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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Continuing
to celebrate
our 200th
Anniversary!



Church conference Jan. 11 following worship

The January quarterly Church Conference will be held Jan. 11 following worship.

Per the Bylaws, during January the following will take place:

- New Deacons assume office immediately after first Sunday.
- Deacons elect a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary and other appropriate officers.
- New Trustees and the Nominating Committee take office Jan. 1.
- 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.
- The Nominating Committee shall submit names of 3 non-Deacon members to serve on the Pastoral Relations Committee.
- All committees and groups should meet and elect a chairman.

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anniversary

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

November 23, 2025

Weekly Budget Need \$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings \$3,924.00
Total Budget Receipts \$3,924.00
Budget Needs to Date \$336,764.04
Budget Receipts to Date \$147,685.27

November 30, 2025

Weekly Budget Need \$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings \$11,596.00
Total Budget Receipts \$11,596.00
Budget Needs to Date \$343,929.23
Budget Receipts to Date \$159,281.27

December 7, 2025

Weekly Budget Need \$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings \$4,400.00
Total Budget Receipts \$4,400.00
Budget Needs to Date \$351,094.42
Budget Receipts to Date \$163,681.27

December 14, 2025

Weekly Budget Need \$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings \$8,220.00
Total Budget Receipts \$8,220.00
Budget Needs to Date \$358,259.62
Budget Receipts to Date \$171,901.27



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.

Looking forward!



We capped off 2025 with a beautiful Christmas Eve service and Sunday Christmas celebration. What I loved most about Christmas at FBC was the variety of voices on stage leading us in worship and Advent readings. Truly we the people are the church as we each contribute our own abilities gifts for the building up of the whole body. (Ephesians 4:11-16)

In our last meeting, the Church Council took time to look over the preliminary results from the "Building Our Future" survey. Having extended the survey for 10 more days, we don't have the final results, but I'd like to share a few quick insights.

You are hopeful. While this season in our church life has meant looking for a new place to meet and worship, you have remained hopeful and excited. This came through loud and clear. I want us to continue this feeling as a church because, there is much to hope for!

You understand that good leadership is important. Several questions of the survey measured the importance and reality of healthy leadership in our church. In a time of change, clear leadership is a gift to the body of Christ and that is something that doesn't happen accidentally. May I encourage you – stay engaged!

You believe in the mission of the church. Our main goal as a church comes from Jesus' command to 'make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit'. That is central to everything we do and aspire to do in the coming years. You want to be part of a church that proclaims the Gospel and makes disciples.

As I look forward to 2026, I am encouraged that the answers of the survey reflected my own interactions with you personally and in our Helping Churches Thrive conversations as well as the Experiencing God curriculum we have been studying. I look forward to having Andy Hale (CBFNC) come January 18 to lead our HCT Conversation around the trait of "Flexibility" and the thriving church. You are not going to want to miss January 18!

I share your excitement, your hope and your passion for Jesus and I look forward to experiencing all that God has in store for us this year as a church family! I truly believe that some important opportunities lay before us and decisions that will define our future together. We will be sharing a report regarding the survey with you soon.

I am incredibly blessed to be your pastor and I look forward to a great year together!

- Rev. Pastor Paul Stephen Olson
Senior Minister
First Baptist Church, High Point

Missions

The Blessing Box in the front of the church needs small food items, socks, hygiene supplies and similar items.

And don't forget A Simple Gesture bags. See the next page.

- Linda Winslow, Missions Coordinator

Sympathy

... to the family of Nancy Herndon.
... to Gladys Black in the death of her brother, Kay Clinard

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

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John's Totes have been busy

In November, John's Totes delivered 150 large totes to Blessed Diamond Divas, a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Greensboro which will provide food for homeless women in the totes at Christmas.

Also, we have delivered 1,107 small totes for Operation Christmas Child boxes to Salem Outreach Network. We will continue to make totes for them through December for this year's boxes.

Pam Myers joined us in making the totes. Also this year, we added non-church members Glenda and Melanie.



A representative of Blessed Diamond Divas and Cynthia Eddinger load totes.



Pam Myers is surrounded by non-church member helpers Glenda and Melanie.

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

To date, we have made and delivered 21,739 totes. We still could use help with sewing, cutting, or surging or just helping with the non-machine related jobs.



Kurt Feldmeyer and Paul Olson with OCC bags.



A cart full of Operation Christmas Child bags.

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.

**Check the bag tags for dates
to bring your filled Simple Gesture bags.**

Greeters

January 4

Barbara and TL Smith

January 11

Terry and Cynthia Eddinger

January 18

David and Abby Williams

January 26

Bud and Lib Blackwell

HELPING CHURCHES THRIVE



Returns Wednesday, Jan. 7

Churchwide conversations will be held during the Sunday
School time Jan 18 at 9 a.m. following breakfast,
led by Andy Hale.

Deacons on Call

not yet
decided

January's theme is "thriving churches are flexible. They aim to be adaptable, responsive and relevant so they may act quickly and effectively as new needs and ministry opportunities arise.

We are one of 11 churches chosen to be a part of this year's HCT Learning Cohort. Our team attended a 24 hour retreat to learn about it. The questions will be made available to you prior to our conversations.

Helping Churches Thrive is a ministry of CBF North Carolina.



Annah Wolfe	January 4	Michele Gardner	January 17
Tom Freeman	January 5	Kerry Jones	January 19
Janice Grady	January 5	Marie Stone	January 20
Clif Kelley, Jr.	January 6	Daniel Pruden	January 25
Braddock Rhodenhiser	January 9	Steve Chapman	January 27
Hershel Reddeck	January 13	Thomas Key	January 28
Diana Baxendale	January 15	Cy Brooks	January 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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