

RESCHEDULED!



# CHILI Cookoff!!

February 9

followed by Church Conference

and

All-Committee meetings

Committees should elect a chair and then tell Carol Brooks, church clerk, who it is.

Contact Shirley Garis to sign up to bring chili.

## Mission Opportunities

January 2025 is giving us a great beginning for a wonderful year of mission opportunities. Our Wednesday night speakers from Family Services of the Piedmont and Ardmore Baptist Church certainly encouraged us to become more intentional in our mission endeavors.

In February, we will focus on Leslie's House, and collect toilet paper and paper towels. We will continue with our ongoing collection green bags of non-perishable food for Simple Gestures. The next pickup will be Feb. 23.

And please don't forget items for the Blessing Box. Thank you for all you do for those in need!

Linda Winslow



A Simple Gesture



Celebrating FBC 200th anniversary

# 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

December 15, 2024

Weekly Budget Need	\$6,786.37
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,290.00
Total Budget Receipts	
	\$3,290.00
Budget Needs to Date	
	\$339,318.50
Budget Receipts to Date	
	\$195,421.77

December 22, 2024

Weekly Budget Need	\$6,786.37
Tithes & Offerings	\$23,187.50
Total Budget Receipts	
	\$23,187.50
Budget Needs to Date	
	\$346,104.87
Budget Receipts to Date	
	\$218,609.27

December 29, 2024

Weekly Budget Need	\$6,786.37
Tithes & Offerings	\$11,166.48
Building Use/Recreation/Parking	\$50.00
Total Budget Receipts	
	\$11,216.48
Budget Needs to Date	
	\$352,891.24
Budget Receipts to Date	
	\$229,825.75

January 5, 2025

Weekly Budget Need	\$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings	\$2,231.00
Total Budget Receipts	
	\$2,231.00
Budget Needs to Date	
	\$7,165.19
Budget Receipts to Date	
	\$2,231.00

January 12, 2025

Weekly Budget Need	\$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings	\$1,690.00
Total Budget Receipts	
	\$1,690.00
Budget Needs to Date	
	\$14,330.38
Budget Receipts to Date	
	\$3,921.00

January 19, 2025

Weekly Budget Need	\$7,165.19
Tithes & Offerings	\$3,153.00
Total Budget Receipts	
	\$3,153.00
Budget Needs to Date	
	\$21,495.58
Budget Receipts to Date	
	\$7,074.00

## 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.

## Treasurer's report

Financial Report through December 2024

	YTD 2024	Last YTD Dec. 2024
Budget Receipts	\$229,826	\$272,011
Budget Spending	\$269,354	\$273,301
< Budget Deficits >	(\$39,528)	(\$1,290)
Lease & Non-Budget	\$77,157	\$16,333
< Net Deficit >	(\$116,685)	(\$22,623)

Our receipts dropped \$42,000 from a year ago finishing near to \$230,000. Meanwhile spending on budget items was practically the same at \$269,000 – a little less than last year. This puts us at at spending \$40,000 more than we took in on budget items.

On non-budget lines (primarily the city lease and pastor search) we spent another \$77,000 for a total net impact of minus \$117,000 in the red. This was covered by reducing our savings.

For 2025 our budget items will increase from the October presentation of \$372,000 to roughly \$403,000 to adjust costs for a full-time pastor. This would mean taking even more out of savings until we turn around our situation. And next year there's the relocation to deal with. But you have to think there's a reason we're still here and a reason we have the means to continue the 200-year mission. Let's be thankful and keep moving forward.

– Don Myers, Treasurer

## Sympathy

... to David and Abby Williams in the death of David's brother Phillip.

... to the family of Robert (Bob) Kaiser in his recent passing.

## Thank you

Thank you for the many cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy on the recent death of my younger brother, Phillip Williams. Your loving kindness continues to ease our sadness.

– David and Abby Williams

## Congratulations

... to Laurin Hunnicutt Kues and husband Austin, who welcomed baby Charlie Brooks Kues to their family. Congratulations to grandparents, Carl and Alisha Hunnicutt and greatgrandfather John Hunnicutt.

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

## Thank-you

Dear Friends,

Words cannot express my gratitude to God and to each of you for what we have shared in the service of Christ and Christ's church in the last four-and-a-half years.

For each point Joy Key made on Jan. 19 in her generous assessment of my tenure with you, I would point to God and to you for making good things happen in challenging and uncertain times.

For praying with me and for me and for Bev, Jeremiah, and my mother; for your smiles, handshakes, and hugs; for the thoughtful cards and notes and gifts (and the love offering – Oh my!); and for the heartfelt send-off on Sunday, I thank you for these and every moment we shared.

With the apostle Paul, I say, "I give thanks to my God always for you."

And with the former Secretary-General of the United Nations Dag Hammarskjöld, I say, "For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes."

Jeff Rogers

NOTE: Jeff's First Baptist email will be closed in the next few weeks. After that, please use [jeff@jeffreysrogers.org](mailto:jeff@jeffreysrogers.org).

## 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 school-aged children in grades K-5.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Alisha Hunnicutt or Pam Myers if you would be available to help. Thank you!

## 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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# Farewell Jeff, Welcome Olsons!



Jan. 29, 2025



Paul and Heather Olson, Qolbe (15), Ava (10), John (13), and Asher (16). Dec. 28, 2024



Photos courtesy Barbara Smith



Fellowship Committee

Photos courtesy Shirley Garis

## Building, Grounds, and Transportation Committee

The coming year is going to be a big and busy one for BG&T. We are going to need additional help with various projects throughout the year. Here are just two of the initiatives BG&T will undertake:

**INVENTORY REDUCTION:** Drafting and orchestrating a multi-phase plan for reducing the church's furniture and equipment inventory in anticipation of our move. Anyone who has ever moved before understands the practicality of minimizing inventory sooner rather than later. This will require cross-committee cooperation and conversation as we seek to act efficiently yet decisively, with respect for the church's history and in anticipation of a bright future. Your input is welcome!

**CHURCH BUS UTILIZATION:** One of the buses is in good working order. BG&T encourages Sunday school classes and committees to consider how the Ford bus can be used in the ministry of your group. The prerequisite for using the bus is lining up an authorized driver. If you need to know who is authorized, contact Heather Absher in the church office. If you would like information about becoming an authorized driver, contact Heather for that as well.

The committee members for 2025 are Brooks Godfrey (Chair), Fred Campbell, Marty Key, Craig Chastain and Michael Rhodenhiser. We work closely with Rob Fincher, Building Superintendent. This committee has a vacancy. If you are interested in joining BG&T for the exciting transitional year, please contact Brian Garis, chair of Nominating.

Looking forward, Brooks Godfrey

### Wednesday nights meals for February

- Feb. 5: Chicken Noodle Soup, Sandwiches and Dessert
- Feb. 12: Pork Loin Roast, Baked Apples, Roasted Potatoes and Dessert
- Feb. 19: BBQ, Cowboy Beans, Slaw and Dessert
- Feb. 26: Chicken Pie, Baked Carrots, Salad and Dessert

Please sign up by Monday noon before the meal either by calling the church or emailing Heather Absher by 1 p.m.

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.

## Greeters

February 2

David and Abby Williams

February 9

Bud and Lib Blackwell

February 16

Jeanneen Adamick

Brian Garis

February 23

Don and Janet Hritz

## Deacons on Call

February 2

Betsy Hines

Alisha Hunnicutt

February 9

Diania Baum

Brian Garis

February 16

Jeanneen Adamick

Linda Winslow

February 23

Cynthia Eddinger

Shirley Garis



## 200 Years of Ministers

In its nearly 200 years, First Baptist Church has had 41 ministers, including Paul Olson, and five interims. Dr. Lamar King was the longest-serving. J.B. Richardson served three different times and S.H. Thompson served two different times. We have photos of many of these ministers displayed in the Heritage Room.

1854-55 Owen Churchill  
 1856 Benjamin Lanier  
 1858 J. A. Cornish  
 1860-61 J. B. Jackson  
 1862 S. W. Howerton  
 1863 W. N. Hereford  
 1864 Pinkney Baldwin  
 1866-70 William Turner  
 1871-73, 1880-81, 1899-1901  
 Dr. J. B. Richardson  
 1874 G. W. Harmon  
 1875 J. K. Howell  
 1876 J. J. James  
 1878 missionary  
 1882-83, 86-87  
 S. H. Thompson  
 1885 J. N. Stallings  
 1888-89 C. S. Farriss  
 1890 C. G. Wells  
 1891-92 J. K. Fant  
 1894-95 Rufus W. Weaver  
 1896-97 M. L. Kesler  
 1898 J. O. Alderman  
 1902-03 Dr. R. L. Patton  
 1904-05 Dr. W. T. Hundley

1906-12 Dr. O. L. Powers  
 1912-14 W. C. Tyree  
 1914-15 A. W. Claxon  
 1916-24 James A. Clarke  
 1925-29 Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson  
 1930-43 Dr. Austin B. Conrad  
 1944-47 Rev. Wilbur W. Hutchins  
 1948-53 Rev. Albert S. Hale  
 1954-63 Dr. J.E. Rawlinson  
 1964-71 Rev. James L. Pharr  
 1973-79 Dr. Alfred L. Miller  
 1980-94 Dr. L. Lamar King  
 1995-98 Dr. R. Alton Cadenhead  
 1999-2005 Dr. William A. Slater  
 2005-06 Dr. Jack Causey, interim  
 2007-10 Dr. Tim Cannon  
 2010-12 Rev. Gil Gulick (July 25)  
 2013-14 Rev. Tom Warrington  
 (interim)  
 2015-20 Dr. W. Joel Campbell  
 2020-25 Dr. Jeff Rogers (interim)  
 2025 Paul Olson  
 Other Interims: Dr. Hoke Coon,  
 Dr. Carlton Prickett

### Can you help?

Did you know that the Anniversary Committee has a church email address? We encourage you to share [200thanniversary@fbchighpoint.org](mailto:200thanniversary@fbchighpoint.org) with former church members and staff. Invite them to share some of their favorite memories of First Baptist Church. We want to collect the myriad stories people have.

Church members old and new are also encouraged to share ideas, to this email address, for ways our church should mark this milestone anniversary. We have some great ideas already, sure, but don't let that deter you from sharing. We would rather hear an idea multiple times than to never hear it at all!

Looking forward!

The Anniversary Committee



Lauren Lawrence	Feb. 6	Nancy Herndon	Feb. 14
Gladys Black	Feb. 8	Vera Moss	Feb. 15
Karen Perdue	Feb. 8	Sephora Counou	Feb. 18
Michelle Chapman	Feb. 10	Carole Bright	Feb. 21
Laurin Hunnicutt Kues	Feb. 12	Elizabeth Folk	Feb. 22
Laura Folk	Feb. 13	Pam Myers	Feb. 25
Janet Flynn	Feb. 14	Abby Williams	Feb. 25

## 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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