

# *First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills*

## **Quarterly Business Meeting**

**December 5, 2021**

### **Agenda**

**Prayer/ Opening of Meeting – Establish Quorum**

**New Member presentation, Presentation of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**Presentation of Reports, Old business, New Business, Prayer, Close**

- **Prior Minutes**
- **Membership Report (For Quorum)**
- **Pastor's Report**
- **Worship Report**
- **Office/Connection Report**
- **Nominating Team Report**
- **Good News Club Report**
- **Kids On the Rise Report**
- **Church Administrator**
- **Building & Grounds Report**
- **Personnel Report**
- **Deacons Report**
- **Trustee's Report**
- **Missions Update**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Budget Vote**

## **Prior Meeting Minutes**

First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills  
Regular Business Meeting  
September 5, 2021, 12:30 PM

Norman Thompson, Deacon Chair, opened the meeting in the absence of Yvette Harris, Moderator. He called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM with a prayer. A quorum was confirmed, with 22 in attendance. There were 4 new members to be presented. George Fay, Jody O'Dea, Paul Short, and Roberto delCastillo. A motion was made by Sheila Barboza to accept them for membership, second by Steve Eller. All were in favor.

Prior minutes were approved as recorded, with no changes noted. A motion was made to approve minutes as read, All in favor.

Cathy Mikza proposed that Stacy Ash be appointed to Building and Grounds. Elaine Boszak made a motion for her appointment, seconded by Bob Ward. All in favor.

The presentation of the following reports:

- Membership Report (For Quorum)
- Pastor's Report
- Worship
- Office/Connection Report
- Nominating Team Report .
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- Trustee's Report
- Missions Update
- Treasurers Report

A motion to accept reports as presented was made, and all were in favor. Reports accepted as presented.

Pastor Marple spoke on the re-establishing Life Group both in home and in church. A Life Group leadership class will be held September 12 after service. Existing leaders, and any anticipating starting a life group are requested to attend.

Terry Herndon spoke on GNC status, and that we hope to hear from the school, either to resume soon, at the school or at the church. School training will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. He will provide flyers this Sunday for those that need it.

Pastor offered free T-shirts for anyone willing to go to the YMCA and wear them on a regular basis. This is excellent advertisement for the Lord.

**No old business for review.**

**New Business:** Events planned - trip to the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, now October 19<sup>th</sup>.  
The business meeting was closed with prayer by Norman Thompson at 12:45 PM.

In Christ,  
Elaine Boszak, Clerk

## Membership Report

Chronological Roll of Listed Members - 413

Dismissals (death, transfers) 331

Homebound (6)

Inactive 17

Total Active/Voting Members 54

***1/3 Active Membership over 18 needed for Quorum (18)***

## Pastor's Report

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Pastor's Report**

The end of November will mark our half-way point in our sermon series in Mark's Gospel called It's All About Jesus. My purpose for preaching this gospel in detail is to reveal the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. I can say with absolute certainty that my preparation for each sermon has been a tremendous blessing to me. I hope each message has taught you something about Jesus that brought revelation of who He is and drawn you closer to Him.

Because our church has struggled in a number of ways from the "fall-out" of the Covid pandemic, as your spiritual leader it is my goal to lead you spiritually. With my whole heart, I believe the Lord can recover our church and grow our family healthier than it has ever been. Jesus can surely do it better than our best human efforts. He wants to use us, but many people still have not yet responded to Him as though they want to be used by Him. Thank you, faithful servants, who carry the load for those who watch you! It's my hope that those who walk through this Gospel journey will miraculously have changed hearts that desire to draw closer to the Lord and with their church family. Jesus wants to bless us when we experience His presence.

Nevertheless, some people will tend to want to do the work of Jesus without Him. It's our human tendency to become independent of Him in doing OUR work. And there are those who only wish to watch "church" from the sidelines, refusing to participate in the action. Both are lethal remedies for returning our church to spiritual healthiness. Therefore, I CONTINUE to urge you to join together in prayer with one heart and mind, seeking the Lord's will and asking Him to rescue us. Frankly, I believe the Covid shutdown and the subsequent inactivity of critical ministries that never restarted was a "God-thing!" Could God have been testing us to see how we respond to Him when it seems as though our hands are tied? Could our down time just be a time of repentance and seeking Him as faithful men and women of the past have done when they prayed for revival? How have you been faithful to the Lord in this special opportunity? Our mission field, Central Ridge Elementary, will open back up to us again very soon. Will we be prepared to reach people for Jesus, having used our time wisely?

As Acting Discipleship Director, I began to restore our LIFE Groups in September so each person in church could get connected to studying God's Word together and actively participating in the discipleship model of Reaching, Teaching, and Ministering. At the time of this writing, a few groups have restarted (PRAISE THE LORD!). New groups will hopefully start soon.

I have learned recently through conversations that several people have misconceptions about what discipleship really is. When Jesus commanded us to "Go make disciples" what did He mean? Isn't it just about having Bible Studies? NO! It's much more and much more meaningful than studying the Bible alone. In short, it's about developing people to live the Bible's truth. More to come on that very soon.

Thank you for your patience with me since my September 15<sup>th</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup> surgeries on my left hand. I have been surprised by how big a deal it was over what I imagined it would be... I guess I don't bounce back as easily as I used to.

God is good!  
Pastor Marple

### **Worship Director Report**

The Worship Team is blessed to serve God by leading the worship experience each Sunday morning! We welcome new members to the Worship Team with vocal or instrumental gifts to share with our church family as we worship together in Spirit and in Truth! Please join us if you desire to give of your service to God through this ministry of music, prayer and praise! Contact our Worship Leader, Sister Yvette Harris with further inquiry. A willing heart and cooperative spirit is all that is required! To God be the glory...Great things He has done!

In His Service,  
Yvette Harris, Worship Leader

### **Office/Connection/Clerk**

The office has been active this quarter. We had a successful trip to the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, enjoying excellent fellowship, and a learning experience touring the Tabernacle. We are looking for additional meaningful trips that can be completed within a day. Our new printer was installed, and I have been thrilled that it is capable of folding the bulletins and producing the phone books. New phone books are available at the Connection Center. Look for additional projects coming soon.

In Christ,  
Elaine Boszak

### **Nominating Team**

No new business to report for the December Business Meeting.

In Christ,  
Cathy Miksza

### **Good News Club**

GOOD NEWS! We have received a call from Central Ridge Elementary School telling us we can start up our Good News Club just after the Christmas break. The Good News team will soon be meeting again to finalize plans and review responsibilities. Please pray for the health of the school; the staff, teachers, students, parents, and others that work on or visit the campus. Another outbreak of Covid could jeopardize our return. Pray for the hearts and minds of the same that they would not only welcome us but want us on campus to evangelize to the students. Pray that parents would allow

their children to attend the club and are willing to pick them up afterwards. And pray for our Good News team for wisdom and health, that we will be ready to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ to children when opportunities present themselves. God is sovereign, God is good, God answers prayer.

Be Blessed,  
Terry Herndon

### **Kids On The Rise**

We have seen some encouraging answers to our prayers for more families to visit our church, and over the past two months we had a few new families come. One family returned for a second time with their child. Just recently we had a mom and her two children come as well. With the upcoming outreach to heal the hurt of hunger, families of the Central Ridge School will be receiving food boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas and with that, invitations to church and to Sunday School for their children. Christmas Eve should also bring in new families and Christmas gifts will be given out to children up to age 12.

Step by step we're moving forward little by little we're gaining ground, every prayer a powerful weapon. Remain in the vine, soon it will be harvesting time.

Remaining in the Vine  
Joan Vitale

### **Church Administrator**

#### **4th Quarterly Report 2021**

During this quarter, the Administrator was actively involved with the following activities:

- Continuing to assist with the videotaping of the Sunday service and with the video taping of the CBS service on Thursday.
- Currently assisting the Financial Secretary with the conduct of a 100% audit of all income and expense records. The purpose of the audit is to validate the creation of our new QuickBooks accounts, reconcile all income/ expenses, and access the financial reports. The goal is to complete the audit by the end of November.
- Leading the Budget Team in developing the FY 2022 Financial Budget.
- Presented a briefing on 31 October on the **Church's Financial Status**. The presentation focused on the income, expenses, and balance from January – 1 October 2021. Highlighting that the Church was losing on average of \$1,261/month, noted that we must engage the Church body in 2022 to reverse the trend.
- Preparing for the presentation of the Church's Proposed FY 2022 Budget on 21 November 2021.

In His service,  
Bob Ward  
Administrator

## **Building and Grounds**

### **4th Quarterly Report**

In early-November, a small team replaced all the light bulbs (24 total) in the Nursery and Children's playroom with LED bulbs. These areas are used by CBS for bible study classes each Thursday. Since a higher-intensity lighting was needed for the classes, the CBS purchased all the LED bulbs as replacements the older incandescent bulbs.

During Church Appreciation Day in November, a dedicated team of a few volunteers joined to "beautify" the grounds. The team trimmed the low hanging limbs around the three large oaks in front of the Sanctuary and parking lot. Additionally, the team pressured-washed the brick wall and entrance to the Sanctuary, concentrating on cleaning the grout between the bricks. Cleaning the mold from the brickwork will be scheduled at another time. This was an effort to put the Lord's house in order and provide a welcome invitation for all coming to the worship services.

Currently, any work required for the buildings and grounds has been accomplished during Church Appreciation Day or on an Ad Hoc basis. The Church is in desperate need of members for the Building & Grounds Team (three devoted members) to join the Team Leader, Stacy Ash. This Team would plan, organize, and direct the efforts of member volunteers in the repair and maintenance of the First Baptist Church facilities and campus. We all desire the First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills to provide a welcome invitation for all coming to the worship services and other church activities. If interested, please contact Stacy Ash or Bob Ward.

In His service,

Stacy Ash  
Building & Grounds, Team Lead

## **Personnel Report**

Nothing to report

Wanda Lee  
Personnel Chair

## **Deacons Report**

Nothing to report

Norman Thompson,  
Deacon chair.

## **Trustees Report**

Trustees did not meet this quarter, as there was no activity that required their attention. There is a meeting scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in His Service  
Elaine Boszak

## **Missions Update**

Heal The Hurt of Hunger Food Mission ministry is currently planning for the next distribution which is for the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 23, 2021. As of this report, the Food Mission is in anticipation of feeding 10 to 15 families. An actual account of the event will be provided as the event has not taken place as of the submission of this report. We do anticipate God's blessing! The goal of our Food Missions is to provide meals during the holidays for those families in need at Central Ridge Elementary School, our mission field. It is our prayer that this will serve as a pathway to "Lead Families to Changed Lives in Jesus Christ"! Our pantry is stocked for the Thanksgiving meals but will be exhausted thereafter. Church Family, your donations are desperately needed for the Christmas Holiday meals distribution and the "Giving Tree" in the church lobby makes the pantry needs known.

I thank you, in advance, church family for being such a blessing to those in need. May God continue to bless you as you are a blessing to others!

In His Service,  
Yvette Harris, Food Mission Facilitator

# Treasurers Report

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## QUARTER 4 FINANCIAL REPORT

AS OF NOVEMBER 8, 2021

General Checking	\$24228.14
Designated Checking	\$32243.14
Regular Savings	\$30139.07
Money Market Savings	\$28975.43
CD	<u>\$45379.23</u>
Total	\$160965.01

Income Thru October	\$118495.33
Expenses	<u>-\$127919.68</u>
Total deficit	- \$ 9424.35

Mission giving thru October	\$9583.26
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In his service



Grace Lawlor

Financial Secretary

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