

QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE
August 7, 2024
6:00 pm Hybrid

1. Opening Prayer & Call to Conference
2. Approval of Minutes – Tommy Henley
3. Membership Report
4. Nominating Committee Report– Leah Clark
5. Missions Committee Report – Linda Lewis
6. Finance Report – Jim Tew
7. WS CEA Report – Gary Stiffler
8. Building Projects Task Force – Gary Knight
9. Benediction

QCC Minutes April 30th, 2024

*Judy Eustice opened the meeting with a prayer.

*Linda Jones, church moderator, asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the QCC on 11/19/23 and 1/29/24. A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented and a second was carried and approved unanimously.

*Linda Jones presented the membership report:

ADDITIONS

Baptism: Annabelle McGee
Lori Cheek

Letter: Linda Merchant St. John's Baptist, Charlotte
David and Skeeter Joyce McCabe Mem. Baptist, Martinsville, VA
Christa Chappelle Calvary Baptist, Waco TX
Christina Johnson Swann Station Baptist, Sanford

Statement: Nathan Mitchell
Marion Thomas
Robert Setzekorn
Charlie, Dana,
Eli and Jacob Patrick Maple Springs UMC, WS NC

Rededication: Eric Flye

Watchcare: Watchcare is not counted in membership numbers

LOSSES

Letter: Roland and Victoria
Crandall FBC Greensboro
Phronsie Jordan

Erasure:

Death: Lucille Hall

Current Membership Total: = 1,235

First Baptist Watchcare: = 11

*Leah Clark presented the Nominating Committee Report:

Meredith Parker is being recommended for an unfilled position expiring Dec. 2024 on the Missions Committee. The recommendation was approved.

There is a desire to change the timeline for Deacon Nominations: this would happen in May and give them more time for their responsibilities.

*Pastor David presented the resolution for the sale of real estate. Fran Stewart had left her home to five charitable institutions; one of them being FBC on fifth. The document shared authorizes Nancy Robinson to act on the church's behalf. We are adopting the resolution for the sale of the property. A motion was made to adopt the resolution and a second was carried.

*Roper Halverson presented the Building Projects Task Force on Gary Knight's behalf:

They have met three times and are trying to prioritize the projects around the church. Several were mentioned: parking lot, lights in sanctuary, sound system, baraca room and floor, blower for the sanctuary heater, security cameras, flooring of the entryway and appearance. Cost is one of the factors being considered before looking at other projects around the building. Pastor Emily added that Rick Matthews is co-chairing this committee with Gary Knight.

*Linda Lewis presented the Missions Committee Report:

Linda mentioned first that in addition to the 20 or so organizations that we fund through our missions process, we have access to another fund that allows the committee to respond to needs that come up throughout the year. The committee uses their discretion regarding these needs and in accordance with the church's goals and values. She highlighted a few bullets from the report: 1) \$295.59 worth of food and meal was provided for the Flourish program of the Shalom Project, 2) A gift of \$635 was approved and disbursed to Crisis Control in response to a need identified by social workers from DSS who visit homes and see that there's an immediate need, and 3) A request for \$750 was approved for the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry Transition to Work Program. She also mentioned Save the Date church wide missions day opportunities coming up in August.

*Roper Halverson presented the Personnel Committee report:

Gary Knight has stepped into the role since John Young retired. He is helping personnel figure out the needs regarding the building. There will probably be some future opportunities for volunteers to help out with needs around the building.

*Scott Hudgins presented the Finance report:

A couple of highlights: this first quarter of 2024 has outperformed the past three years. Both revenues and expenses are under the budget.

*Pastor Emily made a few comments: the quality of the past guest speakers in the pulpit. The church has been involved in several events, two of which were having Stacey Abrams and Ann Lamont in our church through Bookmarks. She represented the alumni at the installation of Corey Walker, Dean of WF Divinity School.

*Linda Lewis mentioned the upcoming book sale that benefits the Shepherd Center.

*Pastor Emily mentioned the fine work Alice, Wally, and Joseph did on the floor tile of the church's prep room. Also, reminding everyone of Pastor Amy's upcoming sabbatical.

*Holly Kessler gave a reminder of a prayer this Friday night outside the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry.

*Linda Jones ended with a reading from Into the Mess by Debbie Thomas.

Submitted by Tommy Henley
Church Clerk

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Previous Membership Total = 1,235

ADDITIONS

Baptism: Micah Knight

Letter:

Statement: Ann Phelps & Kenneth Townsend Fondren Presbyterian, MS
Ruth Wharton Clemmons UMC, Clemmons NC
Nicole Rebhan Main Street UMC, Kernersville NC

Rededication:

Watchcare:

Watchcare is not counted in membership numbers

LOSSES

Letter: Larry & Kim Hovis Ardmore Baptist, WS NC

Erasure:

Death: Doyce Amos
Lib Austell
David Wilcox

Watchcare:

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Nominations for vote at Church Conference
August 7, 2024

House & Grounds Committee

Mark Thompson – filling unexp term 2024

Youth Ministry Team

Beth Sabbagh – filling unexp term 2024

Adult Ministry Team

Mary Foskett – co-leader 2025

Linda Jones – co-leader 2025

Bereavement Ministry Team

Beth Stainback – co-leader 2025

Martha Teague – co-leader 2025

Children's Ministry Team

Wally Cox – co-leader 2025

Kim Wilkinson – co-leader 2025

Homebound Ministry Team

Minerva Fox – co-leader 2025

Florence Wiley – co-leader 2025

Hospitality Ministry Team

Cindi Goins – co-leader 2025

Linda Stewart – co-leader 2025

Music & Arts Ministry Team

Carlos Mir – co-leader 2025

Susan Welch – co-leader 2025

New Member Ministry Team

Sheree Jones – co-leader 2025

Carol Wilkinson – co-leader 2025

Outreach Ministry Team

Rayce Lamb – co-leader 2025

Senior Adult Ministry Team

Karen Lefler – co-leader 2025

Terry Lefler – co-leader 2025

Worship Ministry Team

Alice Cox – co-leader 2025

Judy Eustice – co-leader 2025

Youth Ministry Team

Meredith Parker – co-leader 2025

Missions Committee Report for Quarterly Church Conference
Second Quarter 2024

- Members of Women's Fellowship hosted meal for Flourish Program of the Shalom Project. Missions fund provided \$64.17 toward cost of food. Will continue to support these meals four times over the next year, inviting church members to volunteer.
- Provided \$750 in support of Pivot Ministry's May 31 graduation ceremony for low income women who completed a 16-week program.
- Provided \$750 for Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministry's Transition to Work Program, supporting men who need supplies as they transition from prison to employment.
- Supported Love Out Loud's summer camp program with \$500 toward cost of meals for students involved in local service projects.
- Supported group of First on Fifth members who volunteer regularly at the SECU Family House. Provided \$400 toward cost of food for meals for family house guests.
- Missions Committee members collaborated with Adult Ministry Team to host four book discussion gatherings as follow-up to Dr. Bettina Love's community presentation in April.
- Food donations were delivered to Crisis Control each month. Youth packed 50 food boxes for special project Crisis Control initiated in response to need expressed by DSS social workers. Church provided funding for food (reported in last QCC)
- New Good Neighbor Team formed, spearheaded by Linda Jones.
- Ashley Academy volunteers finished out the school year with great success (tutoring, proctoring for testing, supporting teachers, etc.)
- Welcomed Missy Ward-Angalla who shared in worship about growth and accomplishments of Amani Sasa's work with refugees in Uganda. This is the concluding year for First on Fifth's commitment to Amani Sasa through CBF Field Personnel partnership.
- Per budget, disbursements made to over 20 missions and ministry partners.
- Have received applications for 2025 budget funding from over 20 missions partners. Committee will review and make recommendations to Finance Committee this fall.
- **Sign up for August 24 Serve Together Day! Hands-on service opportunities for Crisis Control, The Dwelling, and Ashley Academy. For all ages and abilities.**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
HIGHLIGHTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
For Jan through June 2024

	MTD Actual	YTD Actual	Funding Plan	Variance
Receipts:				
General Fund Income	58,077	399,490		
Desig Fund Offsets	10,433	19,288		
Other Receipts	667	2,014		
	<u>69,177</u>	<u>420,792</u>	483,000	(62,208)
Expenses:				
Missions	14,286	54,830		
Program	1,732	26,173		
Personnel	40,739	239,866		
Utilities & Building	11,371	85,890		
Operating	3,126	17,436		
	<u>71,254</u>	<u>424,195</u>	479,892	(55,697)
Rec over/(under) expenses:	(2,077)	(3,403)		

Winston-Salem Center for Educations and the Arts

First Baptist Church Quarterly Church Conference

August 7, 2024

WSCEA (The Center) is pleased to inform you that the wall that runs along Buxton Street and West Sixth Steet has been completed. The Center Board has spent the last two years dealing with the issue of the deteriorating wall that runs close to the foundation of the John 3:16 Building which houses the Center. Efforts to get the City of Winston to repair or replace the wall they built as part of an upgrade to the "West End" historic district decades ago, were unsuccessful. Rather than wasting time and money to force the City to replace the wall, the Board under the leadership of President Cathy Owens, began a fundraising effort that through private donations and grant submissions made it possible to sign a contract for wall replacement that began earlier this summer and has been completed. There will be some minor additional work replacing railings along the front of the building and a repair of the platform entrance to the Street School. We certainly appreciate the individual contributions from First Baptist folks in this effort as well as others in the community and supportive organizations.

With the large number of new folks who have become a part of the Fist Baptist family, the brief history of the Center that follows will introduce the Center to you:

Approximately a dozen years ago, the Church purchased the property across Popular Street and along West 6th Street, that had housed the NC Employment Security Commission. The original intent of the purchase was for only additional parking. However, a request of Pastor David Hughes to consider the building on the site for possible mission use, led him and a Church group to First Baptist Wilmington, NC to observe the development of a vacant building next to their Church.

After much planning, fundraising, renovation and prayer, the Center's first tenant, the Winston-Salem Street School was moved into the building. Three more non-profits, i.e., Dress for Success, Authoring Action, and Leadership Winston-Salem moved into the building as additional space was opened. We will introduce new folks to the individual activities of the non-profits at a later time.

The tenants of the Center do not pay rent for that which is considered Class A office space, but do pay for the operational cost of the building based on their square foot occupancy. The money saved on rent allows the non-profits to spend additional funds to fulfill their mission. This has resulted in over 2 million dollars of in-kind support for the non-profits.

Gary Stiffler, Vice President WSCEA