MINUTES OF THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

September 30, 2026

Call to Order

Moderator John Shell called the conference to order at 6:16 p.m.

Business

Minutes of the church conference were approved without dissent.

Church clerk Teresa Teague gave the membership report. There were no deaths this month, and Peyton and Mary Beth Barksdale Sandroni joined on September 20 by statement. The current membership is 1,296.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee
Committee member Matt Strickland gave a review of the financials. August 2026 total revenue was $221,669.82; total expenses were $147,574.31. Revenue in excess of expenses was $74,095.51. Budget request materials have been sent to all church committees and councils and are due back by October 15. Mr. Strickland also mentioned that the Stewardship Team is beginning planning for its work this year, and encouraged the church members to support the Team's efforts.

New Business

Salvation Army guests
Mr. Shell mentioned that the Salvation Army had an emergency need for overnight housing due to emergency maintenance of their Family Life Center.

Comments from Dr. Chapman
Dr. Chapman clarified that the Salvation Army had contacted the church on September 23 with an immediate housing need due to emergency maintenance needed at their Family Life Center. There have been over forty guests each night for a week, and the Salvation Army center will reopen on Friday.

He then announced that the church has hired Parable Media to do a complete redesign of the church website, as well as create video materials for other purposes. There will be people here recording and taking photos in the next few weeks.

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Diane Ellis contacted Dr. Chapman and reminded him that it has been three years since the last pictorial directory was published. Plans are in the works for photography sessions in early 2027 to put together a current directory.

Dr. Chapman also announced the members of the current Stewardship Team: Derek Foster (chair), Denise Aslett, Barry Jones, and Lynn Marshbanks. Nancy Phillips (from the 2025 team) is helping them with the initial planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Church Clerk

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