



BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE

(As of 1-31-16)



Members: Treasurer: Jim Wind, Jerry Johnson,
Beverly Lovingood, Connie Lowe, Donna Mitchell.

WHERE DO WE STAND

1. Monthly Budget \$ 23,846.
2. January 2016 general fund offerings \$21,317.
3. January offerings were 88.14% of January's budget.
4. Unrestricted cash on hand as of January 31, 2016 was \$65,746.
5. Account 5115 CBFNC Mission Resource Plan (our church 10% tithe) paid for January.
6. Designated fund offering for January \$1,772.50. Designated fund balance \$144,660.
7. Children's Church Ark account has \$736 of the projected \$848 needed for the ark project.

Members and friends who have offering envelopes, please use them each week.



This helps make the tellers' jobs much easier and more accurate.

Please put your name on the envelope, and mark where you want to apply the funds (General Fund or some other designated account). If you don't use an envelope, a teller needs to create the envelope for you. This takes a lot of time, and is unnecessary. Thanks for your co-operation.

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.



From Your Deacons With Love

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and
our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet
again.

This glorious hope revives our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives and waits to see the day.
From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all
eternity. - John Fawcett

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*
for brethren to dwell together in unity!



A special thank you to Island Men and Island Women for providing the finances for a much needed new freezer for Martha's Kitchen after the old freezer gave up the ghost. We are grateful for the support and partnership of individuals and groups all over the Island who invest in the work of feeding the hungry here in Carolina Beach.

Thanks be to God!



VOLUNTEER NEEDS

URGENT! Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery rotation for the 11:00 service has recently narrowed down to 4 volunteers, which is just one nursery worker per Sunday. We **REALLY** need to add some volunteers to our rotation. **EVERYONE PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HELPING OUT WITH OUR NURSERY MINISTRY!!!!!!** If you would be willing to help, please contact Tammy Dew (350-6747) or the church office.



Welcome Team Volunteers

We would like to extend the opportunity for additional people to serve as Greeters & Ushers. If you would like to be a part of the rotation on Sundays, please contact the church office.



Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed

The church needs volunteers to help with Audio/Visual elements during the worship services and musical rehearsals. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact the church office



Cub Scouts

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



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!! Questions?
Please call Dara Newberry (262-1137)



Family Game Night – March 11

Fun for all Ages! Please join us for an evening of family fun on Friday, March 11 from 6-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall! The staff of CAPE FEAR GAMES on Oleander Drive will be here to facilitate a family game night - they will bring all types of games and will teach us how to set up and play the games. Come play your family's favorite games and check out some new ones too! Coupons to Cape Fear Games will be available for all participants. Refreshments will be served. **Please RSVP by March 4** to Jennie Gaskell at jjgaskell@hotmail.com or 910-409-1600.

Welcome Newest Members James and Jewel Best!



We are so delighted to get to know James and Jewel Best better as they settle in here at FBC! James has joined the choir and is helping us worship God through music each Sunday. Jewel has joined the Be More Women's Bible Study on Monday nights. They are both part of the Bridge Builders Sunday School class. We are grateful that God has brought us together as family and look forward to serving God and neighbor together in the days to come.

Learning more about James and Jewel:

1. *Tell us a bit about yourselves.*

We were born, married, and raised our family in Duplin County. Later we lived in the Blue Ridge mountains and just last year relocated to Carolina Beach to be nearer family (and warmer weather!). James was ordained as a deacon in 1967. After retirement in 1999, he was ordained as a Baptist minister in 2002. He has served as a pastor and associate pastor since that time.

2. *Tell us about your family.*

We have a son, Kevin, who lives in Carolina Beach and works for Transtech Energy. Our daughter Jill lives in Lowville, NY, and is a partner in a CPA firm. We have four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

3. *What drew you to FBC?*

We found in this church body the love, compassion, and servant heart that we believe God desires from us all and we want to serve Him here.

4. *What are some of your favorite ways to serve?*

Through our involvement in the ministry, we find that service in the church and in the community go hand in hand. Love God and serve your neighbor.

5. *Eastern NC barbecue or Western?*

No contest: Eastern barbecue!

Britt's or Wake-n-Bake?

We haven't tried the donuts yet, but hear they are delicious!

Committee Updates for 2016: February was “Love Your Committee” Month!

Here a few updates on what some of our committees have been up to as we serve God and neighbor together. Don't forget to pray for—and thank--our brothers and sisters as they help our church attend to the details of living out our calling!

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES:

Archives/History Committee: Jean Stewart and Frances Ray are making plans to work in the “History Room” on the first floor of the Education Building, going through and organizing the various historical items. Thank you both for helping us cherish and honor the story of the people of God who have made FBC what it is today!

Auditing Committee: The Auditing Committee (Lona Thompson & David Long) completed an audit of FBCCB's bank statement and church offerings on January 29, 2016. There were no exceptions and everything balanced. Lona & David will be scheduling another audit in the next few weeks to go over the latest bank statement and offerings.

Budget and Finance Committee had our first meeting on January 28. We discussed how we can make the financial reports more useful, how we want to work with the committee chairs to help understand the possibilities within the budget process, and what kind of proactive things our committee can do to facilitate a stronger General Fund and help build for the future of FBCCB.

Personnel Committee: After prayer and discussion, the Personnel Committee has recommended to the church that we expand that committee from three to five people, due to the nature of Personnel responsibilities. This will be voted on at the next Church Conference.

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEES:

Children's and Youth Committees, along with SS teachers, the SS director and assistant director, met January 17 to dream, pray, and plan. The Youth Committee planned for the Valentine's Banquet, which was a HUGE success. The Children's Committee worked on leadership for the 3rd-5th grade SS class and VBS planning. The need for a Security Team for the Education Building door on Sundays was discussed and a plan sketched out.

The Young Adults and their fearless leader Melinda Latta, partnered with the Youth to host the Valentine's Banquet. Thanks to all the Young Adults for supporting this fellowship event!

WORSHIP COMMITTEES:

Ordinance Committee: The Ordinance Committee prepared the Communion table and elements for our Communion service on February 14, 2016, and will do the same for our Good Friday service. How good it is to know that these folks make sure we all have what we need to share the Lord's Supper together and honor this integral part of our faith.

MISSIONS COMMITTEES:

Missions Committee: Meals on Wheels, a ministry that delivers hot meals to shut ins and others in need, went smoothly in both January and February. The Missions Committee reminds everyone to place your soup labels and box tops in the Campbell's Soup “can” in the Fellowship Hall to support our own Carolina Beach Elementary!

The Bereavement/Memorials/Flowers Committee lovingly provided food and a peace plant to the Guy family, following Barbara's death, and the Colman family, following Will's death. The Committee members also assisted with preparation and serving food at the gathering following Will's service. In addition, a gorgeous flower silk arrangement was given to the church in memory of our Glenda O. Hurley and is in current use in our sanctuary. We are grateful.

The **Martha's Kitchen Committee** thanks the Island Men and Island Women for a new freezer they provided for Martha's Kitchen after one of the old freezers gave its last gasp. We are thankful for the support of people and groups all over the Island!

The **Special Events Committee** did a wonderful job as usual decorating and hosting our 5th Sunday Dinner in January! Unique glass centerpieces, crafted by Debbie Passmore, graced our tables and intrigued us all. Thanks for making this event an even warmer, more memorable gathering.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEES

The Facilities/Grounds Committee is working on addressing the leaks in the Sanctuary building and the Educational building. Caring for our “mature” buildings is a big job. The committee is also addressing insect control in the kitchen and waterproofing the Education Building. Please be in prayer for this vital committee as they help us be good stewards of the buildings God has entrusted to us.

The Kitchen Committee continues to make sure we have ample paper products in the kitchen for church activities. This is the committee to contact (Cheryl Edmundson) when you need to borrow any equipment from the kitchen, from punch bowls to pots and pans, so that we can keep track of where everything is and be good stewards of our kitchen and its contents.

VALENTINE'S DINNER

A huge, heart-shaped thank you to EVERYONE who helped make the Valentine's Banquet such fun! An enormous amount of hard work went into making this event happen. Thanks to Dara and Joey Newberry for heading it up, Tammy Dew for food, our wonderful YOUTH for serving, Melinda Latta and our fabulous Young Adults for assisting in every way, and last, but not least, our "Newlywed Game" participants for being such good sports! Thanks be to God for food, fun, fellowship and the gift of brothers and sisters who show us such love!

