

MINUTES OF THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

August 26, 2026

Call to Order

Moderator John Shell called the conference to order at 6:20 p.m.

Business

Minutes of the church conference were approved without dissent.

Church clerk Teresa Teague gave the membership report. There were two transfers of membership: Al and Nancy Hunter moved their memberships to Trinity Baptist Church. There have been seven deaths since the last conference: Tom Bersuder, on July 2; Carolyn Crutchfield, on June 22; Jean Gupton, on June 20; Carmen Hiott, on June 3; Mary Jon Roach, on August 6; Gary Singleton, on August 22; and Jim Valentine, on August 21. The membership as of August 26th is 1,294.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Committee chair Tom Rollins gave a review of the financials. July 2026 total revenue was \$80,126.53; total expenses were \$132,556.51. Expenses in excess of revenue were \$52,429.98. Mr. Rollins announced that the Finance Committee will begin the 2027 budget process over the next few weeks. Committees should be receiving information to begin working on their requests for the 2027 budget.

Properties Committee

Committee chair John Hobson reported that the kitchen was currently being repainted and would be finished by the end of the week.

New Business

Visitors Table

Mr. Shell reported that there is now a Visitors Table set up outside the church office where we can engage with guests and offer more information on the church. He encouraged members to escort guests to the table or stop by and talk with them. This ministry is being coordinated by the church staff with future plans to incorporate volunteers to help as well.

Comments from Dr. Chapman

Dr. Chapman said that the church is having more and more visitors attend, and the Visitors Table is a way of making them feel welcome. He added his encouragement for church members to bring visitors to the table stop by and chat.

Dr. Chapman reminded the conference that the new fiscal year for the Day Mission Fund begins on September 1. He encouraged any individuals or groups who would like to request money from the fund check the Rose Window Weekly for links to application forms, especially since there are some funds carried over from the previous fiscal year.

Finally, Dr. Chapman mentioned that the injunction that CBF (along with several other faith groups) sought in early 2025 to maintain their worship spaces as a “safe space” where ICE could not enter without a valid warrant had been upheld in a recent federal appeals court decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Church Clerk