

# MINUTES OF THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

April 29, 2026

## **Call to Order**

Moderator John Shell called the conference to order at 6:12 p.m.

## **Business**

Minutes of the church conference were approved without dissent.

Church clerk Teresa Teague gave the membership report. There were three deaths since the last church conference: Betty Purser, on March 2; Myron Britt, on March 15; and Johnny Shaver, on April 3. This brings the church membership to 1,302.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Finance Committee*

Committee chair Tom Rollins gave a review of the financials. March 2026 total revenue was \$148,430.60; total expenses were \$133,324.23. Revenue in excess of expenses was \$15,106.37.

Mr. Rollins then presented the Finance Committee's revision to the proposed budget, which is about \$62,000 less than the initial proposal. Finance Committee had discussed that drawing down the carryover fund for three consecutive years was not sustainable for the church's long-term financial stability. Wayne Hager added that the committee had decided to move away from the previous practice of requiring pledges equaling 80% of the proposed budget and instead based the budget on prior years' performance. After more discussion from members, the conference voted on the proposed budget and it was passed with dissent.

Since the budget was approved, Mr. Rollins then reported that the church's quarterly mission payments (\$20,641) would be paid within the week.

### *Properties Committee*

Committee member Wyatt Yelverton gave a report from the Properties Committee. The committee considered and approved the following projects:

- Emergency repair for failed supply and return piping (\$5,729.70)
- Emergency repair for faulty auxiliary drainpipe (\$1,266.12)
- Landscaping team (led by Jeff Hobart) request (\$2,000)
- Choir loft and Clothing Ministry air handler controller improvements (\$1,900)

Mr. Yelverton also recognized multiple painting and repair projects completed around the church by the team of Bob Bailey, John Baldwin, Jerry Dudeck, Charles Petty, John Smith, and Jerry Washington (PB&J).

*New Business*

Mr. Shell presented for approval three members selected to fill vacancies on the Nominating Committee: Mary Burnette (term ending in 2027), Mike Dare (term ending in 2028), and Mary Lou Dodd (term ending in 2026). The conference approved these members without dissent.

Mr. Shell then announced that Adam Harker would no longer be able to serve his term as deacon (due to the family moving.) As chair of the diaconate, Mr. Shell nominated Wyatt Yelverton as his replacement. The conference approved this appointment without dissent.

*Comments from Dr. Chapman*

Dr. Chapman thanked the Finance Committee for their work, reemphasizing that while there was an immediate need to pass a budget, there is a commitment to work towards a long-term plan for financial sustainability. He also commended the PB&J team, in particular the new baptistry steps which are much more secure. He also recognized the landscaping team led by Jeff Hobart and thanked them for enhancing our church property. He closed with a prayer of thanks for the entire church community.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Church Clerk