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2017 Annual Report of the Pastor

As I begin writing this year's Annual Report, I am listening to the Bullock Brothers sing in the Sanctuary as part of Rockport New Year's Eve. They are singing a gospel tune that pops with the refrain "*I have got joy because of what the Lord has done for me*". At the turn of the year, this song rightly captures my continual gratitude for the opportunity to serve with the Rockport Baptist Church and to daily experience God's grace. Megan and I are deeply joyful for what was a terrific year in our church community.



God has used the hard work and talents of many within this church to effectively carry out our mission in the past year. It is my prayer that we all can continue to grow in our understanding and practice of Christ-centered, servant leadership. I am so grateful to those who have served in various church leadership roles for many years and am equally excited that we have new people stepping into positions of leadership in 2018. In February we held our first Annual Leadership dinner where we considered the joy of being willing to commit to doing specific tasks needed to keep the church running spiritually and physically. Please consider how God might use your gifts and talents this year. No task is too large or difficult when we work together as a team.

Matthew, Megan, Alistair and Ainsley Wigton

One of our goals has been to have Rockport Baptist church make a positive impact on the community. I facilitated our building being involved in Motif Number #1 Day when several hundred participants of all ages and abilities passed through our doors. We had a booth in Harvey Park for both Motif #1 Day and the Fall Harvest Festival. We joined the town merchants by handing out candy at halloween and our

building was a venue for Rockport New Year's Eve. All of these events took time and preparation but have had positive feedback from those with whom we came in contact. Many thanks to you who volunteered to make these events a very worthwhile investment in being visible to our town.

I participate in the rotation of preparing and leading the worship service at DenMar. Our church's ministry was present at Gordon College as new students came and were looking for a temporary church home and I am regularly involved in activities at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. I continue to participate in denominational activities and other organizations that are encouraging gospel-centered renewal in the local churches of New England. I regularly participate in Rockport's Rotary Club as a critical way of connecting with the larger town and community. In April, I had an encouraging time of pastoral development while attending the Gospel Coalition's celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with 6,000 other church leaders.

Considering recent tragic shooting events in churches, I contacted Rockport Police Chief John Horvath and a program of training was developed for the community. I coordinated the program, which was presented by Chief Horvath, Lt. Schmink and Officer Mahoney. After a very intense training session, they took email addresses and are keeping in contact with those interested.

Although the Annual Report will have individual reports, I would like to share with you some of my observations of this past year.

Board of Stewards -

The bylaws state that the Board of Stewards *"take all necessary measures for the properties' protection, management, and upkeep"*. We had a professional inspection done at the Parsonage and adopted an ongoing project list – both of these efforts have allowed us to better manage the building and ground's needs and priorities. The Board members, Gail Zeman, Diane Lynn, Margaret Williams and Terry Schwenk have done an excellent job at catching-up on some long neglected matters and having them done correctly. One of the big challenges that we face with both the parsonage and church facilities is that there are many things that need to be done and that they can't all be done at once.



Children's Church Christmas Pageant

A significant amount of my time is devoted to the daily maintenance upkeep and management of the church buildings and grounds. There are numerous and irregular things that take place at the church every day that require coordination, monitoring and execution. Additionally, as the church is increasing its community involvement and own activities, this requires more building management. A fun fact is that Wednesday and Saturday are the busiest days at the church. It's common on both of these days to have many church attendees and non-church attendees in the building for sundry church ministries and meetings.

Board of Deacons-

The church bylaws state that the Board of Deacons :

“have general oversight of the spiritual life and home and foreign mission work of the church. They aid the Pastor in the performance of his duties and control the spiritual and moral use of the church property organization and administration of the educational program for the church and the development of the educational objectives. They are responsible for coordinating and approving outreach programs of the church. The Board of Deacons shall be responsible for the promotion of mission work of the church”.

This daunting “job description” has been fulfilled this year under the leadership of David Pierson and Kris Carlson.



Leadership Group 2017

Our Music Director, Laurie Tuck, the Deacons and I worked to continually think and pray through what we are doing every Sunday morning. We are constantly seeking to use our resources in a way that best glorifies the Triune God, edifies the Congregation and winsomely encourages non-Christians to consider the good news of Jesus. We have been able to continue to expand our musical options on Sunday morning, including both traditional and contemporary music, as we minister to different preferences and styles. Katrina Tuck has been running the

soundboard, which not only allows for better amplification in the sanctuary but pipes the sound to the nursery and kitchen. Our Sunday services have been viewed hundreds of times by people all over the world through vimeo, emails and our presence on facebook and the church website.

Christian Education - encompasses Children's Church, Youth Group, Adult Sunday School, Midweek Bible Study, Pilgrim Progress Book Study, God's Family Ministry (see separate report from Nancy Pallzolla) and the newly developing Spiritual Formation Group.

A highlight of the year has been the growth of our Children's Church and the utilization of the critically acclaimed *Gospel Project Curriculum*. This has been the second year of running Children's Church during the service and we saw an increase in regular attendance. Meaghan Shelton, Megan Wigton and Katie Falavolo did a fantastic job teaching each week and were aided by the help of Kris Carlson, Nancy Palallzola, Christian Faux, Margaret Williams, Sarah Johnson and Hannah Fleth. Our pre-school/nursery group also saw increased regular attendance and was lead by Emmalyn Dysksinski and Trinity Elder. As we start the new-year, I am thrilled that we will be expanding this programming. We are moving the pre-school group out of the nursery and into their own space and beginning to utilize specialized curriculum for this age group. The nursery will return to its original function of being a nursery for babies and their parents. Janet French has graciously agreed to coordinate this new pre-school program and Meaghan Shelton will serve as the coordinator for the elementary age program.



VBS 2017

In addition to the need for additional volunteers with the Children's Church program, please join me in praying that we would be able to reach more of Rockport's young people and families with this exciting new ministry. The vast majority of Rockport's young families are un-churched and living in a post-Christian context. This ministry is not just about Christian Education but about Christian mission. New England is now on the front lines of global Christian Mission and reaching young people with the gospel is key to fulfilling the mission and to the pragmatic survival of the church. Children's Church addresses a key need for many families that are looking for a form of faith teaching or moral direction for their children. Additionally, I am deeply convinced that the historic community based churches of New England are strategically placed for being able to best reach post-Christian communities with the good news of Jesus! Please join me in praying that in next year's annual report we can recount that the attendance in Children's programming has once again doubled!

An annual highlight of our church life is VBS, which has grown each year both in students attending and volunteers working together. It's a beautiful and fun picture of the church working in unified mission. As more people have gotten involved, it has been really enjoyable to step back and let others lead the endeavor. It's significant that the majority of the students attending our VBS do not have a church home and, for some, this is the first time they are learning the story of the Bible. As we start to plan our tenth year of VBS in 2018, it has been really encouraging to see several youth who were once VBS attendees now taking significant leadership roles in the event. Many of these youth now regularly participate in our weekly Youth Group.

Since Megan Wigton first started the Youth Group in 2009 it has existed in a number of different manifestations. At the start of the year, the ability to continue the group seemed in peril as our previous youth helpers moved away. As I am continuing to learn, God really does provide for our needs and often in ways bigger and better than we can imagine. Early in the year Jim Koerth and Kris Carlson helped as youth group volunteers. In the late spring, we brought on recent RHS graduate, Katie Favaloro, in on a grant-funded internship role and she assisted with the youth and other church needs with indefatigable grit and ingenuity. An unexpected blessing came when Katrina Tuck transferred colleges thus enabling her to frequently volunteer with the youth group. In October we celebrated bringing on Christian Faux as an intern from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. While his role at the church will not be primarily with youth, he has helped on occasion and been a welcome presence in our church community. In the fall, the youth group started using the Gospel Project curriculum along with the Children's Church and Wednesday's Bible Study. Each curriculum is age specific but based on the same scripture and general points. It's a nice continuity to have all the small groups studying the same points from this excellent curriculum.



The Wednesday Bible Study, which has been, faithfully meeting for over two decades, continued to regularly engage in fun and provocative discussion and study. In the Spring, we looked at an overview of the Protestant Reformation and, in the Fall, picked-up the Gospel Project. We added a new a book group focused on reading the classic Pilgrim's Progress. This is the second most published book in the English language apart from the Bible. This book

has been a catalyst for rich discussion and plumbing the depths of theological inquiry. It's a joy to lead and participate with these groups each week.

Missions - in August we hosted a special event celebrating the conclusion of Kendra Norton's two years of Mission work in Athens, Greece. Serving with International Teams and the Second Evangelical Church in Athens, Kendra was involved in working with many refugees from the Middle East in what has been called the greatest refugee crisis since World War II. We commissioned Kendra and supported her through this period. In addition to Kendra, we continued to support Ryan and Erin Bennett and their work of church planting in Paris, France. On occasion, we skyped in a live report from the Bennetts of France. The church also continued its partnership with Family Promise North Shore and Rockport's Congregational Church. Several times a year, a number of volunteers provided meals and friendship for families transitioning out of homelessness. These are a few examples of ways that we engaged in regional and global missions during the last year.



Youth Group Dinner at MarketStreet in Lynnfield

The other pages of this annual report represent the vast amount of work that is taken on by our team of church volunteers. Often times the full extent of their labor is fully visible to only a few and yet it is critically important to the church's functionality. One of the most extraordinary details that the financial reports reveal is that our congregation's annual giving (not including grants or investments) has nearly tripled in the last decade. The decade financial review page indicates that we have seen a steady increase in giving each year with the total collection in 2007 being \$60,

being \$60,091 and in 2017 it was \$152,712. These facts are truly a testimony to God's grace and faithfulness within our congregation.

As we consider God's tremendous provision for our congregation, I would like to challenge the boards and overall church to prayerfully increase our local, regional and global missions support and to reach a place where a minimum of ten percent of our expenses are going towards missions. In light of the drastically and rapidly changing shape of global missions and American religious landscape, I would like us to consider ways that some of these funds might be used to assist some of the struggling churches and/or developing churches of New England. The Triune God is lavishly generous in what has given us and calls us to voluntarily reflect his generosity to the world.

We began the year in a sermon series based on the book of Joshua, the legendary Old Testament Leader who led the Hebrew people in the days after Moses. Midway through the year we preached through I John. I John reminded us of the way that God has loved us in Christ and that this love is to be at the center of the Christian community. The 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation was a theme that carried over into many sermons in the last year. In particular we spent several months looking at the book of Galatians. The book of Galatians and its emphasis on the primacy of faith in Christ as the basis for salvation, played a critical role in the life and ministry of Martin Luther. The Reformation stressed the importance of letting God's word be our primary source of direction as Christians. We should seek to orient our lives and will around God's ways as they lead to light and life:

*Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers. (Psalm 1:1-3 ESV)*

The emphasis of Sola Scriptura and Psalm 1 must continue to remain central in all that we do as a church. The sobering story of Biblical, church and contemporary history reminds us of how quickly humankind is to depart from God's word, thinking that it has progressed to something new and better but as the writer of Ecclesiastes remind us there is nothing new under the sun. In spite of the ruinous myth of human progress the great news of gospel of Jesus Christ continues to be just as relevant and life changing as it has been for all time and for all people. It is this good news that launched the founding of Rockport Baptist 210 years ago and will continue to propel all that we do in the coming year:

But^[c] God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved — ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹ (Ephesians 2:4-9 ESV)

Soli Deo Gloria,

Matthew Charles Wigton

Report from the Board of Deacons



In our 2016 report we shared this; "One significant burden is filling our Pastoral Apprentice position". As we all know God has answered that prayer and we welcomed Christian Faux into this position.

We also mentioned in the 2016 report that we are "focusing on children's church and Gods Family." God has also been faithful to us in our growing children's ministries on Sunday morning. We will continue to pray and evaluate God's direction for God's Family ministry. The Deacons are thankful and feel very fortunate for the faithfulness of several people in serving to keep this ministry going.

We wanted to focus on fellowship this past year in the context of our Sunday morning worship. Our cookouts were central to this and we will continue this practice in 2018.

Two critical themes that have been our focus for the past couple of years and will be again in 2018 is to always be evaluating our activities and practices of the church. Assessing their relevance and effectiveness to ensure we are carrying out the biblical mission of Christ's church to preach and teach the Word and make disciples.

In 2018 we want to focus more of our attention on visitation and ministering to those who are unable to attend on Sunday morning.

Finally, and most critically, 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 stewards remained very active in 2017, continuing work on maintenance, repair and upgrade projects at both the church building and parsonage. It seemed that each undertaking came with surprises that complicated and expanded the necessary work. Thus the maintenance budget was over expended because of unanticipated costs for projects already in process.

The board organized tasks in line with a priority list of necessary jobs, with a member designated as 'point person' for each. This minimized the number of group meetings, allowing projects to continue under supervision, with board communication by electronic means. The office manager maintained and updated the list as jobs were completed and new needs were identified and kept the minutes of the meetings, with useful detail. Several specific companies were hired, with the intention of having experts who are knowledgeable and licensed in the trades, construction and contracting for the long term.

Church Building

- Wood floors in the parlor and Ventres Chapel were refinished
- The pew cushion replacement contractor was unable to fulfill his obligation, requiring a renewed search for a vendor. A suitable new contractor was located, and the new cushions are expected to be in place in early 2018.
- The east face of the Ventres Chapel and the south face of the sanctuary were painted
- Repair work on the Ventres Chapel entry became more extensive than anticipated, as more rotting wood was uncovered than anticipated.

Parsonage

- As outdated electrical wiring, outlet and fixture replacement began, we discovered that the attic and wall insulation was asbestos containing material (vermiculite). This was removed by a specialist and replaced by safe, more efficient insulating materials. Following this project, upstairs electrical work was completed. Downstairs work will continue in 2018.
- Moldy wallboard and furnishings were removed from the basement and seepage locations were identified and addressed.
- The kitchen sink and plumbing, main floor bathroom sink and plumbing, and basement laundry sink and washer hoses were removed, replace or modified as needed.
- The garage was found to be badly rotted in some areas. Repairs were made to maintain building integrity for the short term, with the intention of a more complete solution in the future.

In the fall the Stewards worked with other church leaders to prepare a budget for the coming year. It should be noted that God, through His believers in our congregation, provided generously in 2017 allowing us to meet the church's many financial needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M Zeman, Chair, Board of Stewards



Annual Report of the Church Clerk

Members Reported December 31, 2016

Active Resident Members.....	84
Non-Resident Members.....	6
Total Membership.....	90

Membership Changes in 2017

Members to Heaven -	Robert Clinton Arvilla Wass Brenda Walsh Ed Coates
Member Transfers -	Jose Diniz Silvana DinIz Lia Diniz Clara Diniz Frank Levesque Sally Levesque Thompson Paisley Fiona Paisley
New Members -	Karen Jylkka

Members as of December 31, 2017

Active Resident Members.....	73
Non-Resident Members	6
Total Membership.....	79

Baptisms: None in 2017

Weddings: None in 2017

Births: Ainsley Wigton – August 11, 2017

Dedications: Ainsley Wigton – September 10, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,
Millicent Bruce, Clerk

Report from the Music Director

This has been a challenging year for me, personally, with many additional demands being put on my time. I am doing the best I can with the time I have and truly appreciate the prayers, patience and assistance from the choir and all of you.

The members of the Senior Choir have continued to work very hard this year and have presented some beautiful music. It was with mixed feelings that we had to say good-bye to Karen and Jim Koerth last summer. We truly are thankful for the many years they were part of our music ministry. We miss their many talents but wish them well in their new endeavors, living closer to more of their family.



This past Fall the choir year began with a new energy. We have more members than we have had in a while. We have had some Sundays with more than 10 people singing in the choir but we always make room for more. Many singers have blessed us with their special music. Betsy Eck, Marcia Garrett, Deborah Johnson, Jim & Karen Koerth, Gloria Stanton, the Sturgeon family & Gail Zeman shared their gifts to add to our worship experience.

The goal of including more modern music in the service has made significant progress this year. Adding “Song Select” to our regular CCLI membership has allowed us to sing many more

modern songs in more comfortable ranges and have allowed us to have as many copies as we need to lead in worship. Notebooks are available in the front for anyone who would like to follow the music in addition to the words on the wall. The praise band has also grown in size. Thank you, Christian, Harry & Kimi Sturgeon, Hannah Fleth, Sarah Hyeladi & Anthony Shelton for sharing your talents with us.



In closing, I would like to say Thank you for all of your support. As always, I welcome suggestions for a favorite hymn, praise song, carol or any other type of music you would like included 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

2017 has been a year of change for God's Family Class. During this past year, we have been experiencing diminished attendance. However, those few who do come to class have been devoted. Some members who attended in the past are now experiencing health issues which make attending Sunday school difficult.

Under Kay Bannon's direction in the fall of 2016, we learned about God's creation and His great love for us. Beginning in 2017, we studied the stories of Jesus and rejoiced in His coming into the world and into our lives. In the fall of 2017, we began using the Gospel Project for Kids for our study and are now learning about the early Christian church.

Thanks are due to some fine teachers and helpers: Kay Bannon, Jane Tutein, Roselyn Lewis, and Janet O'Donnell. We greatly appreciate all their efforts.

Changes may occur for God's Family Class in the future. We are planning to adapt our Sunday school to the changing needs of our population. In this, we pray for God's help and direction.

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". One usher remains near the back of the church until approximately 10:45 to aid any latecomers and to identify if there is a need for directions to the nursery or someone is in need of help. The other usher stands inside the sanctuary to assist there. The usher/greeters also light the candles in the front of the church, take weekly attendance, (when the one in charge of attendance on a regular basis, isn't available), and collect the offering. We also encourage ushers to stand outside to assist churchgoers up the stairs or in opening the front door (which can be difficult to open).

Rockport Baptist Church has 10 Regular volunteer usher/greeters:

Millicent Bruce & Anthony Shelton - 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 in conversation as they



enter, and if they are visiting for the first time, give them a “Visitors Bag” which may include any of the following (depending on materials available - as they change periodically):

- a. Church information sheet; and Membership information sheet
- b. Rockport Baptist Church mug
- c. A copy of More Than A Carpenter by Josh McDowell
- d. A bookmark or a ribbon cross
- e. A letter from the Pastor and his business card

Also available in the Narthex are children’s packets for use during the service. The packet contains a pen, pencil, a drawing pad, crayons and a coloring book.

The usher/greeters also serve during special occasions such as funerals, or concerts, etc.

We are always looking for additional usher/greeters. If you feel the Lord’s leading to serve Him this way please contact myself or Pastor Wigton.

Respectfully,

Kris Carlson, Head Usher

Report from the Office Manager

The majority of my work this year has revolved around communication. I regularly attend to the Harvey Park Journal (aka the Weekly Email), the bulletin covers, group mailings and general correspondence. I have enjoyed continued creative work, designing various material for the church, including visuals for VBS, flyers for The Children’s Church, images for our Facebook communications and even painting a manger for the Christmas Pageant.

We worked this year on submitting a proposal for a CPC Grant for restoration of the church steeple. This project has been put on hold to focus on more immediate building needs. I regularly attend meetings for the Board of Stewards, taking notes and maintaining a log of building project needs and work completed.

In general, I am on-hand for miscellaneous work that needs to be completed to help the operations of the church to run as smoothly as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia D’Annolfo, Office Manager

CPSON NOMINATING REPORT – 2018

Church Personnel Safety Oversight and Nominating Committee

Board of Stewards

<u>Steward</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
*Diane Lynn.....	2020
*Jane Tutein.....	2020
Terry Schwenk.....	2019
Margaret Williams.....	2019

The Pastor, Treasurer and Collector are ex-officio members.

Board Deacons

<u>Deacon</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
*Kristine Carlson.....	2020
*Nancy Pallazolla	2020
David Pierson.....	2019

The Pastor is an ex-officio members.

Officers (One-Year Terms)

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
*Auditor.....	Ruth Bowers
*Clerk.....	Millicent Bruce
*Collector.....	Gail Zeman
*Head Usher.....	Kristine Carlson
*Moderator.....	Mary Malcolmson
*Treasurer.....	Andrea Brown
*Christian Education.....	Megan Wigton

Standing Committee (One-Year Term)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
*Music.....	Anthony Shelton, Beth Sturgeon, Mark Small
*CPSON..... Church Personnel Safety Oversight and Nominating	Nancy Pallazola

*Asterisk indicates those who are to be elected January 28, 2018

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 16	Jan - Dec 17	Budget	% of Budget	2018 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	1,200.00	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	4,000.08	2,000.04	3,000.00	66.67%	0.00
Total 1 General Mission Giving	8,400.08	6,400.04	7,400.00	86.49%	4,400.00
Board of Deacons					
Evangelism/Outreach	954.28	1,840.20	1,000.00	184.02%	1,000.00
Fellowship/Hospitality	1,737.57	3,414.91	1,500.00	227.66%	1,800.00
FICA Allowance	10,907.52	11,127.36	11,127.36	100.0%	12,283.44
Health Insurance	4,809.60	4,809.60	4,809.60	100.0%	5,100.00
Judson Dues	0.00	142.00	150.00	94.67%	150.00
Lay Leadership Development	142.00	692.45	1,000.00	69.25%	1,000.00
Nursery	60.00	85.00	600.00	14.17%	600.00
Pastor's Salary	38,776.08	40,024.08	40,000.08	100.06%	44,000.00
Pastoral Apprentice	2,353.87	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%	2,000.00
Pension	11,405.28	11,636.52	11,636.40	100.0%	12,845.28
Professional Expense	1,415.88	2,513.05	2,000.00	125.65%	2,000.00
Pulpit Supply	1,050.00	1,575.00	1,225.00	128.57%	1,225.00
Worship Materials	292.79	424.59	500.00	84.92%	300.00
Total Board of Deacons	73,904.87	78,284.76	77,548.44	100.95%	84,303.72
Board of Deacons Christian Education					
Adult Christian Education	500.00	707.34	500.00	141.47%	700.00
Children's Sunday School	236.95	316.93	400.00	79.23%	550.00
God's Family	90.11	184.94	500.00	36.99%	300.00
Vacation Bible School	956.44	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%	2,000.00
Youth Groups	1,384.58	1,270.52	1,300.00	97.73%	1,500.00
Total Board of Deacons Christian Education	3,168.08	2,479.73	4,700.00	52.76%	5,050.00
Board of Stewards					
Electric, Church	2,831.72	2,862.63	3,000.00	95.42%	3,000.00
Electric, Parsonage	1,203.23	1,502.43	1,200.00	125.2%	1,200.00
FICA	2,057.49	1,572.76	1,912.50	82.24%	1,912.50
Fuel Oil, Church	2,467.82	3,317.69	3,500.00	94.79%	3,500.00
Fuel Oil, Parsonage	1,239.20	1,511.00	2,000.00	75.55%	2,000.00
Grounds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	2,000.00
IT Support	254.87	485.83	500.00	97.17%	500.00
Miscellaneous	1,163.84	1,914.37	1,500.00	127.63%	1,500.00
Office Manager	12,512.04	10,978.25	13,000.00	84.45%	13,000.00
Office Supplies	5,269.64	4,467.55	3,000.00	148.92%	3,500.00
Property Insurance	3,880.00	4,194.00	3,000.00	139.8%	4,500.00
Repairs/Maintance	15,832.32	44,052.86	25,000.00	176.21%	30,000.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	1,000.00
Telephone	1,422.21	2,167.81	1,700.00	127.52%	1,700.00
Water&Sewer, Church	1,412.19	1,926.89	1,100.00	175.17%	1,500.00
Water&Sewer, parsonage	1,717.36	1,595.45	1,300.00	122.73%	1,300.00
Worker's Comp	794.00	1,103.00	750.00	147.07%	898.00
Total Board of Stewards	54,057.93	83,652.52	62,462.50	133.92%	73,010.50

Continued

	Jan - Dec 16	Jan - Dec 17	Budget	% of Budget	2018 Budget
Music Committee					
Music Director,Organist	9,225.00	9,600.00	9,600.00	100.0%	9,600.00
Sheet Music	565.96	127.88	1,000.00	12.79%	500.00
Sound Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%	500.00
Substitutes	250.00	150.00	700.00	21.43%	700.00
Total Music Committee	10,040.96	9,877.88	11,300.00	87.42%	11,300.00
	149,571.92	180,694.93	163,410.94	110.58%	178,064.22

Note: numbers in the 2018 budget in Bold font are changes from 2017

Report From Treasurer - Restricted Funds

	Balance 1/1/2017	Receipts & Interest	Disbursements & Losses	Balance 12/31/2017
MEMORIAL FUND	1,116.81	256.71	0.00	1,373.52
MARKHAM SCHOLARSHIP FUND	5,306.00	1,102.25	500.00	5,908.25
SENIOR OUTREACH 2016/2017 GRANT	2,738.23	0.00	150.00	2,588.23
BBSU GRANT 2015/2016	8,764.94	0.00	5,375.84	3,389.10
DAY FOUNDATION 2017	0.00	2,000.00	983.00	1,017.00
GOD'S FAMILY CLASS	205.70			205.70
FLOWERS	46.11	497.00	543.11	0.00
MUSIC	38.41	0.00	0.00	38.41
SECOND SUNDY SUNDAES	55.31	1,000.00	55.31	1,000.00
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INCLUDING 2018 \$2280 GRANT	3,900.47	3,300.00	4,969.58	2,230.89
LECTURE SERIES	497.28	0.00	0.00	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	23,604.48	2,082.53	0.00	25,687.01
INVESTMENT FUND	640,364.74	88,102.51	30912.78	697,554.47
Investment Fund Disbursements		30,912.78		
Investment Fund Gain in Value		57,189.73		
Investment Fund Dividend and Interest		18,185.87		

Report From Treasurer - Additional Information

	2017	2016
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES	152342.15	115546.00
TOTAL BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS	180694.93	149571.92
BUDGET DEFICIT	28,352.78	34,025.92

NON-BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS from the INVESTMENT FUND

INVESTMENT SERVICES 2,560.00

TOTAL NON-BUDGET DISBURMENTS 2,560.00

TOTAL DISBURSED FROM INVESTMENT FUND 30,912.78

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FROM DESIGNATED MONEY EXCLUDING STEWART MUSIC AND INVESTMENT FUNDS 12576.84

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

MASSACHUSETTS AMERICAN BAPTIST INVESTMENT TRUST (MABIT)
 Stewart Music Fund Account # AI 0222 13843.22

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS
 Investment Fund Account # Z83-280119 697554.47

INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS
 Savings Account # 9211760 201475.56
 Checking Account # 101194 20322.62
 Debit-card Account# 0880466347 2169.21

DEACON' FUND

	Receipts & Interest	Disbursed	12/31/2017
1/1/2017	861.42	1,710.00	1,600.00
			971.42

note \$180.00 for Missions

Funds used for:
 Gifts
 Discretionary

Respectfully submitted by the Treasurer, Andrea G. Brown, January 15,2018

Report from the Collector

In 2017 First Baptist Rockport came much closer to reaching our goal of covering expenses with current receipts, than in prior years. Weekly collections from regular attenders, summer residents and visitors were substantially higher than in the past -- \$152,342 was received in the offering plate for general church use. Grants and restricted gifts added to our resources for Vacation Bible School, adult outreach, youth programs and fellowship. And the church's investments saw substantial growth as the stock market continued its unprecedented rise.

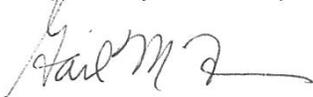
Year	Regular Giving	Designated	Total	% Increase
2017	\$152,342	\$13,212	\$165,554*	13.8%
2016	115,586	29,874	145,460	28.7%
2015	92,927	20,060	112,987	6.2%
2014	97,410	8,906	106,316	3.1%
2013	90,843	12,486.	103,329	1.6%

The step of faith taken by church leadership a few years ago, especially with our summer VBS, has borne fruit in bringing in new families and individuals. That in turn has resulted in expanded Children's Church programs, Youth Group activities, and new people to lead or participate in book and spiritual study groups for adults.

Under the leadership of our pastor and his team, FBC is ever more visible in the community. We continue to host or offer resources for community activities throughout the year ranging from daily AA groups to First Night music and entertainment. Many summer residents or regular visitors find a 'home away from home' at our church and at least seasonally become part of the FBC family. In the words of a former deacon, they bring "presence, purse and prayer" to us from across the country and around the world.

The collector, treasurer and weekly collection counters work as a team to bring information to the church leaders and active members. Thanks to everyone!

Respectfully submitted,



Gail M. Zeman, Collector

*There is a difference of over \$4000 between actual monies turned over to the Treasurer for deposit and collection plus designated monies for the work of the church. That difference is "pass-through" funds that reimburse the budget for non-church expenditures. This year the largest part was repayment of a deposit for pew cushions that the vendor was unable to complete. The table above does not include "pass-through" funds.

Report of the Collector for 2017 -- Through December

Disbursed to Treasurer:

For Designated Funds	\$17,079.30	
For Building Fund:	\$0.00	
For General Expenses	\$152,342.10	
General Budget Subtotal:	\$169,421.40	
Deacons Fund:	\$390.00	
Benevolence Collection:	\$920.00	
Total 2017 Income Disbursed		\$170,731.40

Pledged/Consistent Giving:	\$147,550.85	
Loose Offering:	\$4,791.25	
Building Fund:	\$0.00	
Special Benevolences:	\$920.00	
Deacons Fund:	\$390.00	
Designated Money:	\$15,829.30	
Church Music:	\$0.00	
Memorial Fund:	\$250.00	
Scholarship Fund:	\$1,000.00	
Grand Total Collection for 2017		\$170,731.40

The First Baptist Church of Rockport Decade Financial Overview 2007-2017

Year	Collection for expenses and missions	Value of Endowment	Total Church Expenses	Budget Deficit
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
2017	152,712	698,730	180,695	28,352

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

PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

	Total Invested	Market Amount	Value %	Annual Income	Current Yield %	Yield % At Cost
Money Markets	12,414	12,414	2	45	0.4	0.4
Fixed Income	24,996	24,632	4	250	1.0	1.0
Common Stocks	292,644	660,509	95	18,347	2.8	6.3
TOTAL PORTFOLIO	330,054	697,554	100 %	18,642	2.7	5.6

COMMON STOCK DIVERSIFICATION

	Total Invested	Market Amount	Value %	Annual Income	Current Yield %	Yield % At Cost
Business Services	13,513	33,743	5	749	2.2	5.5
Consumer Products	45,967	109,616	17	3,108	2.8	6.8
Distribution Services	45,519	82,999	13	1,805	2.2	4.0
Diversified	29,222	86,636	13	1,918	2.2	6.6
Health	35,940	85,073	13	2,290	2.7	6.4
Materials	9,223	21,166	3	490	2.3	5.3
Natural Resources	10,986	33,115	5	1,158	3.5	10.5
Retail	21,531	41,068	6	966	2.4	4.5
Technology	35,600	73,563	11	1,960	2.7	5.5
Telecom Services	11,166	26,653	4	1,220	4.6	10.9
Utilities	33,978	66,878	10	2,685	4.0	7.9
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	292,644	660,509	100 %	18,347	2.8	6.3

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROCKPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2017

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>									
9,836	Fidelity Government Cash Reserves	--	9,836	1	9,836	0.00	0.4	0.4	38
2,578	Fidelity US Treasury Money Market	--	2,578	1	2,578	0.00	0.3	0.3	6
			12,414		12,414				45
<u>FIXED INCOME</u>									
25,000	US Treas Notes 1.000% 09/30/19	10/26/16	24,996	99	24,632	0.01	1.0	1.0	250
			24,996		24,632				250
<u>BUSINESS SERVICES</u>									
50	Accenture PLC	05/16/17	6,156	153	7,655	2.42	1.6	2.0	121
150	Automatic Data Processing	07/30/91	966	117	17,579	2.52	2.2	39.1	378
125	Paychex	02/24/16	6,391	68	8,510	2.00	2.9	3.9	250
			13,513		33,743				749
<u>CONSUMER PRODUCTS</u>									
268	Coca-Cola	01/13/93 -- 05/07/93	2,688	46	12,296	1.48	3.2	14.8	397
43	Kraft Heinz			78	3,344	2.50	3.2	0.0	108
255	Nestle SA (ADR)	04/04/08 -- 01/02/15	14,680	86	21,928	2.32	2.7	4.0	592
100	PepsiCo	07/30/91	1,436	120	11,992	3.22	2.7	22.4	322
225	Procter & Gamble	11/27/84	1,348	92	20,673	2.76	3.0	46.0	621
150	Reckitt Benckiser PLC	11/18/13 -- 05/02/14	11,618	94	14,040	2.06	2.2	2.7	309
450	Unilever N.V	09/13/11 -- 03/01/12	14,196	56	25,344	1.69	3.0	5.4	761
			45,967		109,616				3,108

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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>DISTRIBUTION SERVICES</u>									
250	Bid Corp Ltd	09/09/16	5,008	24	6,078	0.37	1.5	1.8	93
200	Genuine Parts	09/13/11	10,615	95	19,002	2.70	2.8	5.1	540
150	Norfolk Southern	03/09/11 -- 02/24/16	10,224	145	21,735	2.44	1.7	3.6	366
375	Sysco Corp	05/07/09 -- 11/18/13	10,000	61	22,774	1.44	2.4	5.4	540
100	Union Pacific Corp	07/28/15	9,672	134	13,410	2.66	2.0	2.8	266
			45,519		82,999				1,805
<u>DIVERSIFIED</u>									
100	3M Company	07/10/81	1,744	235	23,537	4.70	2.0	26.9	470
260	Emerson Electric	04/04/08 -- 09/13/11	11,191	70	18,119	1.94	2.8	4.5	504
338	General Electric	03/10/95 -- 01/19/06	6,570	17	5,898	0.48	2.8	2.5	162
125	Illinois Tool Works	12/07/93	1,176	167	20,856	2.60	1.6	27.6	325
300	Jardine Matheson Holdings (ADR)	04/03/08 -- 05/07/09	8,541	61	18,225	1.52	2.5	5.3	456
			29,222		86,636				1,918
<u>HEALTH</u>									
350	Abbott Labs	06/07/94 -- 02/24/16	6,934	57	19,975	1.12	2.0	5.7	392
100	AbbVie	06/07/94	741	97	9,671	2.84	2.9	38.3	284
45	Amgen	05/16/17	7,191	174	7,826	5.28	3.0	3.3	238
100	Cochlear Ltd	08/02/12	6,840	134	13,393	2.08	1.6	3.0	208
150	Indivior PLC ORD	11/18/13 -- 05/02/14	335	6	828	0.19	3.4	8.5	29
234	Merck	07/10/81	2,486	56	13,167	1.92	3.4	18.1	449
170	Novartis AG	05/07/09 -- 11/26/14	8,516	84	14,273	2.75	3.3	5.5	468
164	Pfizer	10/16/09	2,896	36	5,940	1.36	3.8	7.7	223
			35,940		85,073				2,290

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Par Value of Bonds or No. Shares	Description	Date Purchased	Amount Invested	Mkt Price	Current Market Value	Indicated Income		Total Annual Income	
						Rate	Yield		Mkt Cost
<u>MATERIALS</u>									
129	Air Products	01/19/06 -- 03/01/12	9,223	164	21,166	3.80	2.3	5.3	490
			9,223		21,166				490
<u>NATURAL RESOURCES</u>									
150	Chevron Corp	07/10/81	1,973	125	18,779	4.32	3.5	32.8	648
125	Exxon Mobil	09/15/64	1,189	84	10,455	3.08	3.7	32.4	385
150	Woodside Petroleum Ltd	04/03/08	7,823	26	3,881	0.83	3.2	1.6	125
			10,986		33,115				1,158
<u>RETAIL</u>									
200	Dairy Farm International Hldgs Ltd (ADR)	05/07/09	5,338	39	7,860	1.00	2.5	3.7	200
150	McDonald's	04/04/08 -- 05/07/09	8,250	172	25,818	4.04	2.3	7.3	606
70	Shopping Centres Australasia Property Group	11/26/12	113	2	128	0.00	0.0	0.0	0
100	Walgreens Boots Alliance	02/24/16	7,830	73	7,262	1.60	2.2	2.0	160
			21,531		41,068				966
<u>TECHNOLOGY</u>									
75	Analog Devices	05/16/17	6,086	89	6,677	1.80	2.0	2.2	135
300	Cisco Systems	09/09/16 -- 05/16/17	9,826	38	11,490	1.16	3.0	3.5	348
60	IBM	07/11/97 -- 05/07/09	4,317	153	9,205	6.00	3.9	8.3	360
584	Intel	12/07/93	2,539	46	26,957	1.09	2.4	25.1	637
150	Microsoft	07/28/15 -- 09/09/16	7,424	86	12,831	1.68	2.0	3.4	252
100	Qualcomm	11/24/09 -- 05/02/14	5,408	64	6,402	2.28	3.6	4.2	228
			35,600		73,563				1,960

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROCKPORT

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Par Value of Bonds or No. Shares	Description	Date Purchased	Amount Invested	Mkt Price	Current Market Value	Rate	Indicated Yield	Income Yield	Total Annual Income
<u>TELECOM SERVICES</u>									
175	AT & T Inc.	03/13/86	1,511	39	6,804	2.00	5.1	23.2	350
375	Verizon	11/21/86--11/26/10	9,656	53	19,849	2.32	4.4	9.0	870
			11,166		26,653				1,220
<u>UTILITIES</u>									
350	Atmos Energy	02/02/10	9,609	86	30,062	1.94	2.3	7.1	679
817	Enbridge Inc.	04/04/08--08/02/12	19,379	39	31,953	2.25	5.8	9.5	1,838
100	TransCanada	11/26/14	4,990	49	4,864	1.68	3.5	3.4	168
			33,978		66,878				2,685
	Total Common Stocks:		292,644		660,509				18,347
	Total Portfolio:		330,054		697,554				18,642

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