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2016 Annual Report

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2016 Annual Report of the Pastor

The 2016 Annual Report is a terrific picture of the Triune God's grace and provision for our church throughout the last year of ministry together. I encourage you to read through the document and prayerfully consider how we might continue to grow in effective outreach and discipleship in 2017.

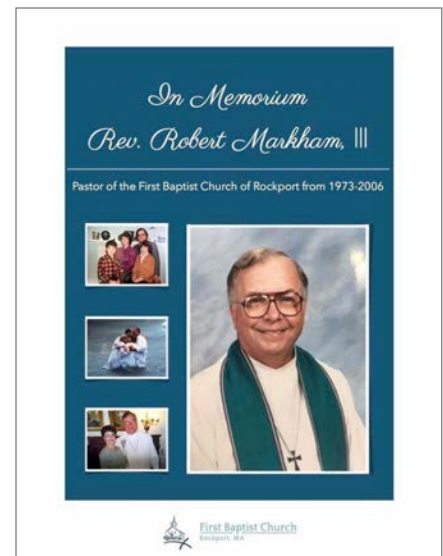
The month of May marked the passing of Bob Markham who faithfully served the church as pastor from 1973-2006. Bob's kind and gracious demeanor guided the church through a remarkable era. As a tribute to his legacy it was fitting that we were able to establish and subsequently present awards from the Bob and Roberta Markham Scholarship. The fund will provide scholarships towards graduating high school students who have been active in the life of Rockport Baptist.

The May baptism of Katharine Boucher was a real highlight of the year. Katharine has been active in the life of the church for several years starting with the Middle School Youth Group and VBS. In



the act of baptism Katharine was demonstrating her personal commitment to faith and life in Jesus Christ. In her second year of college in Florida she is now the leader of her school's Cru (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ) Campus Ministry. It's been encouraging to watch Katharine grow in her faith and see the church aid her in this growth.

In the coming years, the future of our church is contingent upon continuing to effectively win people to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and build them as faithful disciples. A major and very important role of the Annual Report is to provide the congregation with financial accountability regarding our material resources. To that end we have an excellent team that has contributed hundreds of volunteer hours



represented in the following reports. In addition to our financial accountability it is critical that we also consider a sort of spiritual accountability and observe the ways that we have been faithful in building disciples of Jesus Christ and effectively reaching our community with the gospel.

It was a joy to work with the Board of Deacons and Laurie Tuck throughout the year on making modifications to the Sunday Morning Service. Our unified objective is to continually consider the way that the worship serves to glorify God and also edify those participating in the service. A third task that we have is to consider how what we are doing effectively reaches our culture that has either a low opinion or low value for the historic mission of the church. The third year of our nursery and the establishment of our Children's Church program are wonderful ways of encouraging the involvement of new and young families in the church. The growth of volunteer and staff participation in driving seniors to church is another way of bridging the church with the real needs in our community. The Choir and Worship Team's experiment with different types of music is a helpful way of engaging different cultures and ages in worship. It's a joy each Sunday to be able to lead the Congregation in the study of scripture and we spent most of the year going through 1 and 2 Corinthians. Tom Paisley, Peter Johnson, Dan Hoffstetter and Ken Swetland served as substitute preachers throughout this period.



In May we also sent-off Tom and Fiona Paisley. The Paisleys were active in the life of the church for four years during their studies at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Boston College. Fiona was a vital participant in teaching in God's Family, Youth Group and Vacation Bible School. Tom assisted with leading Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Adult Sunday School, Youth Group and occasionally preached. They are greatly missed as they have returned to ministry in the great State of Ohio. We have received grant funding to cover the costs associated with bringing on a new pastoral apprentice from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and are actively pursuing candidates to fill this position in the year ahead.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study continues to be the anchor of our Adult Christian Education Program. This group, which regularly includes 16-18 adults, engaged in studies of the books of Corinthians, Amos and Mark. We also began a new feature of Adult Christian Education Trips – with our first one taking place at Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Tom Paisley lead the Adult Sunday School on Sunday's throughout the Spring. Kay Bannon, Nancy Pallazolla, Janet O'Donnell, Jane Tutein, Peter Johnson, Roselyn Lewis and Fiona Paisley

lead the team that taught God's Family Sunday School. Morning Prayer, a critical piece of the life of the church, took place on most Friday mornings.

The Youth Group is another key component of both the church's outreach and education program. It's noteworthy that about 80% of the current youth group were involved in VBS in younger ages. Tchelsea Grenfell continued to provide excellent support as the Youth Group assistant, frequently connecting with kids and providing rides. In addition to our weekly meetings of Bible Study, prayer and games the youth group took a retreat to Grotonwood, went Ice Skating on the Frog Pond, went roller skating with sister churches from Lynn, visited UMass and learned about the vibrant Christian presence and opportunity at State Schools and helped out with VBS. Finally the group hosted the epic night known as the "Youth Group Give Back Night" where we served a five-course meal to church adults.



Submerged VBS was once again a fun multi-generational week of outreach as we broke the previous year's record number for attendance and participation. This event continues to be a beautiful example of the church working together on mission with the combination of a vast array of talents and gifts with resulting execution of a great event. In the fall we launched a new initiative to have Children's Church during church. This group has met consistently under the leadership of Megan Wigton. They have been using material from the critically acclaimed Jesus Story Book Bible. Our Nursery continues to meet a critical need and we appreciate Katie Favalaro who has lead this for three years with help from Sarah Johnson and Emmalyn Dyksinski.

All of the above are just a small snapshot of the myriad of ways that we have grown together and outward in 2016. Margaret Williams lead a great team of volunteers who partnered to serve with other area churches with Family Promise North Shore Boston. The church participated in monthly services for Den-Mar, visited house bound community members and those undergoing hospitalization. We supported and continued to engage with the missions of Kendra Short, the Bennett's of France and the important community service work of the Open Door. There are many more unrecorded ways that we were able to by God's grace worship him and serve the community together in 2016.



Thank you for your participation in the life of our church. Please join me in praying how we might continue to expand our effectiveness and faithfulness in the coming year.

2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and in that light I conclude my report with the following quote from Martin Luther:



“I simply taught, preached, and wrote God’s Word; otherwise I did nothing. And then while I slept, or drank Wittenberg beer with my friends...the Word so greatly weakened the papacy that never a prince or emperor did such damage to it. I did nothing. The Word did it all.”¹

Soli Deo Gloria,

Matthew C. Wigton

¹ As published in the January 2017 edition of Christianity Today

Report from the Board of Deacons



The board focused on supporting our Pastor in choosing appropriate teaching topics and providing advice and prayer on the spiritual needs of our congregation.

We continually review and discuss all activities of the church and question the relevance and effectiveness of each. Our goal is to focus on few things and do them well. For example we did not do adult Sunday school this fall, instead focusing on children's church and Gods Family. Given our limited resources we will continue this practice in order to maximize those areas that are showing promise and to stop other areas that are not bearing fruit or are putting an undue burden on our pool of gifted people who always give of their time.

One significant burden is filling our Pastoral Apprentice position. We continue to pray that God will supply the right person to assist our ministry.

Finally we continue to pray that the music and teaching in our worship service is glorifying to God.

Respectfully,

David Pierson

Chairman Board of Deacons



Report from the Board of Stewards

The Board of Stewards at Rockport Baptist is charged with oversight of the material resources of the church including maintenance and repairs for the church building and parsonage, regular and special cleaning of the church, safety of all church properties, and the financial transactions necessary to support all church activities. At year's end three members, plus the pastor, treasurer and collector served on this board.



The pastor, himself, does a significant amount of the cleaning and preparation for services and events at the church. Three other groups are charged with regular care: the Clean Teams who volunteer in pairs each week, periodic "work days" open to all congregants, and recently hired Starr Cleaning to do periodic thorough cleaning of the building.

Installation of a building-wide safety system including fire alarms and sprinklers was completed in the spring. This project was funded by a grant from the Rockport CPC. Also in the spring one Steward painted the entire parking lot side of the building and did significant clean-up of storage spaces inside.

During the summer and fall attention turned to necessary maintenance and repairs at the parsonage. Projects accomplished during the year included:

- Replacement of the dishwasher
- Replacement of the main electrical panel
- Installation of a back-yard light
- Replacement of the front sidewalk and repair of the front and side entry stairs
- Installation of a wrought iron hand rail at the side steps
- Repair of the garage door

Some of this work was instigated by an inspection of the parsonage by licensed inspector Jim Tebo. The report identified numerous areas of maintenance and repair that are needed in the house.

It is notable that recent replacement of the boilers in both the parsonage and the church building has greatly reduced the amount of oil needed for heat and hot water, allowing budgetary resources to support other programs. The office manager maintains a project list which the stewards use to rank order building needs as they are reported. Members are encouraged to contact her or a Steward regarding items that should be added. Along with the efforts of staff and lay leadership, the many hours of volunteer work by a faithful few congregation members makes it possible for Rockport Baptist's doors to be open and welcoming to all who come.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M Zeman, Chair, Board of Stewards

**Gail Zeman
participating in the
Spring Church
Cleaning Day**



Annual Report of the Church Clerk – 2016

Members Reported December 31, 2015

Active Resident Members.....	83
Non-Resident Members.....	8
Total Membership.....	91

Membership Changes in 2016

Additions:

New Member - Katrina Tuck

Transfers:

Members to Heaven - Robert W Markham III
Louise Aines
Richard Feener

Members as of December 31, 2016

Active Resident Members.....	83
Non-Resident Members	6
Total Membership.....	89

Baptisms: Katherine Boucher

Weddings: None in 2016

Births: None in 2016

Dedications: None in 2016

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Koerth, Clerk

Report from the Music Committee

In early 2016 we were blessed to have Laurie Tuck accept the regular position of Music Director.

This followed Laurie's time as Interim Music Director since 2013.



Choir singing

Thanks to Laurie's leadership, the continuing dedication of our vocal choir, the youth Praise Band, various soloists and instrumentalists we were able to plan and provide special music at each service throughout the year.

Although the Hand Bell Choir continues to be on hiatus, we did hear occasional ringing especially in early July when we annually remember Gertrude Tarr Reed. It was on the occasion of Gert's 100th birthday many years ago that one of

the bell octaves was gifted to the church.

Special thanks to the many musicians who have played and sung during the past year. Especially, Jim Koerth and the Lighthouse brass, Katy Favaloro, Ben Tuck, Ruth Maasen and others. Several of the Sturgeon children (Christian, Kimi, Harry and Danielle) continue to be the backbone of the Youth Praise Band along with Pastor Matt and occasional appearances by David Avila and Mark Small. The group joins worship regularly and continues to be a blessing to all in attendance. There is also the uplifting music

which is sung VBS week and throughout the summer.



Praise Band



VBS

On behalf of the music committee and congregation I would also like to offer a special thank you to Katrina Tuck for faithfully executing and maintaining all things related to the sound system whenever she is home from college. Also thanks to the others she has trained.

Our entire music ministry at the First Baptist Church is dedicated to the glory of our Triune God.

We have been greatly blessed and all those that serve in the music ministry covet your continued prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Koerth, Music Committee Chairman

Report from the Music Director

As the year began, my initial goal was to sort through the music we had been purchasing over the years to determine what we actually had, what was still usable and what types of music we might be missing. That goal is about 80% accomplished. We have discarded many anthems and purchased some new ones while organizing and cataloguing what we have. The next step will be to update the data base already established and to add



some additional information regarding the lyrics and general theme of the anthems. This should help in my efforts to match the anthem with the sermon subject as often as possible.

The members of the Senior Choir have worked very hard this year and have presented some beautiful music. I truly appreciate their dedication, commitment and attendance at rehearsals. I also appreciate their willingness to adjust rehearsal times and days based on individual needs as they arise. We have a solid core at this point but always welcome new members in all voice parts. Auditions are not required.

A second goal of mine has been to help with our transition to having some modern music in the service. We have always been members of Christian Copyright Licensing International which allows us to legally copy hymns and display the words to songs on the wall. Over the summer we added to our membership, "Song Select". This enables us to use the music, chords and lyrics available on their site as we wish. A great feature of this program is that we can also choose what notes we want to use in singing the songs. We have been choosing keys that are in the same range as our hymns so that more people can sing them comfortably. We are also incorporating piano in to the praise band and had our first "Pizza and Praise" night in October. We truly appreciate all of the hard work Danielle, Christian, Harry, Kimi and their family have done in the Praise Band!

The focus this past Fall shifted to trying to provide a strong "worship" experience. In considering this and as I worked with Song Select, I searched for "worship" music and other "worship" info available on the CCLI website. I was shown information on a worship conference to be held at Grace Chapel in Lexington. Kris Carlson and I attended the conference on Oct. 22nd. It was truly an amazing day. There were group sessions and workshops all devoted to helping us lead others and to participate ourselves, in worship. The workshop topics ranged from "Finding the 'WOW' Moment" to "How Best can Keyboards, Guitars & Drums Fit in a Small Church?" We each chose different workshops so we could gather as much

information as we could. There were also panel discussions by leaders from some of the faster growing N. E. churches and we could ask whatever questions we wanted. This October will be the 6th year of the conference and we are hoping more people will be able to attend.

The Bells are a valuable tool and I hope to be able to do more with them this year. We have used them a few times with the congregation playing the bells to accompany hymns. Each time sounds better than the time before and people seem to enjoy playing them. I am hoping this will help more participate when we are able to offer a more formal bell experience.

In closing, I would like to say Thank you for all of your support. I also invite you to let me know if you have a favorite hymn, praise song, carol or any other type of music you would like us to include in the service. Music is a key part of worship and we will continue to do our best.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Tuck

Report from the God's Family Class

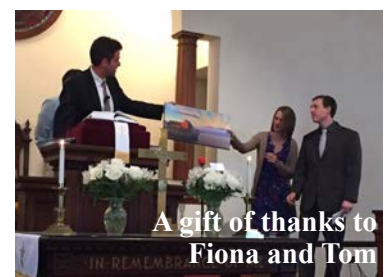
God's Family Class, a Sunday school class for developmentally or physically disabled individuals, has had a productive year full of learning and fellowship. The class began in September under the leadership of Kay Bannon with a study of the famous Old Testament stories of the Bible such as creation, Abraham, Moses, and the journey to the Promised Land.

The theme this year is: "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go unto the House of the Lord'". With this theme in mind, we pray together for our class members, the congregation of this church, and for the needs of others in the wider community. In winter and spring classes, we reviewed events in the life of Jesus, and we attempted to learn from these stories and parables the ways we can become more Christ-like in our own lives.

In May of 2016, we said "good-bye, thank you, and God bless you" to our dear friend Fiona, a member of our class for several years. We will miss her wonderful teaching ability and her positive, caring personality. For all those others providing leadership and support to God's Family, we are very grateful, especially Kay Bannon, our founder, Janet O'Donnell, Roselyn Lewis, Peter and Deborah Johnson, and Jane Tutein. All of these people have provided invaluable help and support, and their presence is much appreciated. As we begin our twenty-ninth year, thanks be to God and to all God's Family members, students together, for their devotion and love that make such a difference for all of us with some form of developmental disability.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Pallazola



Report from the Head Usher/Greeter

The responsibility of an usher/greeter is to be the church's "ambassador" as worshipers come through our front doors. We want all who come to feel welcome and at ease. Each usher/greeter wears an "USHER" button or a "name tag". They remain near the back of the church until approximately 10:50 to aid any latecomers and to identify if there is a need for nursery directions or someone is in need of help. The usher/greeters also light the candles in the front of the church, take weekly attendance, when Margaret Williams isn't in church, and collect the offering. We also encourage ushers to stand outside to assist churchgoers up the stairs or opening the front door which can be difficult to open.

Rockport Baptist Church has 10 Regular volunteer usher/greeters:

Millicent Bruce & Nancy Pallazola – 1st week

Margaret Williams & Kris Carlson - 2nd week

David Pierson & Terry Schwenk - 3rd week

Maureen & Mark Small 4th week

Diane & Doug Lynn - 5th week

The usher/greeters are encouraged to engage visitors at the front door and if they are visiting for the first time, give them a "Visitors Bag" which may include any of the following (depending materials available - as they change periodically):

- Church information sheet; and one on Membership
- Rockport Baptist mug
- A copy of More Than A Carpenter by Josh McDowell
- A bookmark or a ribbon cross
- Pastor Matt's business card

Also available in the Narthex are children's packets they can use while attending the service. The packet contains a pen, pencil, a drawing pad, crayons and a coloring book.

The usher/greeters also served during special occasions such as funerals, North Shore Christian Men's Choir, or other special occasions.

We are always looking for additional usher/greeters. If you feel the Lord's leading to serve Him in this way please let Pastor Wigton or me know.

In His Service,

Kris Carlson, Head Usher



Report from the Hospitality Committee

The role of Chairperson to the Hospitality Committee is to serve as the point person for the church during events. The chair oversees the refreshments and helping to organize volunteers for special occasions as well as helping with the weekly Fellowship Hour.

Megan Wigton and Diane Lynn served as the Hospitality Committee during 2016. Their leadership and the time of many volunteers were integral in helping the church host memorial services for Reverend Robert Markham III, Ron Stanton, and Louise Aines. Other special events during the year included celebrating Reformation Sunday, potluck dinners and Vacation Bible School.



Report from the Office Manager

In the roll of Office Manager I have helped the Pastor and Stewards look after the maintenance of the church and parsonage. I attend meetings and keep a running log of projects that may need attention in the future. This year I arranged to have small electrical jobs at the church completed, carpets steamed cleaned and new carpets installed where needed.

I have enjoyed helping to coordinate VBS activities. The energy of the volunteers and participants is wonderful to experience. Working to support the volunteers and meet the children and parents was an exciting part of the summer.



**Helping to create our second
'Blue Ribbon' Scarecrow**

Sending out the *Weekly Email* keeps me informed of all the goings-on. Creating flyers, logos and other promotional material for the church continues to be one of my favorite activities. I enjoy keeping people informed and hopefully helping to motivate people to get involved. Organizing an Adult Education trip to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum was another highlight of 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia D'Annolfo

Office Manager

CPSON Nominating Report – 2016

Church Personnel Safety Oversight and Nominating Committee

Board of Stewards: The Pastor, Treasurer and Collector are ex-officio members.

<u>Steward</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Diane Lynn.....	2018
*Margaret Williams.....	2019
*Terry Schwenk.....	2019

Board Deacons: The Pastor is an ex-officio members.

<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Kristine Carlson.....	2018
*David Pierson.....	2019

Officers (One-Year Terms)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
*Auditor.....	Ruth Bowers
*Clerk.....	Karen Koerth
*Collector.....	Gail Zeman
*Head Usher.....	Kristine Carlson
*Moderator.....	Mary Malcolmson
*Treasurer.....	Andrea Brown

Chairpersons of Standing Committee (One-Year Term)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
*Hospitality.....	Megan Wigton (Interim)
*Music.....	Karen Koerth
*CPSON.....	Nancy Pallazola
Church Personnel Safety Oversight and Nominating	

*Asterisk indicates those who are to be elected January 29, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Pallazola

Report on Attendance

Each Sunday the ushers take attendance of those attending Sunday Morning Worship. Attendance taking began in 2011. The monthly average does not include Christmas Eve or other special services.

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
January	54	47	55	58	57	55
February	53	52	45	64	37	54
March	58	49	61	54	54	62
April	70	63	56	63	66	52
May	58	59	61	67	65	66
June	73	71	67	73	56	60
July	66	63	65	78	61	65
August	66	64	64	62	57	63
September	57	67	72	62	57	61
October	59	62	63	62	55	57
November	62	65	67	56	65	57
December	58	65	61	64	63	53
Average	61	61	62	62	58	59

Report From Treasurer

	Jan - Dec 15	Jan - Dec 16	2016 Budget	% of Budget	2017 Budget
1 General Mission Giving					
Bennett - Misionary Support	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	100.0%	1,600.00
Deacon's Fund	800.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	100.0%	1,200.00
Family Promise	800.00	800.00	800.00	100.0%	800.00
Open Door/ CA Food Bank	800.00	800.00	800.00	100.0%	800.00
Short - Missionary Support	4,000.00	4,000.08	4,000.00	100.0%	3,000.00
Total 1 General Mission Giving	8,000.00	8,400.08	8,400.00	100.0%	7,400.00
Board of Deacons					
Car Allowance	0.00	0.00	0.00		0
Continuing Education	19.09	0.00	0.00		0
Conventio/Travel	19.23	0.00	0.00		0
Evangelism/Outreach	1,426.89	954.28	1,000.00	95.43%	1,000.00
Fellowship/Hospitality	1,393.20	1,737.57	1,500.00	115.84%	1,500.00
FICA Allowance	10,734.00	10,907.52	10,907.52	100.0%	11,127.36
Health Insurance	4,475.04	4,809.60	4,809.60	100.0%	4,809.60
Lay Leadership Development		0.00	0.00	0.0%	1,000.00
Judson Dues	142.00	142.00	150.00	94.67%	150.00
Nursery	300.00	60.00	600.00	10.0%	600.00
Pastor's Salary	37,830.00	38,776.08	38,776.08	100.0%	40,000.08
Pastoral Apprentice	4,886.27	2,353.87	2,000.00	117.69%	2,000.00
Pension	11,226.24	11,405.28	11,405.28	100.0%	11,636.40
Professional Expense	1,105.00	1,415.88	1,500.00	94.39%	2,000.00
Pulpit Supply	700.00	1,050.00	700.00	150.0%	1,225.00
Worship Materials	156.07	292.79	500.00	58.56%	500.00
Total Board of Deacons	74,413.03	73,904.87	73,848.48	100.08%	77,548.44
Board of Deacons Christian Education					
Adult Christian Education	396.92	500.00	500.00	100.0%	500.00
Children's Sunday School	0.00	236.95	400.00	59.24%	400.00
God's Family	223.12	90.11	1,800.00	5.01%	500.00
Vacation Bible School	940.08	956.44	2,000.00	47.82%	2,000.00
Youth Groups	1,307.43	1,384.58	1,300.00	106.51%	1,300.00
Total Board of Deacons Christian Education	2,867.55	3,168.08	6,000.00	52.8%	4,700.00
Board of Stewards					
Electric, Church	2,900.18	2,831.72	3,000.00	94.39%	3,000.00
Electric, Parsonage	1,502.61	1,203.23	1,500.00	80.22%	1,200.00
FICA	996.21	2,057.49	1,100.00	187.05%	1,912.50
Fuel Oil, Church	3,528.03	2,467.82	5,000.00	49.36%	3,500.00
Fuel Oil, Parsonage	1,740.88	1,239.20	2,500.00	49.57%	2,000.00
IT Support	1,809.40	254.87	500.00	50.97%	500.00
Miscellaneous	1,451.20	1,163.84	1,500.00	77.59%	1,500.00
Office Manager	11,547.16	12,512.04	13,000.00	96.25%	13,000.00
Office Supplies	3,533.50	5,269.64	3,000.00	175.66%	3,000.00
Property Insurance	3,237.00	3,880.00	2,500.00	155.2%	3,000.00
Repairs/Maintance	27,157.12	15,832.32	15,000.00	105.55%	25,000.00
Telephone	1,103.21	1,422.21	1,700.00	83.66%	1,700.00
Water&Sewer, Church	1,254.60	1,412.19	1,100.00	128.38%	1,100.00
Water&Sewer, parsonage	1,787.00	1,717.36	1,300.00	132.11%	1,300.00
Worker's Comp	677.00	794.00	750.00	105.87%	750.00
Total Board of Stewards	64,225.10	54,057.93	53,450.00	101.14%	62,462.50

(continued)

	Jan - Dec 15	Jan - Dec 16	2016 Budget	% of Budget	2017 Budget
Music Committee					
Music Director,Organist	7,950.00	9,225.00	12,000.00	76.88%	9,600.00
Sheet Music	0.00	565.96	400.00	141.49%	1,000.00
Substitutes	250.00	250.00	500.00	50.0%	700.00
Total Music Committee	8,200.00	10,040.96	12,900.00	77.84%	11,300.00
Total Expense	157,705.68	149,571.92	154,598.48	96.75%	163,410.94

Note: numbers in the 2017 budget in Bold font are changes from 2016

Report From Treasurer - Restricted Funds

	Balance 1/1/2016	Receipts & Interest	Disbursements & Losses	Balance 12/31/2016
MEMORIAL FUND	1,184.97	81.71	0.00	1,266.68
MARKHAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND	0.00	6,303.00	1,000.00	5,303.00
SENIOR OUTREACH 2016/2017 GRANT	1,500.00	2,000.00	761.77	2,738.23
BBSU GRANT 2015/2016	5,217.42	9,000.00	5,452.48	8,764.94
JOHNSON FAMILY FUND	0.00	3,800.00	3,800.00	0.00
GOD'S FAMILY CLASS	205.70			205.70
FLOWERS	133.34	332.00	419.23	46.11
MUSIC	620.19	0.00	581.78	38.41
SECOND SUNDY SUNDAES	197.15	0.00	141.84	55.31
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INCLUDING 2017 \$3000 GRANT	3,500.00	3,000.00	2,599.53	3,900.47
LECTURE SERIES	735.54	0.00	238.26	497.28
RESTRICTED GIFTS principle may not be spent, interest goes to Endowment interest	1,600.00			1,600.00
HOBBS 100.00				
GILES 200.00				
COLBY 100.00				
HARRIDEN 371.35				
OTHERS 828.65				
STEWART MUSIC FUND principle balance \$21,000 interest to be used for the music program	23,263.16	341.32	0.00	23,604.48
ENDOWMENT FUND	586,274.30	90,524.23	36369.92	640,428.61
Endowment Fund Disbursements		36369.92		
Endowment Fund Gain in Value		54,154.31		
Endowment Fund Dividend and Interest		25,427.90		

Report From Treasurer - Additional Information

	2016	2015
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES	115546.00	92,927.45
TOTAL BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS	149571.92	157,705.68
BUDGET DEFICIT	34,025.92	64,778.23

NON-BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS from the ENDOWMENT FUND

INVESTMENT SERVICES	2,344.00
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TOTAL NON-BUDGET DISBURMENTS	2,344.00
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TOTAL DISBURSED FROM ENDOWMENT FUND	36369.92
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FROM DESIGNATED MONEY EXCLUDING STEWART MUSIC AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS	14994.89
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CHURCH ACCOUNTS

MASSACHUSETTS AMERICAN BAPTIST INVESTMENT TRUST (MABIT)		
Stewart Music Fund	Account # AI 0222	11478.03

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS		
Endowment Fund	Account # Z83-280119	640,365.00

ROCKPORT NATIONAL BANK		
Savings	Account # 9211760	14531.49
Checking	Account # 101194	13304.05
Debit-card	Account# 0880466347	1430.46

DEACON' FUND

	Receipts & Interest	Disbursed	
1/1/2016			12/31/2016
591.42	1,440.00	1,170.00	861.42

Funds used for:

Gifts
Discretionary

Respectfully submitted by the Treasurer, Andrea G. Brown, January 11, 2017

Report from the Collector

Our church has been blessed this year with an increased level of giving, and with fruits from the staff's success in obtaining grants. In addition, we needed to spend only 95% of our budget. 2016 saw First Baptist at a five year low in reliance on funds from the endowment. (See 10-year look-back.)

Part of the overall increase was from two special collections; the Markham Scholarship gifts totaled over \$6000, and support for living expenses for a family in the congregation totaled over \$3000. Additionally we received \$15,000 in grants, largely to support youth programs, VBS, and community outreach. These funds, as well as gifts for flowers at Christmas and Easter, are noted as "Designated" collection. Still, regular giving for the support of the church increased.

The budget for 2017 was developed by the pastor, officers and joint boards (deacons, stewards, and music committee). The budget team seeks an increase of 6% in planned spending to support professional and lay leadership, to continue necessary maintenance work on the church building and parsonage, and to enhance outreach in the local community. Mission giving will decrease because missionary Kendra Short will return from the field in mid-year. Several other wage and operational line items will also decrease in line with actual expenditures.

As always the Collector thanks the counters who tally each Sunday's collection immediately following the service, the officers and board members who collaborate on decision-making for the wisest use of the church's resources, and most of all the givers who generously support the work of our church.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M. Zeman, Collector



Recipients of the
Markham Scholarship

Report of the Collector for 2016 -- Through December

Disbursed to Treasurer:

For Designated Funds	\$29,633.54
For Building Fund:	\$0.00
For General Expenses	\$115,586.38
General Budget Subtotal:	\$145,219.92
Deacons Fund:	\$240.00
Benevolence Collection:	\$0.00
Total 2016 Income Disbursed	\$145,459.92

Pledged/Consistent Giving:	\$111,218.21
Loose Offering:	\$4,368.17
Building Fund:	\$0.00
Special Benevolences:	\$0.00
Deacons Fund:	\$240.00
Designated Money:	\$23,327.54
Church Music:	\$0.00
Memorial Fund:	\$0.00
Scholarship Fund:	\$6,306.00
Grand Total Collection for 2016	\$145,459.92

Respectfully submitted by the Collector

Decade Financial Overview: 2005-2016

Year	Collection for expenses and missions	Value of Endowment	Total Church Expenses	Budget Deficit
2006	67,384	254,713	92,649	23,163
2007	60,091	771,310	77,389	15,461
2008	56,605	778,043	75,383	17,191
2009	67,612	663,159	85,108	19,689
2010	81,012	695,363	102,490	34,878
2011	83,003	706,039	110,645	25,495
2012	81,082	709,230	122,795	41,653
2013	90,843	721,495	163,816	72,973
2014	97,410	688,579	172,066	74,656
2015	92,927	586,274	157,705	64,778
2016	115,586	640,619	149,571	34,025

Note: Over the last decade there have been minor changes in the way collections have been counted. The information above presents an accurate big picture of the church financial outlook over the last decade. Detailed questions regarding specific years can be found in the annual reports from these years. All data in this graph is based upon the annual reports.

Report from the Investment Portfolio

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROCKPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2016

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

	Total Invested	Market Amount	Value %	Annual Income	Current Yield %	Yield % At Cost
Money Markets	43,688	43,688	7	105	0.2	0.2
Fixed Income	24,996	24,739	4	25	0.1	0.1
Common Stocks	292,895	571,937	89	17,842	3.1	6.1
TOTAL PORTFOLIO	361,579	640,365	100 %	17,972	2.8	5.0

COMMON STOCK DIVERSIFICATION

	Total Invested	Market Amount	Value %	Annual Income	Current Yield %	Yield % At Cost
Business Services	7,788	29,913	5	725	2.4	9.3
Consumer Products	60,285	99,220	17	3,379	3.4	5.6
Distribution Services	45,519	70,932	12	1,697	2.4	3.7
Diversified	29,222	74,915	13	2,028	2.7	6.9
Health	28,748	60,613	11	2,027	3.3	7.1
Materials	10,080	20,349	4	444	2.2	4.4
Natural Resources	10,986	32,322	6	1,302	4.0	11.9
Retail	30,722	39,944	7	1,275	3.2	4.1
Technology	24,376	51,515	9	1,545	3.0	6.3
Telecom Services	11,166	27,460	5	1,209	4.4	10.8
Utilities	34,002	64,753	11	2,211	3.4	6.5
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	292,895	571,937	100 %	17,842	3.1	6.1

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DECEMBER 31, 2016

Par Value of Bonds or No. Shares	Description	Date Purchased	Amount Invested	Mkt Price	Current Market Value	Rate	Indicated Income Yield Mkt	Yield Cost	Total Annual Income
<u>MONEY MARKETS</u>									
41,122	Fidelity Government Cash Reserves	--	41,122	1	41,122	0.00	0.3	0.3	103
2,566	Fidelity US Treasury Money Market	--	2,566	1	2,566	0.00	0.1	0.1	3
			43,688		43,688				105
<u>FIXED INCOME</u>									
25,000	US Treas Notes 1.000% 09/30/19	10/26/16	24,996	99	24,739	0.00	0.1	0.1	25
			24,996		24,739				25
<u>BUSINESS SERVICES</u>									
217	Automatic Data Processing	07/30/91	1,397	103	22,303	2.28	2.2	35.4	495
125	Paychex	02/24/16	6,391	61	7,610	1.84	3.0	3.6	230
			7,788		29,913				725
<u>CONSUMER PRODUCTS</u>									
268	Coca-Cola	01/13/93 -- 05/07/93	2,688	41	11,111	1.40	3.4	14.0	375
1,250	Coca-Cola Amatil Ltd	06/16/10 -- 03/01/12	14,318	7	9,160	0.45	6.1	3.9	563
255	Nestle SA (ADR)	04/04/08 -- 01/02/15	14,680	72	18,328	2.32	3.2	4.0	592
100	PepsiCo	07/30/91	1,436	105	10,463	3.01	2.9	21.0	301
225	Procter & Gamble	11/27/84	1,348	84	18,918	2.67	3.2	44.6	601
150	Reckitt Benckiser PLC	11/18/13 -- 05/02/14	11,618	85	12,763	2.06	2.4	2.7	309
450	Unilever N.V	09/13/11 -- 03/01/12	14,196	41	18,477	1.42	3.5	4.5	639
			60,285		99,220				3,379

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DECEMBER 31, 2016

Par Value of Bonds or No. Shares	Description	Date Purchased	Amount Invested	Mkt Price	Current Market Value	Indicated Income Rate	Yield Mkt	Yield Cost	Total Annual Income
<u>DISTRIBUTION SERVICES</u>									
250	Bid Corp. Ltd	09/09/16	5,008	18	4,482	0.32	1.8	1.6	80
200	Genuine Parts	09/13/11	10,615	96	19,108	2.63	2.8	5.0	526
150	Norfolk Southern	03/09/11 -- 02/24/16	10,224	108	16,211	2.36	2.2	3.5	354
375	Sysco Corp.	05/07/09 -- 11/18/13	10,000	55	20,764	1.32	2.4	5.0	495
100	Union Pacific Corp.	07/28/15	9,672	104	10,368	2.42	2.3	2.5	242
			45,519		70,932				1,697
<u>DIVERSIFIED</u>									
100	3M Company	07/10/81	1,744	179	17,857	4.44	2.5	25.5	444
260	Emerson Electric	04/04/08 -- 09/13/11	11,191	56	14,495	1.92	3.4	4.5	499
338	General Electric	03/10/95 -- 01/19/06	6,570	32	10,681	0.96	3.0	4.9	324
125	Illinois Tool Works	12/07/93	1,176	122	15,308	2.60	2.1	27.6	325
300	Jardine Matheson Holdings (ADR)	04/03/08 -- 05/07/09	8,541	55	16,575	1.45	2.6	5.1	435
			29,222		74,915				2,028
<u>HEALTH</u>									
350	Abbott Labs	06/07/94 -- 02/24/16	6,934	38	13,444	1.06	2.8	5.4	371
100	AbbVie	06/07/94	741	63	6,262	2.56	4.1	34.6	256
100	Cochlear Ltd	08/02/12	6,840	89	8,874	2.52	2.8	3.7	252
150	Indivior PLC ORD	11/18/13 -- 05/02/14	335	4	549	0.19	5.2	8.5	29
234	Merck	07/10/81	2,486	59	13,776	1.88	3.2	17.7	440
170	Novartis AG	05/07/09 -- 11/26/14	8,516	73	12,383	2.76	3.8	5.5	470
164	Pfizer	10/16/09	2,896	32	5,327	1.28	3.9	7.2	210
			28,748		60,613				2,027

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Par Value of Bonds or No. Shares	Description	Date Purchased	Amount Invested	Mkt Price	Current Market Value	Indicated Income Rate	Yield Mkt	Yield Cost	Total Annual Income
<u>MATERIALS</u>									
129	Air Products	01/19/06 -- 03/01/12	9,223	144	18,553	3.44	2.4	4.8	444
64	Versum Materials	01/19/06 -- 03/01/12	858	28	1,796	0.00	0.0	0.0	0
			10,080		20,349				444
<u>NATURAL RESOURCES</u>									
150	Chevron Corp.	07/10/81	1,973	118	17,655	4.32	3.7	32.8	648
125	Exxon Mobil	09/15/64	1,189	90	11,283	3.00	3.3	31.5	375
150	Woodside Petroleum Ltd	04/03/08	7,823	23	3,384	1.86	8.2	3.6	279
			10,986		32,322				1,302
<u>RETAIL</u>									
200	Dairy Farm International Hldgs Ltd (ADR)	05/07/09	5,338	36	7,190	1.00	2.8	3.7	200
150	McDonald's	04/04/08 -- 05/07/09	8,250	122	18,258	3.76	3.1	6.8	564
70	Shopping Centres Australasia Property Group	11/26/12	113	2	112	0.00	0.0	0.0	0
100	Walgreens Boots Alliance	02/24/16	7,830	83	8,276	1.50	1.8	1.9	150
350	Woolworths Ltd	11/24/09 -- 04/05/10	9,191	17	6,108	1.03	5.9	3.9	361
			30,722		39,944				1,275

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Par Value of Bonds or No. Shares	Description	Date Purchased	Amount Invested	Mkt Price	Current Market Value	Indicated Income Yield Rate	Indicated Income Yield Mkt	Total Annual Income
<u>TECHNOLOGY</u>								
150	Cisco Systems	09/09/16	4,689	30	4,533	1.04	3.4	156
60	IBM	07/11/97 -- 05/07/09	4,317	166	9,959	5.60	3.4	336
584	Intel	12/07/93	2,539	36	21,182	1.04	2.9	607
150	Microsoft	07/28/15 -- 09/09/16	7,424	62	9,321	1.56	2.5	234
100	Qualcomm	11/24/09 -- 05/02/14	5,408	65	6,520	2.12	3.3	212
			24,376		51,515			1,545
<u>TELECOM SERVICES</u>								
175	AT & T Inc.	03/13/86	1,511	43	7,443	1.96	4.6	343
375	Verizon	11/21/86 -- 11/26/10	9,656	53	20,018	2.31	4.3	866
			11,166		27,460			1,209
<u>UTILITIES</u>								
350	Atmos Energy	02/02/10	9,609	74	25,953	1.80	2.4	630
375	Enbridge Inc.	04/04/08 -- 05/07/09	6,704	42	15,795	1.64	3.9	615
450	Spectra Energy	03/09/11 -- 08/02/12	12,700	41	18,491	1.76	4.3	792
100	TransCanada	11/26/14	4,990	45	4,515	1.74	3.9	174
			34,002		64,753			2,211
Total Common Stocks:			292,895		571,937			17,842
Total Portfolio:			361,579		640,365			17,972

We urge you to compare your appraisal with the account statements you receive from your custodian(s).