cans with pop tops are especially helpful), band-aids, diapers, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, hand warmers and more. Please consider donating to our Blessing Box as a way to serve others during Lent. Donations will be collected in the lobby.

Deacons on Call

December 5
Diania Baum
Rick Hines

December 12
Pam Burgess
Linda Causby

December 19
Rick Hines
Debbie Edwards

December 26
Joy Key
Wayne Perdue

Pastoral Care Line 881-6480



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Evelynn Clark	Dec. 1	Joy Key	Dec. 14
Jennie Counts	Dec. 1	Kathleen Culbreth	Dec. 18
Braiden Spires	Dec. 1	Chelsea Reddeck	Dec. 19
John Adamcik	Dec. 3	Kyle Wooden	Dec. 19
Linda Causby	Dec. 3	Sharon Chastain	Dec. 20
Eunice Couch	Dec. 4	Gayle Blackwell	Dec. 22
Jefferson Burgess	Dec. 6	David Farrington	Dec. 26
Millie Mayson	Dec. 6	Carole Meredith	Dec. 28
Phil McNeill	Dec. 11		



CALENDAR

**Sunday Worship
Live Stream Every Sunday**

at 11:00 a.m. on



**Midweek Prayer
and Bible Study:
The Virtual Edition
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

Jeff Rogers leads a weekly virtual prayer time and Bible study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom. We will share our cares and concerns and praises, pray together and then engage in a Bible study.

Instructions, the phone number for calling in, and the link for Internet users will be distributed by email prior to each meeting.