

# *First Baptist Church of Beverly Hills*

## **Quarterly Business Meeting**

**September 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**

## Prior Meeting Minutes

Regular Business Meeting  
June 6, 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 12:20 PM with a prayer. A quorum was confirmed, with 25 in attendance. There were no new members to present.

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

The presentation of the following reports:

- Membership Report (For Quorum)
- Pastor's Report
- Worship
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- Trustee's Report
- Missions Update
- Treasurers Report

A motion to accept reports as presented was made, a note to add Steve Eller to the personnel Committee was noted by Bob Ward. Reports accepted as presented with the notation made on the Personnel Committee. All in favor.

Pastor Marple spoke as to the condition of our church with no positive growth in a year come September. He urged us to invite people to come to church. We should be prepared for rejection, you should expect 9 no's for one yes. He asked for volunteers for the 5 Day Club, as many hands are required to help over the week with this, and it is part of our church mission. He noted the falling contributions and how we need to invite people, and not let the change to impact our mission. Pray and give dedication to daily time in His word. Pray for revival and changed hearts.

**No old business for review.**

**New Business:** Events planned for July – Evening Ice Cream Social with Michael Facciani planned. Invite your friends.

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 - 409

Dismissals (death, transfers) 329

Homebound (8)

Inactive 22

Total Active/Voting Members 50

***1/3 Active Membership over 18 needed for Quorum (16)***

## Pastor's Report

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Pastor's Report**

The first three chapters in Mark's Gospel reveal the power and authority of Jesus, Son of God. He amazed and scared thousands of people when He came upon the scene— amazed those enthralled by His uniqueness and scared those who felt threatened by His power. My hope is that the revelation of Christ in this sermon series causes you to stand amazed by His awesomeness and fear Him in reverence of His holiness. I hope you experience a radical change in your life by having a richer view of Jesus than you have ever had. My hope is that our sermon series changes us as a church family. In Mark, chapter 4, we learned how we should respond to Jesus. So, hold tight for the remaining twelve chapters that are still before us!

Looking ahead, I believe the First Baptist Family ought to refocus our attention more closely toward how we function as a church, especially through LIFE Groups. LIFE Groups are a critical part of our Vision Strategy but because we are not functioning as designed, we are not seeing measurable accomplishments throughout the church, as we should, toward fulfilling our mission.

Therefore, as your pastor, it is my responsibility to make corrections where necessary to get us back on the right path. On Sunday, September 12, 2021, I will hold our first Discipleship Leaders Training immediately after church services. You'll be hungry so I will feed those who attend. Everyone is invited to attend whether you plan on leading a LIFE Group or not. Here's why. Everyone has a vitally important role to play in the life of a LIFE Group. It is not the responsibility of the leader, alone, to fulfill every task in a group. The wealth of the ministry is spread out among all its members. Thus, it would be wise for everyone to attend that are curious about what the structuring of LIFE Groups is supposed to look like and what is expected of each group. Bible Studies are good and necessary, but discipleship in LIFE Groups holds a much greater value for the good of the whole church. There is much to explain, so I will wait until the class to give further explanations.

I hope you have a sincere desire to be a part of what I believe God wants to do in our church. I hope you feel called by God to be used by Him for His glory and to fulfill His Kingdom purpose. Scripture is clear that Christ's Church is His plan to carry out His Kingdom plan. The problem is that many in churches today have turned their sights upon themselves, rather than what God is doing. It is a formula for failure. For me, that is unacceptable!

I love my Lord Jesus, as I am sure you do too. Because I love Him, I don't want to let Him down by my negligence, apathy or laziness. I know I will stand accountable to Him one day and I want Him to be proud of me. I know I am flawed. He knows that too. But I believe that if I give Him my best, He will take care of the rest. Will you please commit to be in prayer and God's Word? Pray that God will cultivate your hearts such that the seed of His Word will be cheerfully received and germinate a new spiritual life in you. None of us have reached the ripen stage of harvesting yet, but the Holy Spirit will do what we invite Him and allow Him to do with us. Our potential, at this stage of growth, is enormous.

I sincerely would love to see you join me in joining God in what He is doing through the First Baptist Family.

God is good!  
Pastor Marple

### **Worship Director Report**

We are blessed to serve God by leading the worship experience! We welcome new members to the Worship Team with vocal or instrumental talents to share. Please join us if you desire to give of your service to God through this ministry of music, prayer and praise! To God be the Glory!

In His Service,  
Yvette Harris, Worship Leader

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

We have been busy in the office, getting ready for the fall season. Classrooms have been made ready for the return of CBS. They donated all new tables for the Kirk building, replacing the old heavy ones that were in bad repair. The carpets in all the rooms were cleaned, and with help from many hands, we will have new curtains in place when they get here. The CBS start at the church has been postponed until October, due to the surge of Covid cases, but they are looking forward to their return to our campus.

In getting the building cleaned up, adult clothing that remained after the clothing give away was donated to the Path, along with tables that had to be removed.

We have a bus trip planned, that has been pushed up a month to October 19<sup>th</sup> to the Tabernacle in the wilderness for the same reason. I hope to have activities planned for later in the year. Please let me know the type of fellowship or activities you have an interest in. I hope later this year to have the Dementia class repeated, to give those who missed it a chance to come. This was a very worthwhile event. Hopefully we will be able to schedule one event per month, either a class, trip or pot luck, so please let me know what you have an interest in seeing or learning.

The Connection Café is open, and a variety of coffees will be offered. Your donations are appreciated to help keep it stocked. Spare change is good....

In Him,  
Elaine Boszak

### **Nominating Team**

No new business to report for September Business Meeting.

In Christ,  
Cathy Miksza

## **Good News Club**

The 2021-2022 school year has started, and we are preparing for Good News Club to begin on campus September 21 at Central Ridge Elementary School. Several of your GNC team attended the schools open house where we had the opportunity to visit with some of the children's parents, school faculty, and other club leaders. We met several returning students who plan to attend this year's club, as well as parents that know about GNC and were excited to know that one is in their school. Forty-two parental permission forms required for club attendance were given out. Club materials have been ordered and training for a new club administrator has been scheduled. Our annual Children's Ministry Conference for club volunteers is scheduled for September and I am hopeful many from our club can attend.

Your prayers are needed! Because of this latest outbreak of Covid we currently don't know when the Citrus County School Board will address volunteer training that's needed, or if we will be allowed back on campus late September. Pray for the safety of the students and their parents, faculty, and all others that work on campus. Pray for Godly wisdom for the school board and school administrators to make sound decisions to keep everyone safe. Pray for your GNC volunteers. We will be starting a GNC in September. If there is a delay going to Central Ridge school, we will again host the club here on FBCBH campus.

Be Blessed,  
Terry Herndon

## **Kids On The Rise**

In late June we had our annual 5 day club wherein many from our church taught children from k through 5th grade for 5 consecutive days . It was a week to remember!! Terry did an amazing job along with volunteers from our congregation to teach the children . We had an average of 16 children attend during the week. It is good and pleasing to the Lord that brothers and sisters in Christ dwell together in unity and that is what I observed during the club.

As far as Kids on the Rise we have a few children quite faithfully attending from our church congregation and a few visitors from the 5 day club.

Terry and Janice Herndon, Cathy Miksza, and a few others from our church have stepped up in helping with the kids and also nursery, as needed. Gina Gray, Stacy Ash, Christine Babbitt, Vickie Ward. Glenda Frederick, Lourdes Del Rio, Carmen Pedroza all have such a blessing that when the need for volunteers arose they were they ready and willing to help.

Thank you volunteers please remain on stand-by as we wait upon the Lord to bring in families that we may help lead them to live changed lives in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ .

Remaining in the Vine  
Joan Vitale

## **Church Administrator**

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

- Continuing to assist with the videotaping of the Sunday service, while Elaine Boszak does the editing and production upload to the Internet.
- From 28 June – 2 July, supported one of the Church's children ministries, the 5-Day Club, by teaching memory verses and bible lessons to the children.
- In support of the Church's Financial Management system, completed the migration of all Church finance records (January-June 2021) into the new QuickBooks accounting system.
- Periodically assists the Financial Secretary with recording income, recording payments to vendors, and employee pay.
- Currently assisting the Financial Secretary with the conduct of an audit of all income/expense records. The purpose of the audit is to validate the creation of the QuickBook accounts, reconcile the transfer of all income/expenses, and access the comprehensiveness of the financial reports. The goal is to complete the audit by the end of September.

In His service,  
Bob Ward  
Administrator

## **Building and Grounds**

In mid-April, the County Fire Marshall conducted a fire safety inspection of the Sanctuary, Franklin Hall, and the Kirk Administration building. The Marshall noted minor issues in the use of extension cords. When the Marshall returned for a re-inspection in May, no deficiencies were noted.

In mid-May, the Water Management District (SWFWMD) notified the Church that its stormwater management system was due for inspection and certification. The Administrator contacted a licensed/certified company to conduct the inspection. The inspection was conducted on July 13, 2021, and a favorable certification was sent to the Water Management District.

In June, a small team was dispatched to Sam's to pick up 30 new, white, lightweight tables to replace the older, brown, heavier tables. The new tables were a gift from a donor in the Community Bible Study (CBS). Upon arrival, the new tables were off loaded from the trailer and stored temporarily along the hallway in the Kirk building.

Later in the month, the Deacons removed all the old tables and chairs from the meeting rooms and stored them in room 111 in preparation for steam cleaning the rugs in each room. The old tables would eventually be donated to a nearby church and the Path.

Since the July Church Appreciation Day would follow the ending of the 5-Day Club and precede the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, the Appreciation Day was cancelled. Although Appreciation Day was cancelled, July was a busy month preparing for and steam cleaning the rugs in all the

meeting rooms. Once steamed cleaned, the new tables and chairs were moved into the meeting rooms.

Administrator

## **Personnel Report**

The committee will reconvene to meet monthly via zoom to discuss employee concerns. The committee should report to the church on regular basis to keep the church informed of issues related to personnel.

Wanda Lee - Chair

## **Deacons Report**

There's nothing new under the sun, so we keep pressing on.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve you in 2021 as your Chairman of the Deacon, without your support in these unpredictable times it would be impossible. According to 1 Timothy 3:13, lay leaders boldly set a good example: "For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus"

(NKJV). Where others stumble, deacons Serve. When others falter, deacons Serve. When prayer is needed, deacons lead. When times are difficult and hope is fading, deacons lead. To lead is their calling, their gift, and their responsibility. They set the example for extraordinary service. Working together we have done well (humanly speaking) in large part because of the character and work of the deacon team. Also I have been blessed to collaborate with so many talented deacons this year. These fellow ordained ministers, with their spouses and families, have been for me a source of great inspiration, mutual support and deep joy.

We recommend the church members with outstanding balance in the Deacon's Benevolence Fund, to make a onetime donation of \$50.00 to close out their account, As soon as possible and remove them from the report, along with the deceased members.

We currently have (4) Deacons

Deacon Chair, Norman Thompson  
Bob Ward, Lenny Barbosa, and Steve Eller.  
God blessings, on all

Norman Thompson,  
Deacon chair.

## **Trustees Report**

Trustees did not meet in person, but worked together to approve a new printer contract that will be a savings to the church over the existing contract we use for printer services, and provide a 5 year contract with no cost increases. Thank You Bob Ward for the contract review.

Yours in His Service  
Elaine Boszak

### Missions Update

The school mission had no activity in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, only the Monday prayer for the school. We hope to resume activities as soon as the school will allow.

### **Treasurers Report**

3RD Quarter Financial Report	
Income August 1 thru August 15, 2021	\$8,848.84
Expenses August 1 thru August 15, 2021	\$7,959.56
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$889.28</b>
Total Income to date (Aug 15, 2021)	\$77,340.49
Total Expenses to date (Aug 15, 2021)	\$95,875.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$18,534.56</b>
Total Grant Balance	\$9,878.84
<b>Account Balances August, 2021</b>	
General Checking	\$25,570.11
Designated Checking	\$34,739.13
Regular Savings	\$30,135.37
Money Market Savings	\$28,971.77
CD Balance	\$45,379.23
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$164,795.61</b>



## Income and Expense by Class

	Designated Funds	General Fund	Restricted Funds Matching Grant	TOTAL
<b>Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>	\$868.75	\$71,683.49	\$11,236.00	\$83,788.24
89000 · MISSIONS SUPPORT	\$0.00	\$5,559.80	\$0.00	\$5,559.80
65000 · OPERATIONS	\$189.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$189.65
66000 · BENEFIT EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$10,946.94	\$0.00	\$10,946.94
90000 · PASTORAL TEAM	\$0.00	\$20,109.76	\$0.00	\$20,109.76
91000 · FINANCE OFFICE	\$0.00	\$11,541.81	\$0.00	\$11,541.81
92000 · CHURCH OFFICE	\$0.00	\$1,901.81	\$0.00	\$1,901.81
93000 · BUILDING & GROUNDS	\$0.00	\$13,002.73	\$0.00	\$13,002.73
94000 · VAN MINISTRY	\$0.00	\$15.10	\$0.00	\$15.10
95000 · PRAISE TEAM	\$0.00	\$663.47	\$0.00	\$663.47
96000 · DISCLESHIP TEAM	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$420.00
97000 · FELLOWSHIP TEAM	\$0.00	\$335.29	\$0.00	\$335.29
98000 · WORSHIP TEAM	\$0.00	\$348.76	\$0.00	\$348.76
99000 · CONNECTION TEAM	\$0.00	\$6.75	\$0.00	\$6.75
<b>Total Expense</b>	\$189.65	\$64,852.22	\$0.00	\$65,041.87
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$679.10</b>	<b>\$6,831.27</b>	<b>\$11,236.00</b>	<b>\$18,746.37</b>