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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PASTOR 2021



*Matthew, Megan, Ainsley, Alistair and Addison  
Wighton Resurrection Sunday 2021*

In the beginning of the book of Exodus, Moses and Aaron are called to lead a seemingly improbable mission. God instructs them to rescue the Hebrew people from the bondage of Egyptian slavery. Yahweh works through these men to accomplish the implausible, culminating in the Passover and march to the Promised Land. The miraculous acts that surround the Exodus are meant to testify to the watching world the power and faithfulness of God. The challenges that we have faced over the last two years are not nearly to the degree of those felt by the Hebrew people, but we have seen the power and faithfulness of their God. These Old Testament themes were reflected in the year's sermon series in the book of Mark. Throughout this journey we were regularly reminded of the way that gospel centered glory comes through humility. This is true in the redemptive work of Christ and in the daily life of Christian discipleship. During hardship, our church has grown both in numbers and activities but more importantly in our dependency and hope in the historic gospel of Jesus Christ. Thanks for being part of our life together over the last year!

The advent of the pandemic has served to expedite cultural changes that have been well under way for the last decades. This is true of our local and the larger global church. We have moved from living in an era of Christendom to Post-Christian culture<sup>1</sup>. We can no longer take for granted that anyone would want to attend a church or take seriously the claims of the Christian faith. This means that we need to continually be engaging our community with the good news of Christ while seeking to grow our existing congregation as faithful disciples of Jesus. When I first came to New England, I thought that Midwestern Christianity could teach New England. Today, I believe flourishing New England churches will foreshadow the way the rest of American Christianity will go in the coming generations.

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<sup>1</sup> For more on these ideas refer to *How To Reach The West Again* by Tim Keller.



Adapting the way we do things, does not mean changing what we preach or teach. On the contrary, our future depends on a renewed focus of “contending for the faith that was one delivered to the saints”.<sup>2</sup> All that we do must be oriented around continuing to share the gospel of Jesus, building disciples of Jesus, and encouraging this mission throughout the world. As we come into 2022 after a really great year together, I am more excited about our local church than I have ever been! I hope and pray that we can build on the momentum of the last year to continue to improve our missional approach to maximize long-term sustainability. For all these reasons, I propose the following four initiatives in the coming year:

### **Lay Leadership Development**

This year marks one of the most significant leadership transitions that we have had in recent history. Andy Brown is retiring from her remarkable run of over forty years as volunteer Treasurer.

Additionally, we have had several long-term lay leaders retire and an exciting crop of new talent step-up. We are so thankful for the service of those who have given many years to the work of the church and are excited about the new people filling these roles. I want to encourage every person in leadership to prayerfully consider who they are mentoring to fill their role in the future. We can't expect to generate future Christ-centered leadership if we are not proactively planning, praying, and preparing for it. This model is based on Christ's own plan of discipleship.<sup>3</sup>



*2021 Church Staff – Matthew Wigton (Minister), Shaina Stowell (Administrative Assistant), Jenna Olson (Bookkeeper) and Kaitlin Favaloro (Ministry Assistant).*

If you are not serving in church leadership, I encourage you to consider where the Triune God may be wanting you to get involved in the mission of our church. Do not serve out of guilt or obligation but out of a joy to be able to be part the historic mission of Rockport Baptist Church. Please join me in praying that future generations will catch the vision of being joyfully engaged in our mission. It is my hope to in the coming years spend more time empowering our church leaders who will then empower others. This is the time-tested model of effective church operations.

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<sup>2</sup> Jude 1:3

<sup>3</sup> For more on this see: The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman and The Training of the Twelve by A.B. Bruce.



For the first century of our church's history, lay leader Ebenezer Pool did a significant part of the teaching and preaching. The church often could not afford a full-time pastor, and few wanted to come to Sandy Bay's far-flung location (at that time). This continues to be the case in many of churches throughout the world where congregations are primarily led by committed volunteers. As the denominations and seminaries that used to provide the church with critical support wither away, regular internal lay leadership development is critical for future sustainability.



*2021 Wednesday Morning Bible Study Christmas Party*

### **Discipleship Group Expansion**

One of the ways of that we can both develop leaders and assure that everyone in the church is connected is through involvement in some form of a small group. It's not possible to expect one individual or committee to keep track of the needs of every member of a growing congregation, but small group meetings are able to better cater for individual discipleship needs and foster genuine Christian community. The following are examples of Small Groups that met within the Church throughout 2021: Prayer Group, Choir, Missional Community, Youth Group, Shining Stars, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality, Praise Band, Exploding Comets, Bible Study and more.

Thank you for those who took part in leading or participating in these important groups throughout the church. If you are not yet involved in one these groups, considering joining one that fits your time and interests. Perhaps you should be leading a group? We are currently discussing the development of other types of groups focused on different phases in life and aspects of Christian teaching. As we go smaller, we can go deeper and have a larger impact. Small groups have the potential to help us extend Sunday morning into the seemingly mundane of the rest of the week.



## Reevaluate Church Properties

We are very fortunate to own the church and parsonage buildings/properties. These locations have served as important vehicles of ministry for many generations. In 2024 we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the construction of Ventres Chapel and Harvey Park. Over the last decade the boards have done a significant amount of work upgrading the buildings and bringing them up to 21<sup>st</sup> century standards. These upgrades and work are reason for real celebration.

The management of the buildings continues to dominate the time of the boards and staff. Church buildings are regularly a blessing and a curse as there is a danger that their focus can overshadow our ability to do faithful ministry. The age and use of all the buildings need to be considered and re-evaluated in a long-term plan as we think about how to best steward our resources for the greatest good.



*Exploding Comets Trip to Canobie Lake – August 2021*

## Strategic Partnerships

The popular notion that Christianity is in decline is demonstrably false.<sup>4</sup> Apart from a few well-endowed mausoleums to the past, white Mainline Protestantism is dying. Nevertheless, the spread of the historic faith continues in the global East and South. Regionally, this can be seen in places like Lynn and Salem where there are robust and thriving congregations of Spanish, Haitian, Nigerian worshippers of Christ often filling unconventional spaces. In neighboring Gloucester, one of the largest congregations in the

community worships in Portuguese. These demographic changes are not only relevant to the church but the larger planning of the town and region. It is projected that by 2045 whites will be the minority of the U.S. population.<sup>5</sup>

For the Christian we celebrate the beauty of ethnic diversity and look forward to the reverse of Babel when voices from every tribe and nation worship before the Lamb.<sup>6</sup> Practically these demographic shifts coupled with our missional commands should compel us to be more engaged

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.gordonconwell.edu/center-for-global-christianity/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.brookings.edu/research/new-census-data-shows-the-nation-is-diversifying-even-faster-than-predicted/>

<sup>6</sup> Genesis 11 & Revelation 7

with the global church community. No longer does this mean one is required to go on a mission trip to Africa. It is possible for Rockporters to “cross the bridge” and be in a different world in just 29.3 miles! It is for this reason that we are exploring a partnership with Washington Street Baptist Church in Lynn. This church with which we have a historical relationship sits in a location where people from 40 different ethnicities live within one mile radius. While we may be able to help this congregation with some practical needs like cleaning their kitchen or painting a fence, we can and will also learn something from their different cultural perspective. We will gain much through humble engagement with thriving multi-ethnic sister churches. This is an exciting example of one way that we can and must develop strategic relationships with the future, growing and global church.



*Leading Invocation at Town Meeting – September 2021*

## **Conclusion**

Over the Christmas season, the church staff wrapped my office door in Grinch wrapping paper. I have officially been dubbed the church grinch. In full disclosure (this may be hard for some to believe), in my flesh and fatigue I do not always embody Christmas joy. Nevertheless, the last year has affirmed to me the reality that the “joy of the Lord is our Strength”.<sup>7</sup> The fact that God called Moses, called me, or called any of us to know and serve him is a profound mystery of grace.

May the grace and joy of the Lord guide us into a new year of ministry together!

Sola Deo Gloria,

*Matt Wigton*

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<sup>7</sup> Nehemiah 8:10



## MINISTRY ASSISTANT'S REPORT

This past year has been one of the most enjoyable years at the church! Considering the year before, anything was an improvement. It felt like we at the church came out stronger and better than ever and it was a joy to be a part of.

Throughout last winter, we spent a lot of time cleaning and prepping for the coming spring. It was nice to be able to start fresh in the classrooms, office spaces, and now the coming family room. Shaina and I as well as many other volunteers were able to clean and organize many parts of the church including the upstairs classroom closet. This allowed for all the programs to run as smoothly as ever and attracted more kids and families and most importantly, volunteers. We are at an all time high for all of those categories!

As the ministry assistant, I helped Matt, Meaghan, and Janet with all of the various youth programming at the church from ages 1-18. Our primary focus, aside from Children's Church, being the Exploding Comets group who will be filling most of the Youth Group this coming fall. It has been an incredible experience working with the current Youth Group as most of them prepare to graduate! I have had the privilege of working with most of those young adults since I started at the church.



Over the summer, I was able to find myself in God and was rebaptized at the church, joined the praise band, and started regularly attending Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. This has been a huge blessing in not only my life, but the work I've been doing at the church. I have found it freeing to be able to accept the roles that God has given me and I am truly thankful for that.

I am also humbled with the most incredible coworkers. Shaina has been most of the inspiration in the office for making sure that we not only get our work done but go above and beyond with all the tasks we do. We had so much fun planning and running the various events including the Movie Nights, Rally Sunday, and working with My Place By the Sea! Over the last few months it has also been delightful to get to know Jenna and her family in the office and with the youth programs. They are all essential in the church's missions.



I would like to recognize Matt and his graciousness and patience with me as well as the overturning office staff we had this year. I am confident that 2022 will run smoothly with the staff we have this year!

I am looking forward to all of what 2022 will bring the church and especially the return of Vacation Bible School. Thank you all for this opportunity year and after year!

Respectfully,

Katie Favaloro





## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

1 It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, 2 proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, 3 to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. 4 For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done. 5 How great are your works, Lord, how profound your thoughts! 6 Senseless people do not know, fools do not understand, 7 that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever. 8 But you, Lord, are forever exalted. 9 For surely your enemies, Lord, surely your enemies will perish; all evildoers will be scattered. 10 You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured on me. 11 My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes. 12 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; 13 planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, 15 proclaiming, "The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him." (Psalm 92)

What an incredible year it has been here at Rockport Baptist! We have had great joys as well as heartbreaks but through it all our congregation has stood together in strength and endurance, and we have flourished. Our children's Church has around 20 kids a week! Though at times they can be a handful, the friendships they have formed and the spiritual growth they have shown are inspiring to say the least. There have been a handful of new families that call our church home now as well which is a great encouragement and the congregation has welcomed them with open arms.



This year we have also lost some dear members as well. Katie and I were tasked with assisting in funerals and memorial services for Dan Herrick, Frank Favalora, Doug Lynn and most recently Ruth Bowers. I was previously unaware of just how much work goes into these events but Katie, Matt, and I work well together. We plan and prepare for each service or funeral with care and organization.



I began officially working for the church in May of this year which has brought to much joy to me life. Being surrounded by my friends and church family during this difficult period in time both personally and globally has been endlessly encouraging and comforting.

The summer was an exciting season for us. Even though VBS was cancelled we managed to fill the summer with many activities and events for children and families. Katie and I put together cookouts, parties, community move nights, and concerts.

Over the fall the church was a busy place! We had our final family movie night of the season just before the kids went back to school. I was also asked to become a member of the Ladies Parlor Committee which was run by Maureen Small. A handful of women from the church including me were tasked to create a design for this space now that the Children's Church is meeting in the classrooms again. The major event of the fall was our Rally Sunday Celebration! We had a big celebration to kick off a new year of Children's Church which included a popcorn machine,



bubble machines, games, crafts, and a bounce house! The kids, and some adults, had a blast jumping all afternoon. My son Shiloh Benjamin Bingle was dedicated this fall as well which was a special day for my family.

The winter and Christmas season was wonderful as we got to enjoy the return of our annual Children's Pageant! The church was decorated once again with garlands and poinsettias, and the Children charmed us with their acting skills. My favorite part of the Christmas season was the candle lit Christmas Eve service. The church was full of family and friends and the service concluded with a candle lit sing along.

I am excited to see what plans The Lord has for the church in the new year. It is an honor to be part of the incredible team here at First Baptist. From typo's to sewer back up's I've been through it all in my short time here had. I wouldn't change any of it!

Respectfully Submitted,

Shaina Stowell



## MUSIC REPORT

As always, I am thankful that we have so many talented musicians in our church and so many that are willing to share those talents, along with their time, to help lead us in worship each week. I thank the Lord daily for each of you and for the gifts and opportunities He has given me to help further His kingdom through music.

The Praise Band has continued to work hard each week preparing music to lead in worship. Although it was hard to say goodbye to the Sturgeons, we are happy to welcome Katie Favaloro and Julie and Carl Oulton, to our group. We are now practicing some Wednesday evenings so we can work on new music and be better prepared for Sundays. Thank you, Anthony, Shaina, Phil, Katie, Julie and Carl for your faithfulness and willingness to share your talents.

The Choir was able to resume this fall and we are all happy to be together again. We sang once in October and November and then twice in December. The resurgence of Covid has put a temporary pause on practices but we will get back to it as soon as it is safe. Thank you, Gail, Cheryl, Joanie, Betsy, John and Mark for your dedication and willingness to keep our Choir going. Please, let me know if you are interested in joining us. I already have a couple of names and would love some more.

Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. 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

## BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

I began working as the bookkeeper for Rockport Baptist in June of 2021. A decision was made this year by the Boards to transition to a new accounting software that would handle the general operating accounts but also be able to efficiently and accurately track grants and restricted funds.

Andy Brown, and her father before her, have served the church for decades, providing invaluable amounts of time and energy making sure the congregation thrived financially. Andy made the decision to focus on other things and the church decided at that time to transition to a bookkeeper position to assist with the move to the new software. David Pierson was instrumental in finding a software that was robust enough to track the church's funds but not so large that it would overwhelm this small but vibrant congregation. This software, called ACCOUNTS, is a small business based in Canada but with many United States clients. The software was created with the sole purpose of tracking non-profit funds. Gail Zeman provided invaluable knowledge from her career in setting up the new software

Gail, Andy and I worked very closely for many weeks getting the new software set-up. We created a new chart of accounts that is more streamlined with the different activities now happening in the church. David provided key IT support as needed and helped in the purchase of a new computer to perform the new bookkeeping duties.

I work approximately five hours per week and perform the following tasks:

- Input all transactions (deposits and withdrawals) into ACCOUNTS
- Double check all deposits and withdrawals against each church fund and restricted account
- Itemize debit card purchases
- Review payroll reports and input in ACCOUNTS
- Cut checks for both the church and parsonage bills
- Prepare monthly reports for the Board meetings - including separate reports for each grant and restricted fund
- Assist in the preparation of the annual budget
- Attend budget meetings and answer questions as needed
- Review all accounts monthly for accuracy

I feel so blessed to have joined the staff of the First Baptist Church of Rockport. Shaina, Katie and Matt are wonderful to work with. I cannot express my gratitude enough for Andy who I'm sure will continue to provide much needed support with her years of experience.

Thank you,

Jenna Olson  
Bookkeeper



# CHURCH CURMUDGEON

## Pandemic Pondering

Words are woefully inadequate when attempting to describe the heartache of having our loved ones and dear friends die during the time of mandated social distancing. Their leaving has left gaping holes in our lives. My prayer is that the raw bleeding edges of these holes will be embroidered with the blanket stitch of God's comfort and love.

Our lives have been derailed by this current pandemic and it makes us uncomfortable and nervous. Scriptures exhorts us to not panic. The Triune God does not change. I have an ear-worm from the hymn, Great Is Thy Faithfulness" whose repeated phrase is "Thou changes not, thy compassions, they fail not, great is they faithfulness, Lord unto me." Malachi 3:6 - "For I am the Lord, I do not change. Therefore, you are not consumed." We can claim this promise each day as we face our concerns and our ever changing world.

People's responses to the current life changes have run the gamut from fear, outrage and conspiracy theory to co-operation, trust and inner peace. It is common to see people wearing masks but there is another kind of mask that some people hide behind. This pandemic has caused some to let their invisible mask slip off and it has exposed a lack of civility, understanding and kindness toward those with differing opinions. Some seem to worry more about the hiccup in education and social life rather than steadfastly striving to reinforce the innate resiliency that children possess.

The future is not all doom and gloom and history has shown that we can have HOPE. In my almost 87 years of life, adults and children have dealt with, and survived, a lot of stress producing events. I grew up with weekly neighborhood air raids, blackout shades, light globes painted black and drills where we coupled hoses inside the house while another family member ran to the attic window to toss out imaginary incendiary bombs. We got ready for bed in the dark - any light leaking from our windows could make us a target for bombing. In school we had frequent drills where we ducked under our school desks (WWII), then the assassinations of our leaders (JFK, RFK, MLK Jr), horrendous school shootings and currently ALICE drills. IMO, wearing a confining mask, missing months of "proper" education and not participating in social events seems to pale in light of how change was dealt with in the past. Entitlement is a current first world country issue as protesting in many forms has become the norm. After 9/11, there seemed to be a spirit of caring for each other but that soon dissipated and "My Rights" took over.

My parents lived through trying times but didn't discuss the details of their involvement or reaction to the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic and the succeeding years of national turmoil. My dad had just been discharged from the Army (WW I) and was his hometown's city doctor during that pandemic. I recently downloaded the city's 1919 Annual Report and learned of some of the ways that they dealt with the pandemic. As needed, they closed the schools, implemented mask

mandates and had strict quarantine rules. They did not have the technology that we use today to continue our connections, albeit with varying results.

Following the 1918 pandemic, there was the cataclysmic Great Depression (1929 - 1939). If that was not enough, change continued for their children as the world once again went to war. (World War II -1939-1945). In the winter of my brother's senior year in High School, he and many of his male classmates were conscripted into the service of WW II. They missed many months of schooling and all of the social events associated with senior year were cancelled. Parents went to the graduation to receive their child's diploma. Despite this major interruption in their lives and education, those young boys, those who survived the war, turned out to be the successful adults now known as "The Greatest Generation."

I share this bit of personal reflection because it reminds me that how I react to events can influence others. I am positive about the future because of how my parents dealt with all that life threw in their path. They lived by the words of Jeremiah. There is hope for the future and we need to remain positive and cooperative while in the midst of this pandemic, societal and climate changes.

During this pandemic, we have been given the precious gift of "Time". Time to figure out why we often feel stressed. Time to ask if everything we plan for ourselves and others is really necessary. Have we overbooked our lives and the lives of our kids? Are extracurricular classes and events always vital to a well rounded life? Why are our Day Planners so full that we have no time to slow down and maybe just look at cloud formations? What is success? We can use this time to stop running and take stock of our lives.

May God continue to guide us in this new year as we deal with our ever changing lives.

May we have inner peace as the world continues to spin.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a Future."

Sincerely,

The Church Curmudgeon

## CLERK'S REPORT

### Members reported on December 31, 2020

Total Membership: 84

### Membership Changes 2021

New Members: Phil and Danielle Michel

Members to Heaven: Ruth Bowers and Dan Herrick

Transfers: Ken and Beth Sturgeon

### Members as of December 31, 2021

Total Membership: 82

### Church Life Records:

Friends to Heaven: Doug Lynn, Nancy Goldsmith and Frank Favolora

Baby Dedication: Shiloh Benjamin Bingle (9/12/21)

Baptisms: Katie Favoloro, Jack Michel and Fraser Shelton (8/22/21)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Millicent Bruce". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully Submitted,".

Millicent Bruce  
Clerk of the Church



## ATTENDANCE REPORT

Average Attendance									
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	55	58	57	55	50	61	49	63	36
February	45	64	37	54	49	56	55	60	38
March	61	54	54	62	48	53	52	61	45
April	56	63	66	52	63	63	59	*	50
May	61	67	65	66	54	61	67	*	47
June	67	74	56	60	57	60	58	*	58
July	65	78	61	65	61	60	70	*	58
August	64	62	57	63	58	59	65	*	57
September	72	62	57	61	68	59	65	*	66
October	63	65	55	57	71	62	69	*	61
November	67	56	65	57	64	61	70	*	65
<b>December</b>	61	64	63	53	61	66	75	*	74
<b>Average</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>55</b>

## AUDITORS REPORT

First Baptist Church of Rockport 2021

I can attest that four people have spent the past several months preparing the Church financial records for transition to an all new accounting system with a new treasurer and software program and overseen by a new accountant. All aspects of the Church accounts are confirmed as accurate. I was able to follow weekly plate collections against their corresponding deposits on bank statements. I can attest that these records are free of misstatements.

Respectfully submitted,

Millicent Bruce  
Auditor

# CPSON NOMINATING REPORT

## (CHURCH PERSONNEL SAFETY OVERSIGHT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE)

### Board of Stewards

Steward	Term Expires
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Karen Parker	2024
David Pierson	2024
Meaghan Shelton	2024
*Maureen Small	2025

Pastor, Treasurer and Collector are ex-officio members.

### Board of Deacons

Deacon	Term Expires
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*Kris Carlson	2025
John French	2024
*Danielle Michel	2025
*Nancy Pallazola	2025

The pastor is an ex-officio member.



### Officers (One Year Term)

- \*Auditor - Millicent Bruce
- \*Clerk - Millicent Bruce
- \*Collector - Gail Zeman
- \*Head Usher - Kris Carlson
- \*Moderator - Anthony Shelton
- \*Treasurer - David Pierson (Interim)
- \*Christian Education - Meaghan Shelton

### Standing Committee (One Year Term)

- \*Music Cheryl Petras, Anthony Shelton
- \*Child Safety/Nominating Janet French

*\*Asterisk indicates those who are to be elected Sunday, January 30, 2022.*

*Respectfully submitted by Janet French  
Nominating Committee  
First Baptist Church of Rockport*



First Baptist Church  
Rockport, MA

## Official Resolution of the First Baptist Church of Rockport

On the Thirtieth Day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

The assembled congregation hereby recognizes Andrea Herrick Brown for exemplary service and participation in the life of the First Baptist Church of Rockport.

Whereas she has been a member of the church community since her birth;

Whereas her family has had over a century of dedication and involvement in the life of this congregation and the greater Rockport community;

Whereas her recent participation includes serving as Church Treasurer for forty years; and

Whereas out of deep gratitude for her service and legacy; now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, that the First Baptist Church of Rockport:

1. expresses our heartfelt appreciation to Andrea for her work;
2. thanks the Triune God for Andrea and Bill Brown and their extended family;
3. hereby confers upon Andrea the honorary title of *Treasurer Emeritus*; and
4. this life title shall be recorded in the church record.

Anthony Shelton  
Church Moderator

Millicent Bruce  
Church Clerk

Kristine Carlson  
Board of Deacons, Chair

David Pierson  
Board of Stewards, Chair

Matthew Wigton  
Minister

Gail Zeman  
Church Collector



## DEACONS REPORT

Kris Carlson, Chair, Nancy Pallazola, & John French.

Some of you may wonder what is a Deacon?; what do Deacons do?

The definition of Deacon is: Servant; one who serves.

The Greek translation of Deacon is: a. a slave who completely belongs to his master/owner and has no freedom to leave his master.

b. a servant who willingly serves his master.

This year has been interesting, exciting, challenging as we continue to navigate through COVID as a church. Pastor Matt continues to keep us updated with Board of Health protocols. We continue to be encouraged with new families and individuals worshipping with us. It has been exciting to see the number of children participating in Sunday School.

In July we were blessed with a visit from our missionaries to France, Ryan and Erin Bennett and their children, Elias and Charlotte. We had an awesome time at our “Praise and Pie” night in July with several Cape Ann churches participating.

In August we had Fraser Shelton, Jack Michel and Katie Favaloro baptized in the church. Also in August was a trip to the Isabella Stewart Gardner museum in Boston, and a movie night on the church lawn.

September brought back Bible Study on Wednesdays after the summer hiatus, as well as Youth fellowship, Shining Stars and Exploding Comets.

In October Prayer meeting was reinstituted on Tuesday evenings 6:45-7:30 at the church with Kris Carlson leading.

In November we had Thanksgiving Eve service followed by the children’s Christmas Pageant and Christmas Eve service in December.

John and Janet continue to lead Missional Community and Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Course (on alternating Thursdays).

We want to thank Matt and Megan as they continue to follow Jesus and be a light here at First Baptist Church. We also want to thank all of you who have helped in any way to bless this church community. For you are many.

May we all continue to grow and trust Our Lord has us all in His hands going into 2022. **Above all we continue to pray that our walk with Jesus would be a witness to those in Rockport and beyond.**

Humbly submitted by, Kris Carlson,  
Chairman, Board of Deacons

# MISSIONAL COMMUNITY



2021 was a year to experiment with a Missional Community. This group was spawned from the Spiritual Formation Group which met for 2 1/2 years. A Missional Community is a medium size group which seeks to mature believers in the faith by engaging in Jesus's mission to make other disciples, care and support each other and love our neighbors as ourselves. This Missional Community has three regular dynamics. "UP" We seek to grow in our relationship with God. "IN" Care for and support one another in ministry and mission and "OUT", further Jesus's kingdom work. We meet for Bible Study, worship, prayer, fellowship events and mission opportunities. We believe this leads to a balanced Christian life. This has been challenging during the pandemic; we sometimes met in person while other times on Zoom. Mission is more difficult virtually, but we managed to support a needy family, sang Christmas Carols provided support to the staff at the Den Mar nursing facility and conducted a prayer walk around the town asking the question.. "How would Jesus see our town and its needs?"

Currently our MC or Missional Community of 8 + people meets every other week. New participants are welcome to any of our meetings. Despite the challenges of a pandemic, our group journeyed through scriptures focusing on God's gracious love for us and His world. For those who want to go deeper in transformation and leadership development, a small group meets to engage in a deeper study every other week. In the spring we offered a class for the community based on the book by Walter Wangerin, Wounds are Where Light Enters and in the fall a course by New York pastor Perter Scazzero, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. This class will finish in the Spring.

Growing in Christ Together,  
John and Janet French

## STEWARDS' REPORT

The Stewards mid-year report ended with mention of two major projects on the horizon, window replacement for the offices due to rot caused by poor water drainage and the condition of the steeple. The effort to remedy both areas is underway spearheaded by Karen Parker.

Our first issue with these projects is the lack of expertise in accurately assessing what is wrong and then developing a plan to remedy it. Once contractors are on-site we also have no clue how to ensure they are properly doing the work. It will be critical to have expert oversight of the project execution. The board has taken several actions to address this.

First, we have contracted with an engineering firm “Structures North” to do an assessment of the steeple and other key parts of the building. We expect to have that report soon. This report will inform the steeple repair company “American Steeple” to formulate a proposal for us on the work needed and cost estimates. This work will inform our grant proposal preparation to the Community Preservation Act Committee.

The window project is being handled by Alan Battistelli. As of this report, Alan has assessed the building, met with the historical committee getting approval for the type of window we can get as a replacement, and met with an Anderson window rep on-site to measure. We are waiting for his estimate. The main concern for this project is what Alan will find once his crew removes the old windows. As the siding is removed we will get the full picture of the water damage.

Alan has also agreed to provide project oversight for the steeple work once that project is underway. Realistically we will be preparing a plan and grant proposal in 2022 and if all goes well have an idea by the end of 2022 if we can obtain grant money to work with. The grant will be a very important piece of the project as our base cost estimate is \$150,000. Targeting 2023 for the work to begin.

These two large capital projects for 2022 will be handled separately from the operating budget in the same fashion as we recently handled the bathroom project. Monies will be taken from the investment fund to cover the building window project and preliminary expenses for the steeple project. Our best effort to project 2022 expenditures at this time is perhaps \$60,000.00. As reports and estimates arrive we can fine-tune this figure up or down.

2021 has been a year of transition in our financial systems and the volunteers doing the work. As Matt mentioned in his report that volunteer for decades now has been Andy Brown and she is stepping away from full-time treasurer duties. The stewards brought on Jenna Olson, an experienced non-profit bookkeeper to work with us. Headed by Gail Zeman and Andy Brown, Jenna has transitioned our accounting to a cloud-based piece of software designed for churches. This allows us to rethink the role of the treasurer to not be so demanding of one person. David Pierson will serve as interim treasurer until such time as we have a new financial workflow in place and God raises up a person with the needed gifts and talents to take on the redesigned role of treasurer.

The Stewards are pleased to share an approved plan for the repurposing of the “Ladies Parlor” to the “Family Room”. A special committee headed by Maureen Small joined by Shaina, Margaret Williams, Nancy Palazola, and Meaghan Shelton has worked to decide what the purpose of the space should be and then how to furnish it. Look for the new furnishing in the first quarter of the new year!

Finally, the board wishes to acknowledge long-time Steward Margaret Williams whose term is ending this year. Margaret has served quietly and faithfully in many aspects of our church for many years. We have all benefited from her wisdom and willingness to roll up her sleeves and get to work!

May God give us wisdom and boldness to expect great things as he takes us into a new year!

Respectfully submitted,

Your Stewards



# COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## First Baptist Church of Rockport

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### Income Statement

For the period 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

Printed: January 19, 2022

Filtered on (Number < 50000) And (Number <> 43501) And (Number <> 45000) And (Numl

### REVENUE

<b>41000</b>	<b>General Fund Collections</b>	
41100	Named Giving & Loose Offering	137,478.77
41200	Pass-Through Collections	3,664.78
	TOTAL General Fund Collections	141,143.55
<b>42000</b>	<b>Grants Received</b>	
42100	BBSU Grant Received	10,000.00
42102	Senior Outrch/Lect/Jud Bask Grant Rec'd	1,000.00
42302	Family Nights Grant Received	3,000.00
	TOTAL Grants Received	14,000.00
<b>43000</b>	<b>Restricted Funds Collections</b>	
43101	Deacons Restricted Collections	1,305.00
43102	Flowers Restricted Collections	790.00
43104	Special Offerings Restricted Collections	4,883.00
43105	Memorial Restricted Collections	726.31
43106	Markham Scholarship Rest. Collections	515.38
43107	Miscellaneous Restricted Collections	75.00
43200	Missions Restricted Collections	287.40
43400	Church Furnishings Collections	300.00
	TOTAL Restricted Funds Collections	8,882.09
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>164,025.64</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>164,025.64</b>

# INCOME STATEMENT

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### Income Statement

For the period 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

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Filtered on (Number Between 41000 And 41200) Or (Number Between 46000 And 51512)

#### REVENUE

##### 41000 General Fund Collections

41100	Named Giving & Loose Offering	137,478.77
41200	Pass-Through Collections	3,664.78
41400	Miscellaneous Collections	17.52
	TOTAL General Fund Collections	141,161.07
46000	Interest	45.44

#### TOTAL REVENUE

**141,206.51**

#### EXPENSE

##### 51000 Board of Deacons

##### 51100 Salary, Wages & Benefits

51101	Pastor's Salary	64,829.18
51102	Administrative Assistant	16,082.00
51103	Bookkeeper	3,760.50
51110	Pastor FICA Allowance	16,045.64
51111	Staff FICA	3,119.13
51112	Health Insurance	6,500.00
51113	Pension	14,212.80
51114	Worker's Comp	1,808.50
51118	Pulpit Supply	1,575.00
	TOTAL Salary, Wages & Benefits	127,932.75

##### 51120 Deacon Expenses

51121	Worship Materials	973.95
51123	Evangelism/Outreach	1,574.33
51124	Fellowship/Hospitality	3,474.37
51125	Judson Dues	213.00
51126	Professional Expense	1,421.47
51127	Office Supplies	4,758.11
	TOTAL Deacon Expenses	12,415.23

##### 51200 General Mission Expenses

51201	Bennett - Missionary Support Expenses	2,500.00
51202	Christian Vet Mission/St. Denis Expenses	1,800.00
51204	Family Promise Expenses	1,000.00
51205	Johnsons Canada Mission Support Expenses	2,277.08
51206	Open Door/CA Food Bank Expenses	500.00
	TOTAL General Mission Expenses	8,077.08

##### 51300 Board of Deacons Christian Education

51310	Adult Christian Education	366.14
51320	Children's Sunday School	1,484.79
51340	Youth Groups	1,344.11

TOTAL Board of Deacons Christian Education **3,195.04**

TOTAL Board of Deacons **151,620.10**

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**Income Statement**

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**EXPENSE**

<b>51400</b>	<b>Board of Stewards</b>	
<b>51410</b>	<b>Church Expenses</b>	
51411	Electric	2,525.74
51412	Oil	3,478.90
51413	Repairs and Maintenance	23,438.14
51414	Grounds	2,094.34
51415	Property Insurance	4,384.50
51416	Building Supplies	2,883.74
51417	Telephone & Internet	2,489.46
51418	Water & Sewer	693.61
	TOTAL Church Expenses	41,988.43
<b>51420</b>	<b>Parsonage Expenses</b>	
51421	Electric (P)	1,784.03
51422	Oil (P)	1,855.19
51423	Telephone & Internet (P)	934.35
51424	Repair/Maintenance (P)	6,052.34
51425	Water & Sewer (P)	1,774.49
	TOTAL Parsonage Expenses	12,400.40
<b>51430</b>	<b>Business Expenses</b>	
51431	IT Support/Software Expenses	775.82
51432	Services (Contracts incl Payroll)	1,680.21
	TOTAL Business Expenses	2,456.03
51460	Miscellaneous	2,577.67
	TOTAL Board of Stewards	59,422.53
<b>51500</b>	<b>Music Committee</b>	
<b>51501</b>	<b>Music Wages/Stipends</b>	
51502	Music Director/Organist	10,200.06
51503	Worship Facilitator Stipend	3,114.85
	TOTAL Music Wages/Stipends	13,314.91
<b>51510</b>	<b>Music Expenses</b>	
51511	Music Equipment	452.38
51512	Music Expenses (General)	450.25
	TOTAL Music Expenses	902.63
	TOTAL Music Committee	14,217.54
57000	Pass-Through Expense	3,195.88
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>228,456.05</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>(87,249.54)</b>

# FUND REPORT

## First Baptist Church of Rockport

### Fund Summaries

For the period 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

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Filtered on (Fundname <> "General Fund")

Starting Balance for BBSU(Boston Baptist Society Union)	8,519.90
Net Income for period:	(2,574.50)
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	325.00
Ending Balance for BBSU(Boston Baptist Society Union)	6,270.40

Starting Balance for Senior Outreach/Lectures/Juds Bas	3,858.02
Net Income for period:	(1,270.34)
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
Ending Balance for Senior Outreach/Lectures/Juds Bask	2,587.68

Starting Balance for Youth and Family Pastor Grant:	1,344.35
Net Income for period:	(1,344.35)
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
Ending Balance for Youth and Family Pastor Grant:	0.00

Starting Balance for Vacation Bible School Grant:	2,216.13
Net Income for period:	(146.98)
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
Ending Balance for Vacation Bible School Grant:	2,069.15

Starting Balance for Family Nights Grant (Judson Associ	0.00
Net Income for period:	1,974.36
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
Ending Balance for Family Nights Grant (Judson Associ	1,974.36

Starting Balance for Deacons Restricted:	353.42
Net Income for period:	(333.45)
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
Ending Balance for Deacons Restricted:	19.97

Starting Balance for Flowers Restricted:	0.00
Net Income for period:	43.57
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
Ending Balance for Flowers Restricted:	43.57



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<b>Starting Balance for Second Sunday Sundaes Restricted</b>	<b>755.87</b>
Net Income for period:	(225.99)
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
<b>Ending Balance for Second Sunday Sundaes Restricted:</b>	<b>529.88</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Special Offerings Restricted:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Net Income for period:	(2,035.97)
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	2,080.97
<b>Ending Balance for Special Offerings Restricted:</b>	<b>45.00</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Memorial Restricted:</b>	<b>518.47</b>
Net Income for period:	726.31
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
<b>Ending Balance for Memorial Restricted:</b>	<b>1,244.78</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Markham Scholarship Restricted:</b>	<b>6,154.46</b>
Net Income for period:	(684.62)
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
<b>Ending Balance for Markham Scholarship Restricted:</b>	<b>5,469.84</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Miscellaneous Restricted:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Net Income for period:	75.00
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
<b>Ending Balance for Miscellaneous Restricted:</b>	<b>75.00</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Missions Restricted:</b>	<b>955.60</b>
Net Income for period:	287.40
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
<b>Ending Balance for Missions Restricted:</b>	<b>1,243.00</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Youth Programs Restricted:</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
Net Income for period:	(1,500.00)
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	0.00
<b>Ending Balance for Youth Programs Restricted:</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Church Furnishings:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Net Income for period:	<b>300.00</b>
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance for Church Furnishings:</b>	<b>300.00</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Music Restricted:</b>	<b>38.41</b>
Net Income for period:	<b>0.00</b>
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance for Music Restricted:</b>	<b>38.41</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Stewart Music Fund:</b>	<b>30,933.99</b>
Net Income for period:	<b>3,291.54</b>
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance for Stewart Music Fund:</b>	<b>34,225.53</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Capital Fund:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Net Income for period:	<b>(5,000.00)</b>
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance for Capital Fund:</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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<b>Starting Balance for Investment Account Fund:</b>	<b>737,805.50</b>
Net Income for period:	<b>84,167.83</b>
Direct transfers into or out of the fund:	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance for Investment Account Fund:</b>	<b>821,973.33</b>

# TRESURER'S REPORT

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Filtered on (Accountnumber Between 50999 And 52000) Or (Accountnumber Between 54100 And 54300)		2021 Actuals	2021 Budget	2021 Difference	2022 Budget
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
<b>51000</b>	<b>Board of Deacons</b>				
<b>51100</b>	<b>Salary, Wages &amp; Benefits</b>				
51101	Pastor's Salary	64,829.18	64,829.18	0.00	68,080.00
51102	Administrative Assistant	16,082.00	13,000.00	(3,082.00)	17,000.00
51103	Bookkeeper	3,760.50	0.00	(3,760.50)	6,670.00
51110	Pastor FICA Allowance	16,045.64	16,045.64	0.00	16,633.00
51111	Staff FICA	3,119.13	2,000.00	(1,119.13)	2,700.00
51112	Health Insurance	6,500.00	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00
51113	Pension	14,212.80	14,212.80	0.00	14,733.00
51114	Worker's Comp	1,808.50	2,000.00	191.50	2,000.00
51117	Nursery	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
51118	Pulpit Supply	1,575.00	1,500.00	(75.00)	1,500.00
	TOTAL Salary, Wages & Benefits	127,932.75	120,587.62	(7,345.13)	135,816.00
<b>51120</b>	<b>Deacon Expenses</b>				
51121	Worship Materials	973.95	300.00	(673.95)	600.00
51122	Lay Leadership Development	0.00	500.00	500.00	1,000.00
51123	Evangelism/Outreach	1,574.33	500.00	(1,074.33)	1,000.00
51124	Fellowship/Hospitality	3,474.37	500.00	(2,974.37)	3,000.00
51125	Judson Dues	213.00	200.00	(13.00)	225.00
51126	Professional Expense	1,421.47	1,000.00	(421.47)	2,500.00
51127	Office Supplies	4,758.11	3,000.00	(1,758.11)	4,500.00
	TOTAL Deacon Expenses	12,415.23	6,000.00	(6,415.23)	12,825.00
<b>51200</b>	<b>General Mission Expenses</b>				
51201	Bennett - Missionary Support Expenses	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
51202	Christian Vet Mission/St. Denis Expenses	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00	3,500.00
51203	Deacon's Fund Expenses	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,000.00
51204	Family Promise Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	500.00
51205	Johnsons Canada Mission Support Expenses	2,277.08	2,000.00	(277.08)	2,000.00
51206	Open Door/CA Food Bank Expenses	500.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
51207	Community Impact	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
51208	Other Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
	TOTAL General Mission Expenses	8,077.08	9,000.00	922.92	15,000.00
<b>51300</b>	<b>Board of Deacons Christian Education</b>				
51310	Adult Christian Education	366.14	500.00	133.86	500.00
51320	Children's Sunday School	1,484.79	1,000.00	(484.79)	1,000.00
51330	Vacation Bible School	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
51340	Youth Groups	1,344.11	500.00	(844.11)	1,500.00
	TOTAL Board of Deacons Christian Education	3,195.04	2,000.00	(1,195.04)	5,000.00
	TOTAL Board of Deacons	151,620.10	137,587.62	(14,032.48)	168,641.00
<b>51400</b>	<b>Board of Stewards</b>				
<b>51410</b>	<b>Church Expenses</b>				
51411	Electric	2,525.74	3,000.00	474.26	3,500.00
51412	Oil	3,478.90	3,500.00	21.10	4,000.00
51413	Repairs and Maintenance	23,438.14	15,000.00	(8,438.14)	18,000.00
51414	Grounds	2,094.34	2,000.00	(94.34)	2,000.00
51415	Property Insurance	4,384.50	5,400.00	1,015.50	6,082.00
51416	Building Supplies	2,883.74	1,500.00	(1,383.74)	6,500.00
51417	Telephone & Internet	2,489.46	2,500.00	10.54	2,500.00
51418	Water & Sewer	693.61	1,500.00	806.39	1,500.00
51419	Custodian	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
	TOTAL Church Expenses	41,988.43	36,400.00	(5,588.43)	44,082.00
<b>51420</b>	<b>Parsonage Expenses</b>				
51421	Electric (P)	1,784.03	2,500.00	715.97	3,000.00
51422	Oil (P)	1,855.19	2,000.00	144.81	3,500.00
51423	Telephone & Internet (P)	934.35	900.00	(34.35)	1,100.00
51424	Repair/Maintenance (P)	6,052.34	3,000.00	(3,052.34)	3,000.00
51425	Water & Sewer (P)	1,774.49	2,500.00	725.51	1,500.00
	TOTAL Parsonage Expenses	12,400.40	10,900.00	(1,500.40)	12,100.00
<b>51430</b>	<b>Business Expenses</b>				
51431	IT Support/Software Expenses	775.82	1,000.00	224.18	1,000.00
51432	Services (Contracts incl Payroll)	1,680.21	2,200.00	519.79	1,850.00
	TOTAL Business Expenses	2,456.03	3,200.00	743.97	2,850.00

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(Accountnumber Between 54100 And 54300)

	2021 Actuals	2021 Budget	2021 Difference	2022 Budget
<b>EXPENSE</b>				
<b>51400 Board of Stewards</b>				
51460 Miscellaneous	2,577.67	2,000.00	(577.67)	500.00
TOTAL Board of Stewards	59,422.53	52,500.00	(6,922.53)	59,532.00
<b>51500 Music Committee</b>				
<b>51501 Music Wages/Stipends</b>				
51502 Music Director/Organist	10,200.06	10,200.06	0.00	10,200.00
51503 Worship Facilitator Stipend	3,114.85	5,200.00	2,085.15	0.00
51504 Substitutes	0.00	700.00	700.00	700.00
TOTAL Music Wages/Stipends	13,314.91	16,100.06	2,785.15	10,900.00
<b>51510 Music Expenses</b>				
51511 Music Equipment	452.38	1,500.00	1,047.62	1,500.00
51512 Music Expenses (General)	450.25	1,000.00	549.75	1,000.00
51513 Music Professional Development	0.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL Music Expenses	902.63	2,700.00	1,797.37	2,700.00
TOTAL Music Committee	14,217.54	18,800.06	4,582.52	13,600.00
<b>54100 Capital Improvements</b>				
54110 Capital Improvements (Church)	0.00	0.00	0.00	60,000.00
54120 Capital Improvements (Parsonage)	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Capital Improvements	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>230,260.17</b>	<b>213,887.68</b>	<b>(16,372.49)</b>	<b>301,773.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(230,260.17)</b>	<b>(213,887.68)</b>	<b>(16,372.49)</b>	<b>(301,773.00)</b>

## TRESURER'S REPORT SUPPLEMENTAL

## First Baptist Church of Rockport

## ASSETS

General Checking Account (1194)	\$ 12,022.48
Debit Card Account (6347)	\$ 1,493.53
Payroll Checking Account (5421)	\$ 2,244.86
Savings Account	\$ 17,953.36
Stewart Music Fund (MABIT)	\$ 22,261.79
Investment Account (see detail below)	\$ 821,973.33
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 877,949.35</b>

## INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

<b>1/1/2021</b>	<b>Beginning Account Value</b>	<b>\$ 737,805.50</b>
	Transfers to General Checking Account	\$ (75,000.00)
	Transfers to General Checking Account (Capital Fund)	\$ (5,000.00)
	Fees	\$ (3,077.46)
	Taxes	\$ (789.70)
	Change in Investment Value	\$ 168,034.99
<b>12/31/2021</b>	<b>Ending Account Value</b>	<b>\$ 821,973.33</b>

## BBSU GRANT DISBURSEMENTS

BBSU(Nursery/School Helpers) Disbursements	\$ 1,800.00
BBSU(Administrative Intern) Disbursements	\$ 10,774.50
<b>Total Disbursed</b>	<b>\$ 12,574.50</b>



## DECADE FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

### The First Baptist Church of Rockport Decade Financial Overview 2011-2021

Year	Collections	Expenses	Deficit	Value of Investments
2011	\$83,003	\$110,645	\$25,495	\$706,039
2012	\$81,082	\$122,795	\$41,653	\$709,230
2013	\$90,843	\$163,816	\$72,973	\$721,495
2014	\$97,410	\$172,066	\$74,656	\$4688,579
2015	\$92,927	\$157,705	\$64,778	\$586,274
2016	\$115,586	\$149,571	\$34,025	\$640,619
2017	\$152,712	\$180,695	\$28,352	\$698,730
2018	\$178,897	\$169,189	\$9,657	\$671,963
2019	\$167,573	\$191,313	\$18,731	\$794,454
2020	\$141,419	\$185,588	\$44,163	\$737,805
2021	\$141,206	\$230,260	\$89,354	\$821,973

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.

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