

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

December 18, 2024

**Call to Order**

Moderator John Smith called the conference to order at 6:21 p.m.

**Business**

Minutes of the October church conference were approved without dissent.

Changes to the church roll. There were no changes to the roll. Church membership remains 1,312.

**Standing Committee Reports**

*Trustees:*

Moderator John Smith read a written report from David Kelly. The report listed the members and included the responsibilities of the committee.

*Nominating Committee:*

Committee Chair Lynn Loomis thanked the members of the committee for their work and provided a summary of the committee's work during 2024.

*Worship Committee:*

Moderator John Smith read a written report from Brenda Snead. The report listed the members of the and provided of the committee's work during 2024.

*Hospitality Committee:*

Committee Chair Mary Powell Rhodes provided a summary of the responsibilities of the committee and a summary of the committee's work during 2024.

*Denominational Relations Committee:*

Committee Chair LaCount Anderson provided a summary of the responsibilities of the committee and a summary of the committee's work during 2024.

#### *Social Committee:*

Committee Chair Sheila Jordan provided a summary of the six events organized by the committee during 2024.

#### *Community Ministries Committee:*

Moderator John Smith read a written report from Committee Chair Valerie Cumbea that listed the members of the committee, provided an overview of the responsibilities of the committee, and a summary of the committee's work during 2024.

#### *Clothing Ministry Committee:*

Sabrina Tyndall reported for Carol Blanchard provided a summary of the responsibilities of the committee and a summary of the committee's work during 2024.

#### *Finance Committee:*

Committee Chair Ryan Willis provided the November 2024 financial numbers to the conference.

November 2024 - Total revenue, excluding investment income, of \$89,154.93 and total expenses of \$122,783.50. Expenses were in excess of revenue by \$33,628.57.

Year To Date - Total revenue, excluding investment income, of \$1,330,540.56 and total expenses of \$1,500,803.07. Expenses in excess of revenue by \$170,262.51.

Carryover account balance of \$205,130.66. The year started with \$357,097.59.

The December numbers are good to this point in the month. Revenues are about the same as in 2003, however expenses have increased.

2025 pledges as of December 12th are 85 totaling \$766,340. 80% of proposed budget for 2025 is \$1,391,040. The proposed budget for 2025 is \$1,738,800.

Committee Chair Ryan Willis provided a summary of the committee's work during 2024 and an overview of the church's investment account.

#### *Properties Committee:*

Committee Chair Bob Bailey provided a report to the conference that summarized the projects that were approved and overseen by the committee during 2024. The report also identified known projects for 2025.

#### *WMU Director:*

Sheila Jordan reported for Nancy Phillips and provided an overview of the WMU that included a summary of their work during 2024.

#### *Homebound Ministries:*

Jessica Helms provided a report that listed the members of the committee and the members of the church served by this ministry during 2024.

*Stewardship Committee:*

Allison Strickland provided a report that listed the members of the committee and a summary of the committee's work during 2024.

**Unfinished Business**

Kimberly Taylor thanked John Smith for his leadership during 2024.

**New Business**

Moderator John Smith reported on the ministerial housing allowance. A motion was unanimously approved.

Moderator John Smith also reported on the Deacon officers for 2025:

- \* Kimberly Taylor - Chair
- \* John Shell - Vice Chair
- \* Hollis Yelverton - Secretary
- \* Royce Willmschen - Assistant Secretary

A motion to approve the Deacon officers for 2025 was unanimous.

**Announcements**

Moderator John Smith spoke on White Flag and recognized Leah for all her work in making this happen.

Reverend Leah Reed acknowledged Rodney for all that he is doing and that First Baptist Church could not do this without his support. Reverend Reed also recognized Holly Ivel and Holly Cook, and that she will pass the torch to them during her upcoming maternity leave. Lastly, Reverend Reed recognized the congregation for showing up and making this happen.

The conference was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*James E. Vogel, Jr.*

Church Clerk