



BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE

(As of 12-31-16)



MISSIONS AND MORE

A LOOK AT THE BUDGET

Members: Treasurer: Jim Wind, Marjorie Colman, Jerry Johnson, Beverly Lovingood, Donna Mitchell.

WHERE DO WE STAND

1. Monthly Budget \$23,846. 2016 Budget \$286,153.
2. December 2016 general fund offering \$24,189. 2016 offerings \$252,260.
3. December offerings were 1.42% above budget. 2016 offerings were 86.56% of budget.
4. Unrestricted cash on hand as of December 31st: \$65,864 (November 30th balance: \$63,710; December 31st 2015 balance: \$64,948).
5. Account 5115 CBFNC Mission Resource Plan (our church 10% tithe) paid for December.
6. Designated fund offering for December were \$6,320. 2016 designated offerings \$47,744. Designated fund balance for Dec 31st \$116,647.

Are you 70 1/2 years of age or older and having to take the dreaded required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA?



If so, you can take a bite out of the taxable portion of your RMD while increasing church giving at the same time.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 finally made permanent qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from individual retirement accounts. This means you can take money out of your IRA tax-free if you donate it to a qualified charity, AND the money counts toward your RMD while NOT being counted as income. Effectively this means you can increase your charitable giving by whatever tax bracket you might be in, without costing you any more out of pocket.

The check for the distribution must be in the name of the charity and issued directly from your IRA custodian, not from you. You may, however, have the check mailed to your home address if you wish. You must also obtain paperwork from your charity confirming the donation. Please do your own research to verify that you qualify. A good starting point is the following website: <http://wealthmanagement.com/retirement-planning/ira-qualified-charitable-contributions-reinstated-made-permanent?page=1>

Everyone at First Baptist Church Carolina Beach who can take advantage of this little known tax break to increase their giving will create a win-win for the Lord and the Church.



Cub Scouts

Each Monday night, our church hosts Cub Scout Pack #230 at 7 pm in the Education Building

Ladies of All Ages – Come Join the WMU

All women are invited to come out to the church on the second Monday of each month to join the Vera Harris Circle of the WMU as it focuses on missions education and prayer and plans missions projects in our community.

WMU NEWS.....

The Vera Harris Circle met January 9 with 13 members and one visitor, Maria Agrillo, present.

Pastor Hal told us about the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and his time working there. Margie told about the Baptist World Alliance. Both of these ministries are in our budget. The Hot Dog supper raised \$315. In December we sent \$100 to World Vision for medicines to be used overseas. Georgia served delicious refreshments. In February, Debra Benoy will bring the program with Juanita Bailes serving as hostess.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Sunday, April 30 is the date for our WMU Woman's Day with Dee Dee Moody as our guest speaker. She is President of WMU for North Carolina.

Margie Underwood, Director

Meals on Wheels



On the 4th Saturday of each month, our Missions Committee has a team that prepares and delivers meals in the community for the Meals on Wheels program. If you are interested in learning more about how this ministry works or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Lori Griffin (798-5857). Thanks to all our Meals on Wheels volunteers! We couldn't do this without you! The next opportunity to serve will be Saturday, January 28th at 10 am.



Needs for the Help Center

The Federal Point Help Center is in need of the following items: Pasta sauce, soup, canned meat, and Spaghetti O's, or any other canned or dry goods (not out of date), and toiletries. Please place your items on the table in the sanctuary.



Martha's Kitchen

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 – 7 PM

Martha's Kitchen offers a warm, free meal to members of our community twice a week. Currently, our volunteer roster is filled for this ministry, but prayers are always welcome.





Our Young Adults

If you are college age(ish) and would like to join us, please contact Melinda Latta!!!

Riptide Believers Youth

All youth are invited!!

Wow! What a great beginning! The big Kickoff of our new youth group format was a blast! With twenty one young people and an awesome group of adult leaders in attendance, Pastor Hal revealed our new Game Plan for youth ministry at FBCCB. Our weekly meetings, every Sunday evening from 5-6:30pm, will be led by teams of adult volunteers who bring their own unique gifts to share with the kids, helping them learn about living life as a Christ follower and having a whole lot of fun doing it! With such amazing youth and a great head coach like Pastor Hal, we're destined for victory!



Meet Our New Deacons for 2017



Maria Agrillo



1) *Tell us about you and your family.* Paul and I have been married for 49 years! and have 4 children and 10 grandchildren!! We are both from Massachusetts but have lived in Georgia, Vermont, New York and at last beautiful North Carolina now 30 years(2 here in CB). I did a lot of teaching having graduated as a Math, French and Education major. I taught middle and high school but my favorite was teaching women in Bible studies and Moms class for 50 young Moms. I love being a Mom and grandmother, cooking, decorating, golf, Bible study and of course walking the beach. Most of all I love the LORD and desire to share His love, encouragement, and the Gospel message to everyone.

2) *What brought you to FBCCB?* Originally curiosity about the Martha's kitchen-outreach at a church is one of the criteria for a church for me. We had searched here for a church home but by far the love extended by this congregation (especially at the Women's luncheon I first attended-thanks Peggy), the love for the Lord, and most importantly the commitment to preach and stand on the Word of God! Of course, it was the Lord who opened the door to our new home here at FBCCB! And oh are we ever grateful!

3) *What are some of your favorite ways to serve here and in our community?* Teaching Sunday School and EE, greeting, participating in Monday Bible study (thank you, Shirley), Heart of Hope.

4) *Have you served as a deacon before? Where? What did God teach you from that experience or other ministry experiences?* Yes, at Central Presbyterian Church in Huntington, NY. Only with the help, guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit did I learn to show His love, to trust Him, see His faithfulness, and serve His people. It was a truly humbling and wonderful time of ministry.

5) *Share with us one of your favorite Bible verses or passages.* It is so difficult to choose but it would have to be Mt 6:33 Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these will be added unto you. It was actually etched into the podium that I would speak from and always a reminder of what is most important! So many times, especially difficult times, times of decision, happy times, I could only read the Word!

Paul Agrillo



1) *Tell us about you and your family.* In 1968 in Savannah Ga Maria and I were married. We have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. I spent 12 years in Catholic school and was graduated from Norwich University in Vermont. I took a job at the Veterans Administration in NYC, left and started my own home improvement company in Huntington, NY. In 1987 we moved to Advance, NC where I continued with my home improvements. We joined Reynold Presbyterian where I was a trainer for the EE program and went on a mission trip to Jamaica. We then did a church plant -River Oaks Community Church where I started a men's ministry.

2) *What brought you to FBCCB?* We were searching for a church and the love of the people at FBCCB drew us to join.

3) *What are some of your favorite ways to serve here and in our community?* Greeting, building the Ark, Teaching Evangelism Explosion, teaching Sunday School

4) *Have you served as a deacon before? Where? What did God teach you from that experience or other ministry experiences?* Not a deacon, but EE taught me how to share the gospel showing me God in action.

5) *Share with us one of your favorite Bible verses or passages.* Romans 10:9-10 If you declare with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Rex Creech



1) *Tell us about you and your family.* I am married to Peggy. We have two children, Travis and Jonathan. We also have six precious grandchildren. We moved here in 1996 from Matthews, NC, but was born and raised in Garner, NC. I am self employed at our family owned business, Rex and Sons RVs. I enjoy spending time with my family and going out on the boat fishing with friends.

2) *What brought you to FBCCB?* After moving here, we visited different churches here on the Island and in Wilmington. Our son, Jonathan and his wife joined FBCCB and Peggy and I started visiting on a regular basis, and joined approximately 13 years ago.

3) *What are some of your favorite ways to serve here and in our community?*

I am a member of several civic organizations and enjoy helping and serving others in my community and church in any way I can.

4) *Have you served as a deacon before? Where? What did God teach you from that experience or other ministry experiences?* No, I have not served as a deacon before.

5) *Share with us one of your favorite Bible verses or passages.* I would have to say, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Jerry Johnson



1) *Tell us about you and your family.* Diane and I have been married for 40 years. My parents are deceased and I have both an older and younger sister who is deceased. I also have a younger brother who is a deacon in the church I attended growing up. I have two nephews and a niece and their families, of whom I am close to and very proud.

2) *What brought you to FBCCB?* After we retired to Carolina Beach, Diane and I had planned to visit churches on the island and in the adjacent area to find a home church here. We started with First Baptist and greatly enjoyed Pastor Ron Poythress’ inspiring sermons and decided to continue attending. We never got around to visiting the other churches.

3) *What are some of your favorite ways to serve here and in our community?* A couple of my favorite activities are serving on a Martha’s Kitchen team and helping with the Martha’s Kitchen food pickups at Food Lion. I also like to help at VBS, and since Diane is on the Special Events Committee, that kind of makes me an ex officio member and I enjoy those related duties. I also enjoy providing assistance and support to those who have a need, such as taking them to appointments. God has blessed me abundantly and I have felt a sense of duty to share my time and resources with those experiencing difficulties or who are in need.

4) *Have you served as a deacon before? Where? What did God teach you from that experience or other ministry experiences?* I have not previously served as a Deacon.

5) *Share with us one of your favorite Bible verses or passages.* This is not an easy question for me to answer. I have outlined or highlighted so many verses in my Bible that it looks like a worn out textbook rather than a Bible. I like John 3:17, which of course follows John 3:16. I think those two verses taken together sum up for Christians the promise and hope that God has given us.

