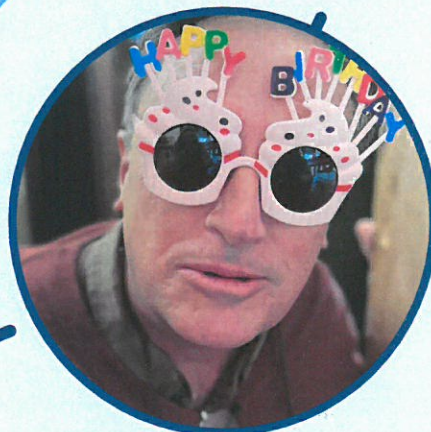


First Baptist Church of Rockport Annual Report

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THE 2023 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PASTOR



Matt & Megan Wigton, Ainsley (age 6) Alistair (age 8) and Addison (age 4).

The New Testament book of Hebrews is an incredible work meant to encourage the first century Christians in the decades following the ascension of Jesus and rapid expansion and growth of the Church. One of its lines of reassurance comes in describing Jesus as the “pioneer” of the Christian life. In his resurrection, he has shown us the future state for the Christian. He is today ruling and reigning in the throne room of God. This is not just an abstract truth, but the absolute reality and reason for Christian hope and daily living. We are encouraged today to live in the certainty of this Kingdom as we persevere in the present looking to the example and work of this pioneer. There is a “great cloud” of faithful men and women who have gone before us cheering us on in the journey.

2023 was a watershed year in the life of our church and a testament to both God’s grace and the hard work of many men and women. The decision to sell the parsonage represents a larger significant and important forward-thinking shift in the congregation. Buildings and assets are a wonderful gift, but they are not fundamentally how the church grows nor where it finds its security and faith. Each generation is called to diligently evangelize, teach, and build up the next generation in the way of the gospel and God’s biblical truth. This is the time-tested model for maintaining and growing the Church.

I am thankful that our congregation heartily embraces the critical mission of reaching future generations with the gospel as much of this report demonstrates. It has also been encouraging to see a lot of growth in our church leadership over the last several years. We have many leaders taking on an active role in equipping others with Christian guidance and regularly leading critical aspects of church life. This is a wonderful sign of growth in our congregation. The Bible says much about the necessity of mature Christian leadership and importance of continually seeking to raise the bar in all that we are doing.

Special thanks to the boards, officers and many other volunteers who have put in a great deal of effort, prayer and time to accomplish the work that is represented in the annual report. If you have yet to view the 2023 year-in-review video (available on the church vimeo and facebook pages), it is an excellent compendium to this report. Many people have labored together to present not just our Sunday morning

services but everything else that takes place during the week including but not limited to: weekly Bible studies, Prayer Group, Youth Group, Choir, Praise Team, Youth Praise Team, regular services at Oceanside, visiting the housebound and sick, managing building needs, maintaining relationships (town officials, other churches, Gordon College, Gordon Conwell-Theological Seminary, rotary club and the denomination), website and social media management, planning for services, VBS, Children's Church, weekly hospitably events, cleaning the church multiple times a week, applying for grants, interacting with daily visitors to the church and much more!

It has once again been a privilege to work with the talented team of Jenna Olson, Shaina Stowell and Katie Favaloro. While they are really good at what they do, they are also serving in their roles because they get and embrace the mission of the church. This makes all the difference. Their work has truly allowed me to focus more on pastoral ministry and my family and this has been a huge help.

Finally, I want to acknowledge my wife of now 15 years, Megan! In 2008, when we were still just engaged and finishing seminary, I was invited to give a candidate sermon at the church. At the time the church was considering different candidates and ideas for its next pastor. It turned out that the church also planned to have the entire congregation interview us following the service – but nobody told us in advance! We sat in front of a large crowd fielding rather challenging and controversial questions for what seemed like three hours.



Attending the 2023 TGC National Conference: Matt Wigton, Katie Favaloro, Jenna Olson and Shaina Stowell.

Since that day it's been a wild and yet rewarding journey at Rockport Baptist. I am so grateful for Megan's support and that we have been growing together in love for these past 15 years.

As we remember the past, we can move forward with great faith in the pioneer who goes before us.

Sincerely,

Matthew C. Wigton

Matthew C. Wigton
Senior Minister
First Baptist Church of Rockport

MINISTRY ASSISTANT'S REPORT

This year has been nothing short of amazing. In the blink of an eye, yet another year has passed. It started off a little rocky with the town pump station going down but that only meant it could go up from there, which it sure did!

Starting earlier in the year, Matt tasked Shaina and me with doing a senior outreach project, in which we had so much fun constructing adult Easter baskets. We were able to

comprise 20 baskets filled with all sorts of goodies and delivered them to the church community. We received many thanks from the recipients and many said they still felt a part of the Rockport Baptist Family even if they lived far away.



The Youth Group has flourished this year with many regular attendees as well as some new faces. I was happy to chaperone the special events including the winter break trip to Coco Keys and the two summer trips to Canobie Lake Park and Water Country. Many of the Youth Group kids have also been regularly attending the youth band practices. Seeing them become more involved in the church makes all the effort worth it and I look forward to seeing them continue to grow.

Over the past few years, I have been growing in my faith which started with getting rebaptized, joining the praise band and regularly attending Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. As well as continuing to be involved in the Praise Band and attending Bible Study, I have been working on my own to further my knowledge of the Bible and strengthen my relationship with God. I was extremely fortunate to attend the Gospel Coalition in Indianapolis this past September, which led me to buying my first Bible. Being at the conference lit a new fire in my soul and I am excited to continue my work at Rockport Baptist and in the community.



I am so thankful for my wonderful support system at Rockport Baptist. Matt, Shaina, and Jenna especially have pushed me to continue my walk with God and have been some of my biggest supporters. I am looking forward to what 2024 brings!

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Favaloro
Ministry Assistant



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT

What an incredible year we have had here at Rockport Baptist. It is a privilege to be a part of our church family and aid in its growth. There have been some big changes this past year but our momentum remains steady. I've had many opportunities getting our church involved in our community and beyond, and am honored to represent Rockport Baptist. As we enter our 216th year, let's continue to strengthen and encourage one another.

One of my rolls here at Rockport Baptist is networking for, and representing, our church. Over the winter, I attended the gala for Amirah, one of the missions we fund, on the church's behalf. I also helped host our community during our town's annual tree lighting and helped plan those activities with the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce. I again had the opportunity to attend The Gospel Coalition Conference in Indianapolis along with Matt, Jenna, and Katie. I continue to encourage our parishioners to attend as well! Finally, about a dozen of us took a Threat Evaluation & Reporting Class taught by Police Chief John Horvath, in conjunction with the Department of Homeland Security. Each year I learn more, experience more, and meet more people, and all of that helps amplify God's kingdom.



A sign of our growth can be seen in the steeple project finally having begun! We as a church also moved forward in the selling of our parsonage to the Wigton family. Our music department also installed a brand-new projector as well as a remote-control projector screen. Our worship team continues to grow and has introduced our children's worship team. Our church attendance has continued to steadily grow and our children's Christmas pageant had over 25 children in participation. What a joy and gift to watch our church family grow, more of us to love and spread the gospel message.

Two of my most memorable and joyful events over the past year were VBS and our baptism service. I had such a wonderful time with the kids of not only our church but also many kids that do not attend church. I look so forward to next year. The baptism service we had was our most powerful service all year. It was a joy to have been a part of that event.

2023 was another fantastic year at Rockport Baptist and I can't wait to see what the future holds for us. Brothers and Sisters, thank you for all you do, let us keep Proclaiming Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,

Shaina Stowell
Administrative Assistant
First Baptist Church of Rockport



MUSIC DIRECTORS REPORT

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. PS 95:1-2

Leading worship music has always been important to me and I am thankful for the gifts and opportunities He has provided. I am also very thankful for each and every member of the choir and the congregation. I am blessed every Sunday morning listening to the quality of music offered by each one of you.

The music ministry in our church continues to be very strong. The choir meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 5:45. Our regular members include Patricia Arnold, Betsy Eck, Joan Keefe, Lohn Lafond, Cheryl Petras, Mark Small, Gail Zeman with Nicole Girard, Brian Lynam and Julie Oulton when they are available. Cliff Harris joined us on and off, as he was able, and brought his many years of church music experience to help us out. We were also happy to have Barbara Cann and Joe Calistri join us this past spring while they were in Rockport and look forward to their return. We are always happy to have Griff Vautier join us when he is visiting from Arizona. There was at least one Sunday this year when more than 12 or so members were there at the same time. We are always happy to have new singers of any age join us. Please, let me know if you are interested.



Everyone is invited to join us on the first Saturday in December when the church opens its doors for the town to begin the celebration of Christmas. The choir members are a strong foundation for the many who come to be a part of the Dock Square Singers and then go on to light the Christmas Tree.

Thank you for all your support throughout the year. As always, I welcome suggestions for a favorite hymn, 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



CHURCH CURMUDGEONS REPORT

Greetings!

We look back at 2023 with immense gratitude for the rich blessings that the Triune God bestowed upon each of us. Yes, it was twelve months of unprecedented tumultuous activity both globally and locally, yet we experienced much spiritual growth and activity amongst our fellowship here at First Baptist Church.



It was/is evident that so many of you were/are willing vessels through whom the Holy Spirit works. By maintaining the church yard, cleaning, painting, preparing and cleaning up after fellowship times, running technology, participating in the music ministries, greeting worshipers, administering multiple activities, preaching, attending services, caring for each other and so much more (I am sure I missed someone in this list): you all are truly the visible hands and feet of God. Saint Francis of Assisi said it well, "Preach the gospel at all times; if necessary, use words."

Now to 2024. We each have our own anxieties and fears about many issues. Rather than parroting sound bites or blindly aligning ourselves to a cause, we must learn facts in order to make wise decisions. We should not just sit back and think "God is in ultimate control." yes, it is true but God also calls us to action, to love and to help others to see that they can have inner peace. We need to be proactive in our witness to his grace and to be authentic followers of Christ, not self-absorbed with our own agendas.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." The translation reads "rest" but did it mean to take nap or did it mean to stop life's frenetic pace and listen to God rather than doing all the talking? Take a look at your schedule for 2023? Were all those extra-curricular activities necessary?

Psalm 46.4 "Be still and know that I am God."

Philippians 4:13 "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Respectfully Submitted,

Church Curmudgeon

CLERK'S REPORT

Members reported on December 31, 2022

Total Membership: 87

Membership Changes 2022

¹Membership Transitions off the Active Membership List: Marjorie Dyksinski, Janet French, John French, Wetzel Gale, Nancy Gale, David Koerth, Karen Koerth, James Koerth, Jennifer Macleod, Jacqui Maley, Janet O'Donnell, Terry Schwenk, Donna Schwenk, Louise Viestra, Madeline Wnorowski, Phil Zeman and Mat Zeman.

Members as of December 31, 2023

Total Membership: 70

Baptisms

(8-23-23) Patti Arnold, Allison Goodwin, Erkki Goodwin, Robyn Pregent, Gail Roy & Jeff Scatterday

Respectfully Submitted:

Millicent Bruce
Clerk



¹ Pursuant to Article II. Section 3. of the church bylaws the Board of Deacons is updating the active church membership list. Persons being removed from the list have known to move away or transitioned to another congregation.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

2023 Sunday Morning Attendance Report

Average Attendance

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	55	58	57	55	50	61	49	63	36	55	63
February	45	64	37	54	49	56	55	60	38	62	73
March	61	54	54	62	48	53	52	61	45	75	76
April	56	63	66	52	63	63	59	*	50	84	72
May	61	67	65	66	54	61	67	*	47	81	82
June	58	74	56	60	57	60	58	*	58	75	65
July	65	78	61	65	61	60	70	*	58	81	73
August	64	62	57	63	58	59	65	*	57	65	75
September	72	62	57	61	68	59	65	*	66	76	78
October	63	65	55	57	71	62	69	*	61	72	73
November	67	56	65	57	64	64	70	*	65	70	69
December	61	64	63	53	61	66	75	*	74	66	75
Average	62	62	57	59	59	60	61	61	55	72	73



AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the financial records of the First Baptist Church of Rockport as presented by the Church accountant for the year 2023. This audit was conducted for the purpose of overseeing the financial records of the Church and I attest that there is reasonable assurance that these records are free of material misstatement.

The weekly plate collections were followed into their corresponding deposits on Bank statements. Reconciliation details were followed for the general checking account, as well as the payroll account for transfers into and payments out and for the debit card account activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Millicent Bruce
Auditor



CPSON NOMINATING REPORT

(CHURCH PERSONNEL OVERSIGHT AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE)

Board of Deacons

Deacons:	Term Expires
• Kris Carlson	2025
• Carl Oulton*	2027
• Nanay Pallazola	2025
• Meaghan Shelton	2026
• Jon Valvano	2026

Board of Stewards

Stewards	Term Expires
• Karen Parker	2025
• Phil Michel	2026
• Maureen Small	2025

(Pastor, Treasurer & Collector are all ex-officio members)

Officers (One Year Term)

- Auditor – Millicent Bruce*
- Clerk – Millicent Bruce*
- Collector – Julie Oulton*
- Head Usher/Greeter – Kris Carlson*
- Moderator – Chreyll Petras*
- Treasurer – David Pierson*
- Christian Education – Meaghan Shelton*

Standing Committee (One Year Term)

- Music – Cheryl Petras, Anthony Shelton
- Child Safety/Nominating – Kris Carlson

*Asterisk indicates those who are to be elected Sunday, January 28, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Carlson
Nominating Chair

DEACON'S REPORT

Our Goal: Follow Jesus and Proclaim Him to the World!!

First, I would like to thank the Deacons currently serving: Nancy Pallazola, Meaghan Shelton, Jonathan Valvano, & Carl Oulton [to be voted in at the Annual meeting 1/28/24] for all they have done this past year to continually elevate and evaluate how we serve Our Lord Jesus here at First Baptist church.

Most of you may wonder “what is a Deacon?”; “what does a Deacon 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.

As a board, we are constantly looking to where we can “serve”. As overseers at First Baptist, we want to glorify the Triune God; worship Him in spirit and in truth. We want our worship to be “pleasing” to Him. So we are always looking for ways we can achieve this in these areas: Music, Sermons, Greeting people, Discipleship, Fellowship, Sunday School, Youth Group, Bible Studies and our ethical and moral conduct as believers inside and outside the church.



How do others see us as a church? How do we see and engage with people? Matt has a passion for reaching those living in Rockport and being a witness to them. There are daily AA meetings, and we open our doors other town related meetings and show them the love of Christ.

Our passion, as members and attendees inside the church, needs to be reaching out those sitting next to us, in front of us, behind us in the pews. I challenge **ALL** of us to get to know those around us.

We have experienced a period of growth with new families attending and more children attending Sunday School. Along with this growth comes “growing pains” of a blessed kind, but presents challenges for the Deacons to be effectually aware of any issues needing attention. Some of the areas we “oversee” are:

1. Middle School Youth group: meet Tuesdays after school
2. Children's Church: meets during church (Meaghan Shelton, Coordinator) and the children “run” enthusiastically when called to their classrooms.
3. Music Committee: meets once a month (Anthony Shelton, Chairman)

to review the following: Praise Band, the organ functioning, the sound equipment, and the Choir (Laurie Tuck, Director) and any issues relating to music.

4. Fellowship: (Julie Oulton, Coordinator) brings many together after church with food, coffee and good conversation.
5. Missionaries: We currently support – World Team’s Ryan and Erin Bennett with children Elias and Charlotte serving in Paris, France; Haiti Christian school project; Hope Ascending with Carl Oulton ministering in Northern India & Nepal & Open Door of Cape Ann.
6. Vacation Bible School: (Meaghan Shelton, Coordinator) annually meets the 3rd week in July from 9 to Noon each day. This ministry takes a “village” to coordinate and carry out. We have amazing volunteers that faithfully meet, greet and minister to over 60-70, or more, children with some older children returning as volunteer helpers.
7. Bible Study: meets Wednesdays 9:30 – 11 am. Pastor Matt leads over 20 participants each week (several come from other churches). Currently they are studying the book of Hebrews.
8. Sunday morning Bible study: meets at 8:30-9 am (Jonathan Valvano, Leading) Everyone is welcome – just come.
9. Prayer Warriors: meets Tuesday evenings from 6:45 – 7:30 (Kris Carlson, Coordinator) Everyone is welcome to join us – just come.

There are lots of additional activities ongoing in the life of Rockport Baptist church. Potlucks lunches or cookouts happening on the last Sunday of each month, baptisms, membership classes, church cleanup days, church hymn sings, worship nights at different churches, weddings, funerals, and leading worship at Oceanside nursing home.



We want to thank Pastor Matt and Megan, as they raise 3 very active children, for ALL the ways they are a **light** here at First Baptist. We all need to continue to **keep them in prayer** as they give so much to us and others – most which happens behind the scenes.

We also want to thank all of you who helped in any way to bless this church and its ministries in 2023 – **FOR YOU ARE MANY!**

Please feel free to contact any of the Deacons with questions, concerns, prayer, or suggestions. We are here to serve you!!

Above all, we need to pray continually that our walk with Jesus would be a positive witness to those at First Baptist Church, our family, friends, co-workers, Rockport and beyond.

Humbly submitted,
Kris Carlson
Deacon Chairman



STEWARD'S REPORT

First and foremost, the Board of Stewards is extremely grateful for God's abundant provision for every aspect of our work in 2023. This not only includes being thankful for the financial means, but also the time, knowledge, and efforts of many skilled craftsmen, board members, church staff, church members, and volunteers. We are truly blessed here at FBC!!

2023 turned out to be a very, very busy year for the Board. Some of our **major accomplishments included:**

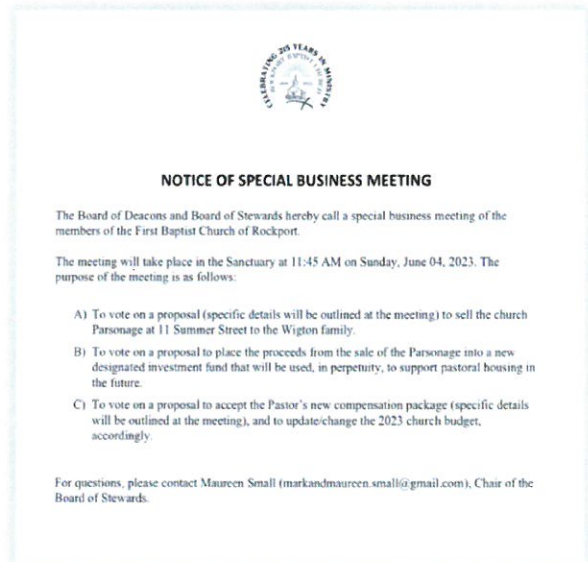
Selling the Church Parsonage to the Wigton family and renegotiating the Pastor's contract to include a housing allowance.

After almost 2 years of research, meetings, and discussion, a special business meeting was held in June of 2023 where church members voted in favor of making this sale.

Many thanks go out to the Stewards, the Deacons, and the church moderator, Cheryl Petras, for all the hard work that was required to be able to bring the sale of the Parsonage to the church membership for a vote.

Setting up a Housing Allowance Fund to hold the proceeds from the sale of the Parsonage. This fund will be used to cover the Pastor's new housing allowance going forward. The Stewards are grateful to David Pierson for handling the details of this task.

Coordinating the start of the rebuilding of the church steeple. Staging went up in the fall and the steeple work has finally begun.



This work will continue over the winter months and at least into April of 2024. Kudos to Karen Parker who has served as the Board of Steward's contact person on this project. She has continually worked with Alan Battistelli and American Steeple to get this major project up and running, and has provided monthly status updates to the Board throughout the year.

Developing long-range plans for funding future church capital projects. The Board came up with plans to create a new **Capital Improvement Fund**. This new fund gives church benefactors and gives the option of designating estate-size donations that will be used specifically for capital-level improvements to the church building.

Some of the other church and parsonage building issues that were addressed by the Board in 2023 included:

- Closing an open sewer pipe hole in the basement and adding a second sump pump to handle the water issues in that area of the church basement.
- Painting the Sanctuary walls and all the trim around the new windows in the office wing of the church.
- Flashing and repointing the brick on the Parsonage chimney above the roof line to stop a leak that occurred during rain storms.
- Patching and painting Parsonage ceiling issues that were created by the leak coming from the chimney.
- Reattaching the Parsonage Storm Door that blew off in a wind/rain storm.

Finally, the Board of Stewards wishes to acknowledge and thank Gail Zeman (who retired this year) for her willingness to serve as Collector for 10+ years.

Her dedication and financial knowledge have been invaluable and very much appreciated by not only the Stewards, but by all at First Baptist Church.

Respectfully Submitted

Maureen Small
Board of Stewards Chair



MUSIC COMMITTEE REPORT

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Psalm 100:1-2

The music committee encourages congregants and visitors alike to praise our triune God through music. This includes the planning and implementation of music for Sunday morning worship services and special music events. The committee is comprised of a committee chairman, a member each from the Boards of Deacons and Stewards, a Choir member, and Pastor. The Music Director is selected by the committee and is in attendance at committee meetings.

This year, the music committee met regularly, assessing the musical equipment and maintenance needs, as well as providing updates on the choir, praise band, and preparing for musical events throughout the year.

The Praise Band led in Sunday worship weekly. New additions to the praise band included Gina Briguglio and Patti Arnold.

The Choir continued to present beautiful anthems this year and held Wednesday evening practices. Members this year included Patti Arnold, Betsy Eck, Joan Keefe, John Lafond, Cheryl Petras, Mark Small, and Gail Zeman, as well as seasonal residents Joe and Barbara Calista.



This year we also initiated the Rockport Baptist Youth Praise Band. This started in November 2023 and met weekly, culminating in the youth leading the congregation in December to “Go Tell it on the Mountain” and “Joy to the World”. Members included Dylan Buchanon, Jack Michel, Adrian Estrada, Jojo Olsen, Francesca Briguglio, Violet & Rose Bingle, and Fraser Shelton. In addition, Maxwell and Alexander Moritz led a clarinet and xylophone duet of “Joyful, Joyful” to introduce the live nativity on December 17th.

Equipment needs were assessed and therefore the sanctuary piano was tuned, the pipe organ was tuned and a maintenance assessment was performed. In addition, after one year of planning, the projection equipment, including retractable screen and electrical wiring were completed with its first use in October 2023. The committee thanks all involved in the installation of the projector and screen—as it was difficult work—and 15-20 feet high in the

sanctuary. We would also like to acknowledge Bill and Priscilla Stewart, whose memorial funds compose the Steward Music Fund, allowing the committee to further incorporate worship through audiovisual enhancement.

As the committee continues to encourage worship through music, we prayerfully thank God for providing musical talent to our church and being allowed the chance to lead the church's music planning and implementation.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony C. Shelton
Music Committee Chair



To: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - ROCKPORT, MA.

FRANK & MARJORIE Stewart respectfully request that this check, in the amount of \$20,000.00 be used to establish a Memorial Music Fund in the name of Priscilla and Bill Stewart. We ask that the principal be invested, with the annual interest available for any music related needs of the church, including,

(2) but not limited to, sheet music, piano or organ tuning or repair, music salaries, music equipment, handbells or the like.

The principal may be spent, but only with a two-third affirmative vote by the congregation, and then only for a music related emergency need -- such as, but not limited to, replacement of the organ or piano, with appropriate recognition to Priscilla + Bill. May God Bless!
Frank & Marjorie Stewart

First Baptist Church of Rockport Treasurer's Report with Proposed 2024 Budget

Budget Comparison

30000 General Fund

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For the period 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

Account	Actual	Budget	Difference
REVENUE			
40000 General Fund Collections			
40100 Named Giving & Loose Offering	168,261	0	168,261
40102 Tithe.ly Credit Card Fees	(339)	0	(339)
40300 Miscellaneous Offering	83	0	83
40400 Interest	58	0	58
TOTAL General Fund Collections	168,064	0	168,064
TOTAL REVENUE	168,064	0	168,064

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TREASURER'S REPORT

	Actual	Budget	Difference	2024 Proposed Budget
EXPENSE				
51000 Board of Deacons				
51100 Pastoral Compensation				
51101 Pastor Salary	73,899	74,080	181	77,043
51102 Pastor Housing Allowance	13,500	13,500	0	36,000
51103 Pastor FICA Allowance	11,661	13,858	2,197	7,986
51104 Health Insurance	6,500	6,500	0	6,500
51105 Pension	13,731	15,693	1,962	7,704
51106 Pastor Professional Expense	1,917	2,000	83	2,000
51108 Life & Disability Insurance	308	308	0	800
TOTAL Pastoral Compensation	121,516	125,939	4,423	138,033
51200 Support Staff Compensation				
51201 Administrative Assistant	16,371	17,944	1,573	18,842
51202 Bookkeeper	8,421	8,525	104	8,952
51203 Staff FICA	3,157	2,805	(352)	2,907
TOTAL Support Staff Compensation	27,949	29,274	1,325	30,701
51300 Other Personnel Expenses				
51301 Worker's Comp	1,024	1,000	(24)	1,000
51302 Nursery	0	0	0	0
51303 Pulpit Supply	2,000	2,000	0	2,500

					2024
					Proposed
				Difference	Budget
					Budget
51304	Staff Professional Expense	Actual	Budget		
	TOTAL Other Personnel Expenses	420	500	80	1,000
	Other Deacon Expenses	3,444	3,500	56	4,500
51400	Worship Materials				
51401	Flowers	619	600	(19)	600
51402		829	900	71	900
51403	Evangelism/Outreach	970	1,200	230	1,200
51404	Fellowship/Hospitality	4,862	4,500	(362)	4,500
51405	Lay Leadership Development	1,533	1,500	(33)	2,000
51406	Judson Dues	213	225	12	225
	TOTAL Other Deacon Expenses	9,025	8,925	(100)	9,425
51500	Mission Support				
51501	Bennett - Missionary Support	3,500	3,500	0	4,000
51502	Haiti Missionary Support	1,815	3,500	1,685	2,000
51503	Johnsons Canada Mission Support	2,000	2,000	0	0
51504	Hope Ascending Missionary Support	1,000	1,000	0	2,000
51505	Hungary Missionary Support/Good Family	1,200	1,200	0	0
51506	Amirah, Inc. Missionary Support	800	800	0	0
51507	Open Door/CA Food Bank	500	500	0	500
51508	Deacon's Fund	1,771	2,000	229	2,000
51509	Community Impact	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
51512	TABCOM	0	0	0	500
51513	DiscipleMakers Ministry (Parkers)	0	0	0	500
	TOTAL Mission Support	12,586	15,500	2,914	12,500
51600	Christian Education				
51602	Youth Groups	978	1,000	22	1,500
	TOTAL Christian Education	978	1,000	22	1,500
51700	Children's Christian Education				
51701	Children's Sunday School	2,200	2,200	0	2,600
51702	Vacation Bible School	2,603	2,500	(103)	3,000
	TOTAL Children's Christian Education	4,803	4,700	(103)	5,600
	TOTAL Board of Deacons	180,301	188,838	8,537	202,259
52000	Board of Stewards				
52100	Church Utilities				
52101	Electric	3,244	3,500	256	3,500
52102	Oil	7,089	7,000	(89)	7,000
52103	Water & Sewer	839	1,000	161	1,000
52104	Telephone & Internet	2,468	2,500	32	2,500
	TOTAL Church Utilities	13,640	14,000	360	14,000
52200	Church Building Expenses				

		Actual	Budget	Difference	2024 Proposed Budget
52201	Property Insurance	6,592	7,000	408	8,300
52202	Building Supplies	2,804	3,500	696	3,000
52203	Furnishings	138	1,000	862	1,000
52204	Trash Expenses	1,001	1,000	(1)	1,000
52205	Repairs and Maintenance	16,423	15,000	(1,423)	20,000
52206	Grounds	2,254	2,500	246	2,000
	TOTAL Church Building Expenses	29,212	30,000	788	35,300
52300	Parsonage Expenses				
52301	Electric (P)	1,634	3,000	1,366	0
52302	Oil (P)	1,889	4,000	2,111	0
52303	Telephone & Internet (P)	734	1,100	366	0
52304	Water & Sewer (P)	1,526	2,000	474	0
52305	Repair/Maintenance (P)	6,546	4,000	(2,546)	0
	TOTAL Parsonage Expenses	12,330	14,100	1,770	0
52400	Business Expenses				
52401	Office Supplies	2,207	3,000	793	2,500
52402	IT Support/Software Expenses	975	1,000	25	1,000
52403	Services (Contracts/Fees/Payroll)	3,809	4,250	441	4,000
52404	General Miscellaneous	0	0	0	3,000
	TOTAL Business Expenses	6,991	8,250	1,259	10,500
	TOTAL Board of Stewards	62,173	66,350	4,177	59,800
53000	Music Committee				
53100	Music Wages/Stipends				
53101	Music Director/Organist	10,600	10,200	(400)	10,200
53102	Substitutes	350	1,000	650	1,000
	TOTAL Music Wages/Stipends	10,950	11,200	250	11,200
53200	Music Expenses				
53201	Music Equipment	649	1,500	851	1,700
53202	Music Expenses (General)	602	1,000	398	1,000
53203	Music Professional Development	0	200	200	200
	TOTAL Music Expenses	1,251	2,700	1,449	2,900
	TOTAL Music Committee	12,201	13,900	1,699	14,100
54500	Capital Expenses				
54501	Capital Expenses (Church)	0	45,000	45,000	0
	TOTAL Capital Expenses	0	45,000	45,000	0
54999	Parsonage Sale Expenses	50,942	0	(50,942)	0
	TOTAL EXPENSE	305,616	314,088	8,472	276,159

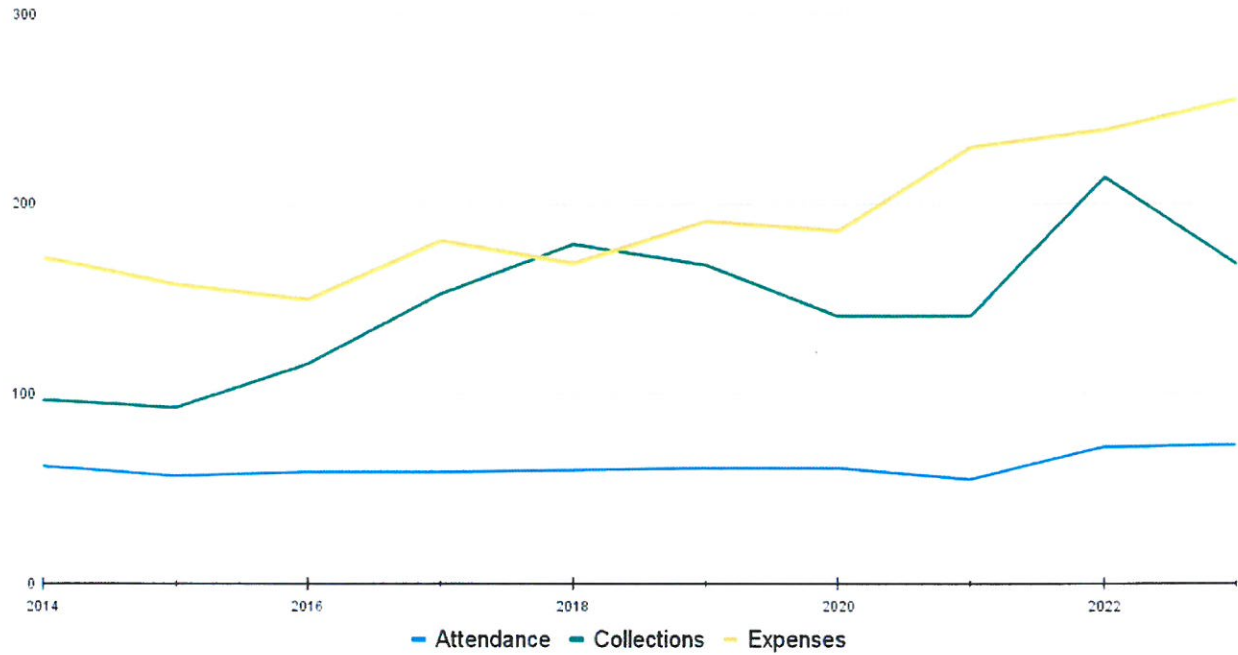
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Balance Sheet Comparison

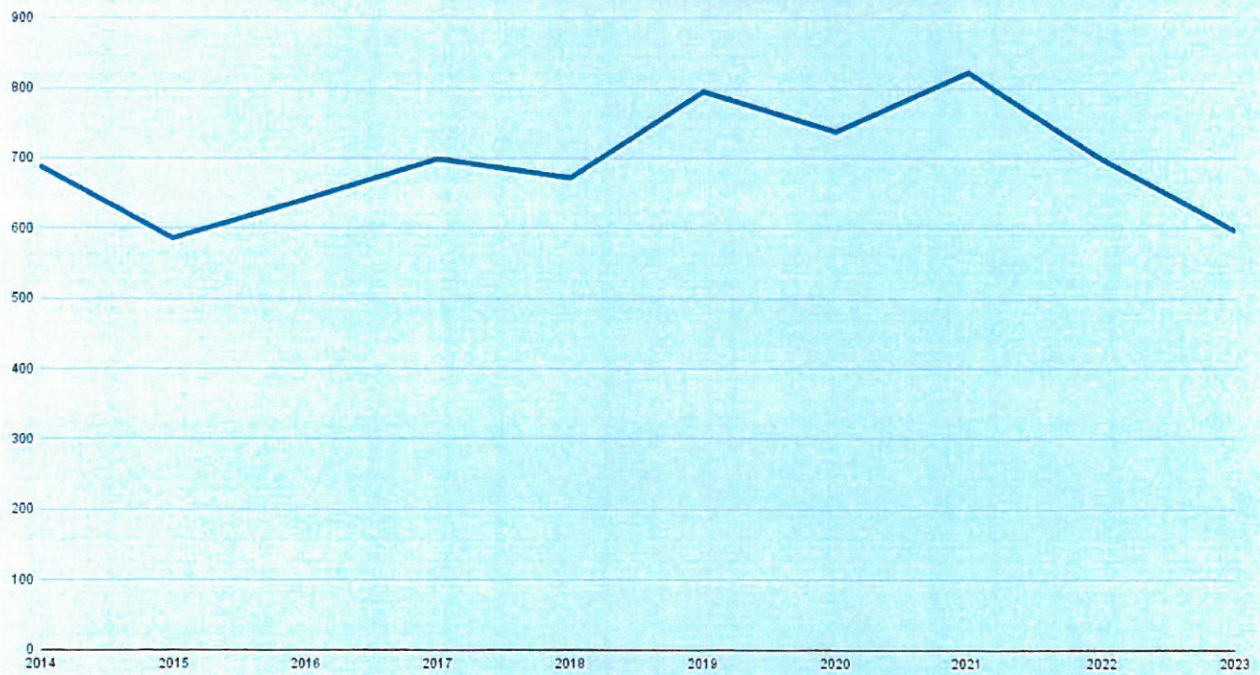
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ASSETS				
10000	General Checking Account (1194)	10,285.49	31,837.87	21,552.38
11000	Debit Card Account (6347)	1,264.37	1,094.05	(170.32)
12000	Payroll Checking Account (5421)	4,604.54	3,053.73	(1,550.81)
13000	Savings Account (1760)	16,362.03	4,992.05	(11,369.98)
13500	Stewart Music Fund (MABIT)	18,236.36	21,807.29	3,570.93
14000	General Investment Account	698,093.80	596,468.63	(101,625.17)
16000	Pastor Housing Investment Account	0.00	498,400.64	498,400.64
	TOTAL ASSETS	748,846.59	1,157,654.26	408,807.67
LIABILITIES and FUNDS				
20000	Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00
30000	General Fund	(1,964.94)	20,597.34	22,562.28
34000	General Investment Account Fund	698,093.80	596,468.63	(101,625.17)
35000	Grants			
35201	BBSU(Boston Baptist Society Union) Grant	5,338.89	5,519.77	180.88
35203	Vacation Bible School Grant	0.00	3,218.00	3,218.00
35301	Senior Outreach/Lectures/Juds Bask Grant	1,939.40	0.00	(1,939.40)
	TOTAL Grants	7,278.29	8,737.77	1,459.48
36000	Restricted Funds			
36101	Adult Church Groups Restricted Fund	4,437.38	4,315.91	(121.47)
36102	Deacons Restricted Fund	269.97	561.06	291.09
36103	Fellowship Restricted Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
36104	Flowers Restricted Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
36105	Missions Restricted Fund	507.32	1,528.32	1,021.00
36106	Music Restricted Fund	538.41	0.00	(538.41)
36107	Special Offerings Restricted Fund	45.00	45.00	0.00
36108	Youth Programs Restricted Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
36301	Stewart Music Restricted Fund	29,621.51	21,807.29	(7,814.22)
36302	Markham Scholarship Restricted Fund	4,731.10	4,742.82	11.72
36304	Memorial Fund	445.78	446.38	0.60
36401	Pastor Housing Restricted Fund	0.00	498,403.74	498,403.74
	TOTAL Restricted Funds	40,596.47	531,850.52	491,254.05
38000	Other Accounts			
38100	Pass-Through	0.00	0.00	0.00
38200	Educational/Missional Trips	4,842.97	0.00	(4,842.97)
	TOTAL Other Accounts	4,842.97	0.00	(4,842.97)
	TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUNDS	748,846.59	1,157,654.26	408,807.67

TEN YEAR TREND



General Investment Fund in Thousands



*This does not include the Pastor Housing Investment Account (current value: \$498,401)

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