MINUTES OF THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

May 27, 2026

Call to Order

Moderator John Shell called the conference to order at 6:07 p.m.

Business

Minutes of the church conference were approved without dissent.

Church clerk Teresa Teague gave the membership report. There were three new members who joined by transfer of membership: Andy and Mary Roby, on May 17, from The Memorial Baptist Church in Greenville, NC; and Robin Van Hook, on May 3, from Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Edina, MN. There were also two deaths: Rebecca Clayton, on May 11; and Charles Parker, on May 14. The membership as of May 27th is 1,303.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee
Committee chair Tom Rollins gave a review of the financials. April 2026 total revenue was $116,825.44; total expenses were $163,598.05. Expenses in excess of revenue were $46,772.61.

Properties Committee
Committee chair John Hobson gave a report from the Properties Committee. Completed projects this month included:

- Air handling units in the choir loft and Clothing Ministry are currently running under remote control
- An additional drip pan added to an air handler experiencing a leak

Upcoming projects include:

- Replacing eight toilet valves
- Repainting the kitchen in preparation for the health inspection visit. The quote for the walls and ceiling is $3,600. The committee is awaiting a quote for painting the floors.

Nominating Committee
Committee chair Karen Poteat presented a list of nominees for service positions in the church (Attachment 1) for approval by the conference. The members voted to approve the slate of candidates without dissent.

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New Business

Parenting Support Group
Anna Anderson gave an update report on the Parenting Support Class that she and LaCount have been working on since 2023, when they learned that CBF had received a five-year grant from the Lilly Foundation to implement a program called Strengthening Families on the Move. This CBF Global Missions initiative is a faith-based, trauma-informed curriculum designed to help parents heal, strengthen parenting skills, and integrate spiritual practices. The pilot project was offered in Conetoe, NC and was led by Blessinda Staton, a licensed mental health counselor. In January 2026, the Poverty Network sent four people to a CBF training to learn how to teach and facilitate the curriculum (Ms. Staton, Leah Reed, Elizabeth Santana, and Kimberly Taylor.) This team originally thought to offer the parenting class to Clothing Ministry clients; however, many barriers made this unworkable. Cara Lynn Vogel suggested the team reach out to the Raleigh Christian Women's Job Corps, and found an interested and enthusiastic group of mothers.

Now there is a six-session program set to begin at the church in June. There will be five women and fifteen children in classes for the mothers and for both younger and older children. The team is excited to be able to offer this program, and the CBF is also working on a children's curriculum and a Spanish version to be offered in the future.

Ad Hoc Group on Affordable Childcare
Ryan Willis gave a report on the Ad Hoc Group Exploring Affordable Childcare. This group is made up of Mr. Willis, Mary Nash Rusher, Ann Rollins, Sarah Woodard, Cara Lynn Vogel, Hollis Yelverton, Jessica Helms, Jen Foster, Sarah Catherine Rhodes, and Daniel Rohrbaugh; staff participating are Lynn Lingafelt, Leah Reed, and Chris Chapman. This group was created as a response to the Facilities Assessment and Dream Team process, as a means to explore how our facility can continue and enhance our ability to offer affordable childcare for our community. The group has no set goal or agenda, hoping to explore options for expanding or creating new services and "thinking outside the box." The group has met with the directors of the Infant/Toddler Center and the Weekday Preschool, and has begun gathering information about how other childcare facilities are working. Mr. Willis encouraged church members to reach out to him with thoughts or ideas for the Ad Hoc Group.

Comments from Rev. Reed
Reverend Reed led the members in sharing prayer requests and updates. Special prayers were requested for the group leaving for Honduras to finish building a playground. She closed the meeting with a prayer for individuals and the fellowship of the church community.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Church Clerk

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Nominees Presented for Approval

Positions with Terms that Generally Follow the "Traditional School Calendar"

Sunday School (1-year commitments: August 1, 2026 — July 31, 2027)

Preschool Director: Hope Phillips
Elementary School Director: Robin Willis
Preschool Teachers (Babies-Twos): Valerie Moore, Melanie Stahmer
Preschool Teachers (Threes-K): Diane Ellis, Marchelle Flowers, Kari Baldwin, Marianna Burnette, Meg Dare
Grade School Teachers (1st - 3rd): Holly Ivel, Charles Gale
Grade School Teachers (4th-5th): Derek Foster, Ryan Willis
Youth Teachers (Middle School): Dennis Ellis, Margaret Barham, Jeff Hobart
Youth Teachers (High School): Allison Strickland, Matt Strickland, Holly Cook
Connections: Lin Carter, Johnny Liverman, Kat Sidner, Chuck Nichols
Everette Miller Friendship: Bob Bailey
Formations: Rebecca Sasser, Chuck Underwood
Grains of Sand: Hollis Yelverton, Leah Filomena, Wyatt Yelverton
John Hiott: Bob Bailey
Pathfinders: Mary Powell Rhodes, Matt Bullard, Sam Carothers, Nancy Gaj, Hayden James, Chuck Nichols
Scriptural Serendipity: John Shell
Journey: Amy Galvan, Teresa Teague, Robert Ponton, Anne Bullard, Sue and Stan Crocker
Wilderness: Jess Helms
Unity: David Guzman

Ministries Councils (1-year commitments: August 1, 2026 — July 31, 2027)

Children's Ministries Council:	Diane Ellis, Derek Foster, Kimberly Taylor, Rhonda Lowe, Elizabeth Riley, Daniel Rohrbaugh, Robin Willis, Linda Carothers
Student Ministries Council:	Addie Bacon, Chloe Fulk, Janie Carothers, Lacey Pegram, Tyler Jones, Caleb Petty, Charles Gale
Adult Ministries Council:	Rebecca Sasser, Jamie Vogel, Teague, Jen Foster, Bob Bailey, Anna Anderson
Music Ministries Council:	Carolyn Dickens, Art Jackson, Anna Anderson, Amy Galvan, Alan Taylor, Jeff Mercer
Weekday Preschool Council:	Linda Carothers, Sarah Collins, Karen Poteat

ITC Board (3-year terms: September 1, 2026 — August 31, 2029)

Robert Ponton, John Rusher, Carolyn Dickens

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Positions with Terms that Follow the Calendar Year (Jan-Dec)

Committees & Boards (3-Year Terms: January 1, 2027 — December 31, 2029)

Community Relations:	Holly Cook, Nancy Phillips, Matt Bullard
Denominational Relations:	Ron Sanders, Cara Lynn Vogel
Finance:	Johnathan Babb, Brenda Mullins, Sam Ewell
Hospitality:	Denise Aslett, Suzanne Sanford, Elizabeth Riley (thru Dec 2027)
Personnel:	Jay Carothers, Anne Bullard, Eddie Sasser (thru Dec 2026)
Properties:	Jerry Dudeck, Charles Petty, Wade Sasser, Brantley Blanchard Jr (thru December 2026)
Social:	Sarah Woodard, Luke Foster
Trustees:	Sam Carothers, Anne Cooke
Worship:	Greg Flowers

Clerk & Treasurer: 2-year terms (January 1, 2027- Dec 31, 2028):

Clerk:	Charles Gale
Assistant Clerk:	Myra Brickell
Treasurer:	Will Poteat
Assistant Clerk:	Elizabeth Riley

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