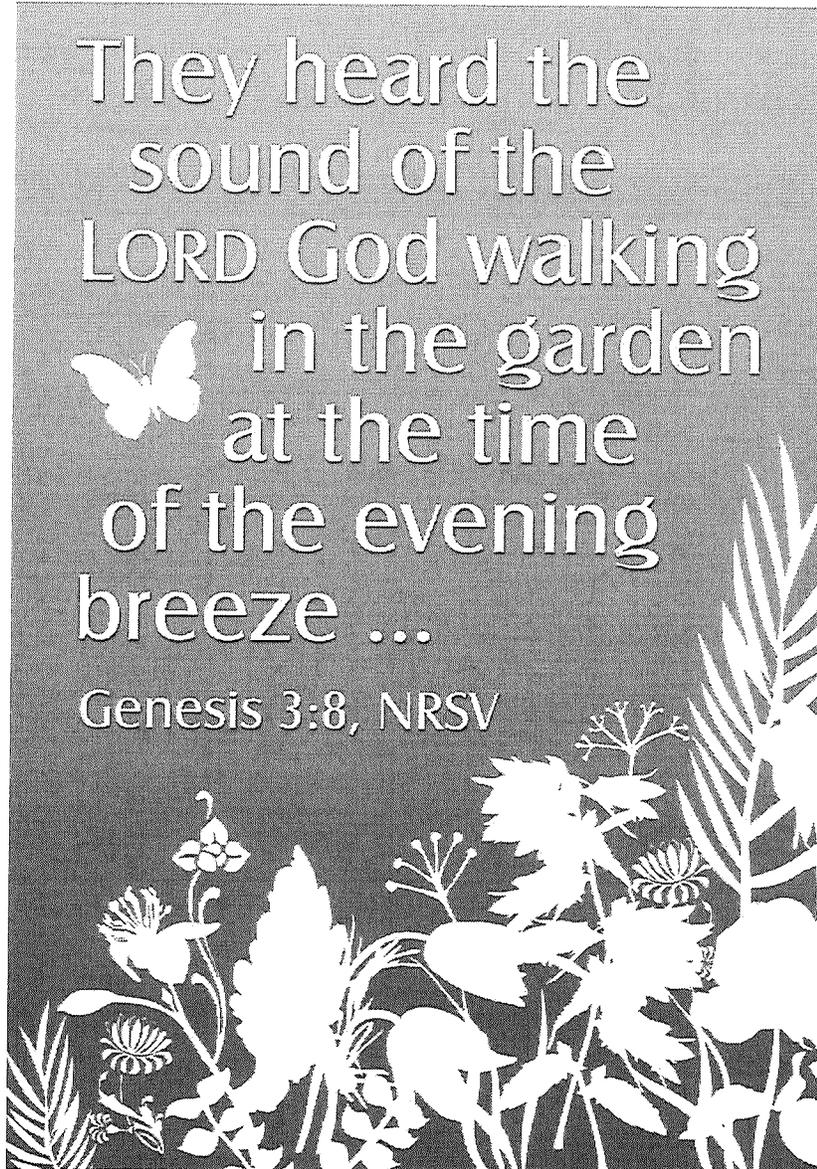


Annual Report 2022

They heard the
sound of the
LORD God walking
in the garden
at the time
of the evening
breeze ...

Genesis 3:8, NRSV



First Baptist Church

St. Paris, Ohio

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ST. PARIS, OHIO
OFFICER AND BOARD MEMBERS**

2023

OFFICERS

Moderator	Larry Smith	2024
Vice-Moderator	Daniel George	2024
Church Clerk	Yvette Clutter	2023
Treasurer/Financial Secretary	Jeff McCulla	2023

BOARD OF DEACONS & DEACONESSES

Member	Larry Smith (Deacon)	2023	Member	Open (Deaconess)	2024
Member	Ron Massie (Deacon)	2023	Member	Sue Clutter (Deaconess)	2025
Member	Bonnie Bayham (Deaconess)	2023	Member	Open (Deacon)	2025
Member	Jeff McCulla (Deacon)	2024	Member	Clay Ruffner (Deacon)	2025
Member	Ken McDonald (Deacon)	2024			

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Member	George Bayham	2023	Member	Jevon Monaghan	2024
Member	Shannon George	2023	Member	Clay Ruffner	2025
Member	Rusty Strader	2024	Member	Kathy Smith	2025

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Member	Sue Mitchell	2023	Member	Leta McCulla	2024
Member	Open	2023	Member	Joyce Oder	2025
Member	Lisa Copes	2024	Member	Aleesha Spence	2025

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Member	Shannon George	2023	Member	Sukanya Dare	2024
Member	Ann Massie	2023	Member	Ron Dayton	2025
Member	Karyl Strader	2024	Member	Sara Newman	2025

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION (WBA)

Trustee	Ken McDonald	2023
Trustee	Open	2024

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Pastor	Deacon Chair/ Representative
Moderator	Trustee Chair/ Representative
Vice-Moderator	Christian Ed Chair/ Representative
Clerk	Missions Chair/ Representative
Treasurer-Financial Secretary	ABWM President/ Representative
Member at Large:	Salli Lacy

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
COMMITTEES FOR 2023

(All committee assignments are for one year unless otherwise specified)

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Jeff McCulla
Barb McDonald
Shannon George

DECORATING COMMITTEE

Larry Smith
Kathy Smith

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Shannon Monaghan
Salli Lacy
Clay Ruffner

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Joyce Bowlin
Patty Hershberger
Sara Newman

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Leta McCulla	2023
Karyl Strader	2023
Calvin Clutter	2024
Pastor Paul Mitchell	2025

FEDERATION OF CHURCHES REPRESENTATIVES

Joyce Bowlin
Lisa Copes

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Appointed in July

PASTORAL RELATIONS/PULPIT COMMITTEE

Deacon Chairman	
Larry Smith	2023
Open	2023
Bonnie Bayham	2024
Dan George	2025
Shannon Monaghan	2025

USHERS COMMITTEE

George Bayham, Chairman
Arthur Bovey, Vice Chairman

Pastor Jeremy's Annual Report

2022

It is that time of year again. The time to sit down and reflect on how God showed up in our church and lives the past year. I am constantly amazed at how much Jesus has done in and through our small church each year; 2022 was no different. One of the practices the nation of Israel was to remember their past so they could have confidence and faith in our Lord moving into the future. This annual report is a similar task and will propel us into an uncertain future with our solid, stable, and strong Lord.

As I finish my seventh year here as pastor of our church, I am deeply humbled and honored to still do what I do each week. Though no week is ever the same, I remain committed to serving and leading our church under the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, by the power of Christ, sustained by the grace of our Father well into the years ahead. The world around us needs strong churches, like ours, to proclaim the counter-cultural truth of the Gospel and obedience to Christ. Not all will join us, we were never tasked with the number of people to come, but to faithfully share the message of Jesus.

Thoughts on the Future

At the outset of each of my annual reports I have a tradition of helping us look forward and bring for our consideration a couple of things which I believe are essential for the health of our church in the future. This year is no exception. However, instead of synthesizing what I have read from others; or giving a list of interesting considerations for what is happening in our world; I want to focus this year on three important Biblical themes and tasks we must keep as a priority. Failure to do these three things and our church, or any church, will slip into unhealth and run the risk of slowly heading towards closing. I do not share these to say we are not doing them, but more as a reminder for our future years. I am committed to ensuring these are always happening in our church. (In all honesty, some of these are probably very similar to past reports. It never hurts for us to be reminded of what is truly important.)

1. **The world needs churches who boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus.** Looking all around us we see the consequences and effects of sin. Our world is not becoming a better place but instead is filled with greed, lust, selfish ambition, chaos, and things of the like. The church of Jesus exists to proclaim the Gospel into this world. We cannot forget this foundational truth. We do not exist for our own comfort, preferences, or to escape from the world. Yes, we must be an anchor and respite from the struggles, sins, and issues of the world but never to the exclusion of our mission: proclaiming Jesus as Savior to all and calling others to join us in living for him. It would be easy to just pray, and hope others would join us, but Jesus has sent us out into our world.

Part of what this requires we make sure all of us are equipped to share the Gospel in personal and individual ways. As our world continues to change, the power of the individual relationship will be key to sharing the Gospel. Do you know how to share the Gospel? How have you been sharing the Gospel? It may be as simple as an invite to church making the difference in a family member, friends, or neighbors' decision to respond to the Gospel. We must continue to be a church that majors on the Gospel of Jesus.

2. We must be very intentional about growing in our faith; being disciples who make disciples. Related to majoring on the Gospel we must remember to not just invite people to be part of the family of God, but we must invite them to grow. Our faith needs to be rooted in who Christ is, not just waiting for eternity in Heaven with Jesus to start. The life in Jesus starts now! Eternal life is not just something we gain someday but is something we have now. We must continue to be a church which seeks to disciple people across the age span into a deeper walk with Jesus. However, once again this is also something we as individual Christians must be willing and able to do. Mentoring another person in the faith, participating in discipleship opportunities, forming new groups, asking good questions, and serving alongside others are all ways we can grow in being the disciples of Jesus. The discipleship journey is individual but must be lived out in community. For us as a church we must always be willing to evaluate our disciple making efforts. We as a church must be willing to do things differently in order to help grow those who are in Jesus. How are you growing in your faith? Who can you invite on your growth journey with Jesus?

3. Prayer must remain a crucial ministry of the church. Lastly but extremely important is the role of prayer as one of the foundational pillars in our church. Once again this is not something we are "missing", but I say these words to help remind us we cannot get away from the active, powerful, and earth-shaking tool of prayer. It is when we pray, individually and as a community, we submit ourselves to the Lord and ask for wisdom and guidance in doing His will. Prayer reorientates our focus to the One who is above all and will work all things out for His glory and our benefit (Romans 8). The presenting of the needs of others is crucial but we must also see prayer as one of the ways we hear God's will for our lives; we must be willing to be quiet and listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying. I am grateful for the groups of our church who gather weekly to pray over the needs of our church. I am grateful for each of you who pray every week for our church. It can be easy and sometimes tempting to think prayer is not that important, but this is not true. Of all the things the disciples could have asked Jesus to teach, prayer was the request. Prayer is that important. Prayer is essential for us as we move into the future. It will be by prayer we gain the wisdom needed to know how to share the Gospel, disciple people into Jesus, and respond to the events of the world.

Preaching & Teaching

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

(2 Timothy 2.15)

Quite a few months ago my uncle, who is a pastor and professor, remarked on social media how if a pastor preaches each week and at least one other time through the week, which I do with youth group, it is about the same as writing 9 novels a year. Though I do not write in a manuscript style out of personal preference it is amazing to think you have read, and I have written, 9 books in the past year. This past year I have given 51 different messages to our church and we had 4 guest speakers/pastors preach during the year on many various topics. Though I will not review all where we have been in Scripture this past year it is good to be reminded of how God works through the preaching of His Word.

Pastor Ken started out our 2022 year preaching while I was finishing up a vacation and spending time with my family. Pastor Paul gave two messages this year: one Memorial Day weekend while I was away and then again on Labor Day as Aleesha was sick with Covid and I did not want to pass anything on to anyone. (Fortunately, it appears I never “caught” what she and the kids probably had, PTL!). We also had the privilege and honor to hear from our “new missionaries”, Tim and Stacy Reese, as they shared about God’s call on their lives for the people of Dominican Republic. I believe we were one of the last churches they visited, they were with us on May 22, before they left from language school in June.

Typically, I preach through a couple books of the Bible each year and then “fill in” the other spots with sermon series on certain topics. This year was a little different as I did not have as many “sermon series” but instead filled in spots with stand alone messages. However, we did start the year by going through verse by verse the book of Galatians which took us all the way up to Easter. This 14-week series explored many issues: God’s Will, the Gospel, the Holy Spirit, our standing in Christ-Justification, and many other practical and deep issues. The only other book we travelled together with was the book of Psalms as we had another “Summer in Psalms” exploring the following Psalms: 23, 68, 31, 118, 119 and 127. The Psalms contains many great passages for us to understand who God is, who we are, what is going on in the world, and how we can share the Good News of Jesus with those in the world.

Some may wonder, “how do you decide what to preach on each week?” Therefore, I like preaching through books of the Bible and doing series on topics because it is easier to know what is going to happen for weeks at a time. However, before I start any new preaching theme, I spend a lot of time praying and trying to discern what the Lord wants our church to hear at this time in our life. However, sometimes it becomes “easy” depending on what is happening in

the service or because someone reminds me of a passage of Scripture. Mother's Day this year was one of those times I felt it was important to look how Jesus interact with kids as we spent time in worship dedicating 8 children to him. (Two others were to be dedicated but were unable to be present). This may have been my "favorite" service because we were teeming with life, laughter, joy, and noise. A church with little children part of its life, and being heard and not just seen, is extremely important and reflects our Lord to them.

In a similar way I also preached on King Josiah in honor of my Josiah's birthday which was on a Sunday. We looked at how God used a child to lead the nation of Israel back to him and the task of repentance and faithfulness to the Word of God. Other themes this past year included: Shame and pain, obedience to the Lord from 2 Corinthians 10, Joshua 4 and the role of history, The Emmaus Road, how to be a unifying presence, Spiritual Warfare and a 3-week series from Romans 12.

Our holiday sermons were a little different as well this year. I did not do a Lenten Series because we were walking through the book of Galatians finishing up on Palm Sunday. However we did have a special Maundy Thursday time in John 15 as we looked at the final words of Jesus. On Sunday morning we explored John 20 and how Easter can handle our unmet expectations and the need for us to turn to Him in all ways. Christmas provided an opportunity through Advent to allow the candles of the season help light our way. This year we had 5 Sundays, with Christmas being the 5th Sunday, to share in the Christmas story so we looked at how we can be prepared for Christ, joy and how sometimes it is delayed for our good, remembering the story of the OT and its role in Christmas, how love overcomes many things in life and why we need to show, and finishing up with a "Go and Tell" message on Christmas morning.

Christmas Eve was blistery cold but provided 2 different times to gather for those who were able. The past couple years we have done a family friendly gathering on Zoom which was well attended, but this year we brought everyone together in the church for a manger making time. We had a great crowd and a lot of kids, it was wonderful! I then spent a few short moments talking about the importance of the manger in the Christmas story reminding all present of God's gift of Jesus, and how we need to make room for him. Our traditional Christmas Eve was also well attended where I shared a message titled, *Come and See*. We must allow ourselves to see Jesus, but we must also decide who He is. In all from both gatherings and those online we had close to 100 people engaged with us on Christmas Eve.

Beyond just preaching I do some teaching with our church in various ways. When Ron Clutter is not able to be with us on Wednesday mornings I will teach and fill in for him. I am grateful we have someone with his skills, knowledge, and willingness to help disciple our church into the Word of God. I invite all to come and join us if you can as you will be challenged and

grow in your faith. This past year I made the decision to stop live casting and recording our Wednesday Bible Study as many times no one was on live with us and the amount of work it took to set things up and keep things reset back for Sunday morning. Most of those who would be watching had transitioned back to being in person with us. If there is an expressed need mentioned in the future, we can go back to a hybrid format and explore ways of helping you connect to this beneficial time in God's Word.

Sunday nights I spend time leading and teaching our youth. We have been going through the Chosen series and trying to see Christ in a "new way". Most of our teens have grown up in the church so they know the right answers but may struggle with understanding the why behind our faith and what that looks like. The Chosen is a great way to get them talking about what they may not have realized about Jesus and the Bible. My goal each week is to allow them the space to explore what doesn't seem right, what may be new information for them, while also thinking through which parts of the show are not 100% in Scripture. For many seeing the life of Jesus instead of just reading about Jesus makes a big difference in growing in their faith. It is my hope the teens have enjoyed this time as much as I have.

Food For the Soul: Outreach and Ministry

I could say the preaching and teaching ministry of the church is about discipleship, but it is also about sharing the Gospel of Jesus. However, preaching alone will not bring people to Christ; we must be involved in their lives personally and individually. We must serve our community in a way that shows Jesus and opens the door for them to hear the Gospel as we have been proclaiming. One of the primary ways we reach out and serve our community is the Wednesday ministry Food For the Soul.

This past year was once again a good year in meeting people where they are and offering a space for community to be formed. We have started emphasizing our eat in option and are starting to see more and more people join us to sit down, have conversations, and enjoy a good meal together. The "noise" of laughter, talking, and kids of all ages really does warm my heart to see each week. Though there is still a core of us who does the majority of the cooking we are seeing new people serve in this ministry. It is a rare week when I have to specifically ask someone "new" to come and help us for Food For the Soul. In fact, there have been times I had to be honest with some and say, "You can come but you may just be standing around" because we have more people serving than spots to serve. This is a great problem to have and part of what may be considered the "success" of this ministry. I hear from our kids, mine and others, about how Wednesday evenings are their favorite day of the week and their disappointment when they do not get to be part of this ministry.

In 2022 we also had some good discussions about Food For the Soul, its purpose and what the plan may be moving forward. One of the questions we had to ask, and answer, “has this ministry done what it was originally planned to do?” A second similar, “is it time to stop this ministry?” We cannot shy away from these questions. As it was discussed informally and then formally around the table, we had great discussion. Let me highlight some of the answers to the two questions.

Originally, Food For the Soul was to be a new way of having church; bringing people in for a time of community, time of hearing of Jesus, and providing space for them to serve. It was geared towards those not part of our church or any church. Though the pandemic completely changed the original plan we have seen the original purpose be fulfilled. To date, I can count at least 19 individuals who are part of our church because of this ministry. Some of these individuals do not know Jesus and others were not a part of a church in our community. Yes, some have switched from one church to another but many of them have not. These 19 individuals are not a small number for us. We have seen many of them join our church and are active in many ways all because we serve our community each week. I realized during this conversation I had not done a good job of helping us celebrate the wins of this ministry, and probably other ministries, and am committed to doing better in the years to come. We are also seeing others join us online because of our ministry on Wednesday nights thus helping to provide an opportunity for them to hear about Jesus.

The second question became easier to answer after we discussed the first. Each ministry does have a “expiration date”. Healthy churches continually evaluate whether it is time to stop doing a ministry in order to meet another need. However, given our community does not have many meal options which are not fast food, people are still using and needing this once a week meal, and our church has been blessed financially with more than necessary to accomplish our ministries, we have the people willing and able to continue to serve joyfully, we must continue to provide this community an act of love through this meal. Our community continues to notice, and I am praying the seeds we continue to sow each week grow into a harvest for Jesus.

Pastoral Care: Visitation Ministry and Relational Ministry

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

(Psalm 34.18)

“A new command I give you: Love on another. As I have loved you, so you must love another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love on another.”

(John 13.34-35)

I take serious my role as pastor to be there for those hurting, those in need of wisdom, and those who do not know the way to go on next. Though I give preference and priority to our church family I cannot become deaf to the needs of those in our community. Being a pastor does not always lend itself to “nice and neat” categories of life; but instead, there are many areas of overlap and blending of many areas within one encounter. This is seen “best” in my role during pastoral care, pastoral counseling, and the relational ministry. Sometimes it is more “discipleship” oriented and other times more “evangelistic and outreach” but it is always to show Jesus’ concern for those who are created in his image.

One of the big areas I show the love and concern of Jesus is during times of loss and grief. Funerals are hard because it is a reminder our world is not “right”. Death is an inevitable part of life but it is not an easy part of life. During these times we need to be reminded Jesus stepped alongside those grieving and provided hope, love, grace, and mercy to them. I try to do the same. 2022 was another year were at times it seemed I was doing a funeral week but then I also realized there were weeks when I was not journeying with someone as they lost a loved one. In total I conducted 17 funerals last year with the majority of those being for families in our community. Each funeral is different depending on the circumstances and each provides an opportunity to show the love of Jesus in action, by mourning with those who mourn. As someone who has been on the receiving end of comfort in the time of loss I am able to fulfill the words of 2 Corinthians 1.3-4, “Praise be to the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, *so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.*” (Italics added)

Alongside Joyce Bowling and the Hospitality Committee we have served the following families this past year with food as an expression of our love for them and to try and provide some comfort: The Gene Park family, the Phil Cooke Family, the Rick O’Brien family, the Newman family in the loss of Christy, and the Ben Pence Sr. Family. For some of these family members and friends this is one of the few interactions they may have with Christians and each family commented on how comforting and loved they felt because we were willing to walk alongside them during the dark days, shining the light of Jesus so they could continue on, seeing the path ahead. Many of the families I do a service for I stay in contact with hoping to have more conversations about faith, Jesus, and my hope in this world.

As a pastor who is trained in counseling it is always important for me to work with those in our church who are hurting mentally, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually. I see the work outlined in Scripture about binding the wounds of the sheep and take seriously my ability to be available, as reasonable, to help those who find their wounds not to be physical in nature but invisible. This is a unique calling God has gifted me other pastors may not have, and this is okay.

Research has shown over and over again most people will seek out their pastor for help in areas of mental and emotional pain and/or illness. Please let me pastor you with the love of Jesus by using me in this way. This is part of my role and call as your pastor.

There are many hours, gratefully and graciously, spent working to help people see who they are in Jesus and find a measure of healing. Though the conversations stay confidential please know part of our ministry as a church, since I am our pastor, is helping to bridge the gap between the church and issues of mental health. There are people hurting with invisible wounds in our pews every week and many are finding the hope only Jesus can provide because fo the work done one-on-one during the week as we process, pray, cry, explore and ultimately give to the Wonderful Counselor all our needs, pains, trauma, pasts, and burdens. I have experienced many sacred moments in my office when Jesus through the Holy Spirit breaks free the chains a person has been enslaved by for many years. Truly this is a sacred and holy experience to which I always praise Jesus for the work He has done.

This past year also saw me getting back to a more “normal”, whatever that is, routine and care for those in the hospital and our shut ins. After a couple years of not being able to go in our nursing homes without checking in first to see what their status was this past year was much more relaxed during my times of visitation. However, many heading into the hospital for routine surgeries have requested me just praying for them and with them prior to surgery at home instead of being present day of surgery. If someone is staying overnight or it is more serious I have been right there at the bedside checking in to see what is going on and how best our church can serve and pray for them. I have put many miles on my car heading to our different hospitals and visiting those who are in need of the Great Physician’s touch. As with those I meet with in my office these times in the hospital are sacred moments reminding people who Jesus is and how much they are loved. I have found sometimes people who are hurting physically need a gentle reminder they are loved and cared for even in these times. For some, their ability to reciprocate the love shown or think they “don’t deserve it” stops them from hearing how much they are loved.

In the area of visitation, I am not alone in making sure the needs of our shut ins and the sick are attended to. Many of you go and visit, pray for, and check in with those in our church. This is a crucial and healthy attribute of any church. I greatly appreciate how many of you do this great “pastoral” work of checking on one another and many you let me know how people are doing thus helping me pastor our church well. Pastor Ken has once again been crucial in these efforts and though as the final part of the year came and he had his own surgeries I am still grateful for his ministry among us. I would list others but I fear in doing so a name would be left out of this record and so I just say to all of you, “thank you” for loving one another well in 2022.

General Leadership

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4.11-13

A healthy church will continually raise new leaders and those willing and capable to do the ministry of the church. If a church relies solely on the work of the pastor, or a “select” few, it will only be a matter of time before “disease” and unhealthy manifest. Yet, there are many times an organization needs someone to be the point person and aware of what others are doing so we do not have many “mini organizations” within the larger group. Whether that be Sunday School, youth ministry, trustees, missions or any other group in our church there must be communication and awareness of what others are doing so the best decisions can be made. This is one of the many areas I fulfill in our church: the person serving and helping each board, ministry, group, and committee who can communicate with other groups as needed to have effective and healthy ministries. I am not the only one who does this but am one of the main ones helping prevent our church from becoming a group of silos disconnected from one another.

What does this look like? It may mean taking lead when the downstairs carpet is flooded, as was the case this past fall, to get proper equipment to suck up the water and clean the carpets alongside others. It is making sure, and most of the time delegating, our kid’s time during worship has the copies they need to do ministry. (Shannon G. does a wonderful job in getting the material ready so our CE board can do the ministry God has called them to do). It is helping our tech team have the resources, cameras, and knowledge so they can do the work each Sunday so you can see things on the slides and watch us online. It is bringing to our boards and teams needs of our churches getting their input and discernment on how best to meet the needs. During the winter it consists of moving snow when other Trustees cannot be here due to other commitments. The list really could go on, but you get the picture. When the team of leaders are working together no job is too big nor too small for myself, or anyone, to do. Being a leader is less about me and more about serving the greater good of our church. Being a leader is about submitting to Christ and his leadership so we can see what He wants to do.

This past year saw our Christian Education (CE) board discern a different way of doing our kids ministry. After discerning Sunday School was no longer as effective or reaching the kids it once did a decision was made to maximize our efforts and energies into the time during worship. Mid-year the board also decided to see how many teachers would be willing to do a full month instead of just one week at a time. This group of dedicated leaders of church felt the consistency of one person may help in forming relationships and discipling our kids better than

the way we have been doing it. After at least a quarter of doing this “new way” the feedback has been positive. As part of this change it gave the ability to have our kids play bells every week during advent, thus letting our kids lead us in worship and be an active part of our ministry. As 2023 gets started we have also seen others in a church willing to step up and teach one month a year thus spreading the ministry to our children among even more people.

Shirley continues to lead our ministry to kids from 1st through 5th grade each Sunday except for Communion Sunday. Her ability to find crafts that go with different lessons of Scripture has been nice and I know our kids truly appreciate her efforts. New this year we have been blessed for Yvette Clutter to help lead our older kids when Shirley is unable to do it because of health issues and sickness. Yvette has been using “What’s in the Bible” and creating conversations for our kids to dig a little deeper than the stories they here in preschool and nursery.

Our youth ministry has been led this past year with Jevon and Shannon Monaghan. What a joy it is to serve alongside them and help create the space for our young adults to question their faith, have some fun, and eat together around the table. At times it is hard to “pin our teens” down on what they really want it is crucial we do not forget this ministry in the years to come. We have a great group of kids which will one day be part of our youth ministry.

One major area I have provided direct leadership and work on has been our digital and tech ministries. This past year we received word our digital provider was no longer going to support most of what we used I gathered with Jevon to help discern a new path forward. Together we brainstormed what we wanted, what we needed, and what would be best for us as a church moving forward. Needless to say, the task was difficult to narrow down all the church specific ministries who could, and would, come alongside us to ministry to people for many years to come. After narrowing the choice down to 3 or 4 we determined Subsplash would meet all of our needs, consolidate some of what we had other software doing and position us to continue to expand and grow our digital ministry. The result of this work was a rollout of new website, new giving, a stand-alone app, and other abilities during November and December. Jevon has stepped up and taking lead in creating things for our digital presence and specifically our Sunday morning livestream. His ability and leadership in this area has made things easier on me each week and continues to fulfill my goal and mission of being 2-3 people deep for any ministry. It is my goal for 2023 to have him, or me, or Daniel, train a couple other people on all that is done each week, so the ministry does not revolve around just a few. I also hope you will download our new app as this is going to be a very effective tool to use in reaching new people and staying connected with our church and one another. If you need assistance, please ask myself, Shannon George, Jevon, or any number of our younger people and we would be happy to help you get connected and stay connected with us.

Community Ministry

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” Jeremiah 29.7

I hope you will re-read the verse from Jeremiah again, please. The context of what Jeremiah is saying is so important for me as your pastor and I believe our church. These words were written to a nation which was facing an unknown future in an unknown land. They were heading into exile and needed some instruction on how to best honor God through the many years to follow. We as the church are in a similar situation. The world we have known and thrived in for so long has changed and it may be helpful for us to gain insights into how-to live-in exile, this new land we find ourselves. Therefore I make a conscious effort be out in our community in many ways. There are some in our community whose only connection to a church is when we speak out and about. Some would never go to any church and after the years together in the community they are softening to what church is and subsequently who the Lord is. The seeds being planted in the community may one day bloom, I do not know but I know we must faithfully serve our community and be in our community for this to happen.

One of the ways I have served our community has been with our JSP Fire District as their chaplain. The work of our firefighters and EMTs are essential to a good and healthy community. These men and women see horrific things and I am honored many of them will allow me to come into their lives in such a way to help. It was through this role that when retired Assistant Chief Ben Pence Senior passed away I was asked and honored to officiate his firefighters service. Though I was a small part of the process and service it was only because of my role that a pastor like me could minister in such a way.

As chaplain I have also served on scene as needed and more commonly back in the firehouse helping lead Crisis Incident Stress Debriefing/Management, known as CISM/CISD, to help our first responders process the stress and trauma they experience. My work in this area helps me to pray more knowledgeable for our first responders. I strongly encourage you to make a point to pray for those who serve us so faithfully.

Serving our community could not be done without serving our schools. Graham schools and the local pastors have an excellent working relationship and I have been blessed and encouraged from the times I have meet with superintendents, school leaders and personnel. This relationship pays off when tragedy strikes, as happened again this past fall with one of our middle school students. Without hesitation our schools knew other pastors and I would answer the call to serve, listen, and actively pray for our community. As such a team of us went into the schools for two days and then the broader faith community joined on a Sunday to hold a prayer

vigil. These events are never fun nor easy, but how precious it is when God's people can be light and for others to see they are never alone.

The Federation of Churches is an active and vital part of our community. I am honored to be the president of this organization and helping to lead our group to meet our community needs. The federation is an organization many towns and places cannot even imagine let alone understand. Pastor Bob from the Lutheran Church consistently commented on all the Federation could do and would do to minister not just our community but together we formed a united front. From joint services to our wonderful food pantry, community events, and a benevolent fund there is much to be proud of. With great sadness though the Federation mourned the passing of our past president Dale Staudter this fall, and we remember fondly the faithful leadership and ministry he had to our community and each person of the Federation.

A final way I have tried to serve our community is helping our fellow churches when they are in need. Whether this is helping a pastor, being present during a time of celebration or any other way I do try to make sure each of our community churches know they are not alone. Pastor Bob Akins of Covenant Lutheran decided to retire at the end of October and I was asked to help be their pastoral care person while they try to find a new person. I have graciously agreed because this is what good neighbors do. (Not to mention I know about everyone who attends there and was already checking on many of them because I knew their needs). This year it also meant I helped them at their Christmas Eve Service to administer Communion and be part of celebrating our Lord's birth together. How beautiful it is when God's people can be unified in worship of Him.

As usual you will find me many days walking our town, talking with people, visiting our businesses, buying for our businesses, all in hopes of shining the light of Jesus to those in my own town. Who knows what conversations may happen but as we seek to be wise to those not part of our church, we might just realize there are many open doors for the Gospel.

Western Association and ABC Ohio

I continue to be very active in the wider body of Christ through our association and our region. Monthly the local pastors of our Western Baptist Association gather downstairs to have a time of encouragement, discussion, food and community together as we seek to be health pastors and leaders of the Lord's churches. These times are mostly enjoyable as I get to hear and see what God is doing in other churches. This past year I was asked and finally accepted the role of Associate Regional Minister (ARM) for our area. As you may remember I had us pray God would provide an ARM for our association and that it would not be me, but apparently there were other plans. In reality, as our Executive Minister Rev. Mark Click stated, "you are already doing the work of an ARM you might as well have the title." I really had no response to this as I

allowed it to sink in my soul the truth. Mark was right and having the “title” has not really changed what I do other than I submit a report each month about who I have contacted. Truth be told I was already contacting many of our pastors so there is “not much extra work” going on other than reminding all of Jesus’ care for them.

For 5 years now I have served on the ABC Ohio Region board as a general board member and then the past two years as Vice-President of the region. This past October I was “installed/commissioned” as the new President of our region starting in 2023. I was completely surprised to see so many of you at the Annual Gathering for the business meeting and am grateful for all the work which took place in order to make it happen. Thank you for blessing me, allowing me the space to serve our region in this way, and for the continued prayers. Our region is important to our church life and my time in these roles helps our church be healthy in many ways. However, it is not without an investment of time, energy and prayers. The region has some important work it must do and things we must work through. This past year we saw the retirement of Jane Gibbons and the hiring for four new Regional Ministers. Both things to celebrate and both of which I was honored to be part of the process. I ask you pray for me as I try to help lead our region in the paths of Jesus, to hear the voice of Jesus, and for all things to be done in love.

Personal

Are we there yet? Okay so maybe you are not asking that question, especially if you have persevered this far, but let me assure you, “we are almost done with this journey”. (Let all the people say, “Amen”!!) I do like to conclude my report by just commenting on my family and our personal journey so you can rejoice with us. The kids continue to thrive in our community and all three played baseball/t-ball this year, loving every minute of it. Daniel continues to serve our church and mature in many ways (have you heard him speak lately) on Sundays by praying, running some of our computer stuff and being active now in youth group. Josiah is also doing great things and loves to play anything sports related and be outside. Elliana has had another year of being seizure free and no longer on any medication to control her epilepsy, can I get an amen? All three of them love our church and you all have loved them sacrificially, faithfully, and genuinely. Aleesha and I are very grateful for this truth.

Aleesha continues to be active in many ways bot in the church and outside the church. She faithfully ministers to those she delivers meals to each week and has become a loved face of our church. She continued this year serving our community by substitute teaching as she is willing and able. It was interesting this past Halloween how many kids knew her and wanted to say, “hi”. One of our kids mentioned how most kids knew Aleesha and most adults knew me; perceptive if you ask me. She also continues to be a presence at our local farmer’s market as well as helping to control the many cats in town through TNR efforts. I am amazed at all she

does and the way she raises our kids and serves our community. I truly married up when I married her.

As for me, I turned the big 4-0 this past year as well as completed my 22nd year of ministry. I cannot believe I have spent more time serving the church than not serving, and it is still a true honor. Beyond pastoring and doing the many things mentioned already in the report I continue to have a private counseling practice and provide professional counseling to wide range of clients and issues. Though I may not always be able to speak about Christ outwardly each person is treated with the love and care of Jesus in hopes that I may be a bridge of hope to them in the darkness. I am excited as this coming year I may be able to obtain another "C" as part of my licensure thus freeing up some of my time used now on a monthly basis. By extension of my counseling business our church is sometimes known as one who cares about those struggling with mental health and addiction. The beacon this church sheds, by graciously allowing me to utilize my office for counseling on a limited basis, is shining deep into the darkness.

As a family we have enjoyed creating memories at what is becoming our favorite place up north by Lake Erie. God graciously allowed us to purchase a property near Oak Harbor Ohio a little over a year ago to use as a place of rest, relaxation and memory making. No we do not plan on going anywhere or leaving St. Paris but we did feel it was right to make plans for our financial security in retirement. You may have heard stories about our condo and know it is a place where I can recharge and work.

Be God's,

Pastor Jeremy

Church Clerk 2022 Annual Report

Members 348

Active Members 120

Inactive Members 227

“The work of the church is about the people of the church and having different generations work together, and we may be stretched in ways we don’t like” Rev. Jeremy Spence

We had one new member join our church family this year. In February Mya Newman joined the church by a recommendation by the deacon board through a letter of transfer.

There were no member deaths for 2022.

The following board reports will have more detailed information on what the church accomplished collectively for 2022.

Respectfully submitted.

Yvette Clutter, church clerk

Board of Deacons Annual Report 2022

Where does the time go? We have completed another year, the year of 2022 and as we prepare ourselves for 2023, we ask for your continued prayers as a church as we do the Lord's work.

On-line service options continue and are a vital part of our worship services. This provides opportunities for our shut-ins to keep informed of everyday church activities.

Food for the Souls continues to be a vital part of our ministry. More individuals are eating in the church as a time of fellowship with each other. Free meals provided by the Lutheran church on Thursdays and Church of God on Mondays assist in feeding those in need in the community.

We are also able to donate to the ABC/Ohio Pastor Emergency Fund, as well as numerous local needs such as providing new under garments for the elementary school due to your generosity.

We *had* two options for Christmas Eve this year. A family gathering was held in the afternoon which provided families with younger children to participate in creating a manger scene as Pastor Jeremy provided a story of Christ's birth. Our traditional Christmas Eve and communion was held at 7pm that evening. We were blessed to have 65 people attend. We were blessed with the children playing the bells during the Sundays of advent as well as on Christmas morning.

Since Christmas and New Years' Day fell on a Sunday in 2022, the board decided to have normal worship service to those who wanted to spend time with the Lord on Christ's birthday. And what better time to start a new year than to spend time with God in worship together as Pastor Ron Clutter spoke.

Communion continues to be observed monthly and taken to the shut-ins by members of the board. We will be having a baptism service in early January 2023. We ask for your continued prayers for our board as we search to fill two vacancies (1 deacon and 1 deaconess). We are excited to have Clay Ruffner on the board starting in 2023.

We pray that God will continue to bless our church as we venture into 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey L. McCulla, Chairman

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT – 2022

Trustees – George Bayham, Jonathon McCulla, Shannon George, Jevon Monaghan, Kathy Smith, Larry Smith (Moderator), Rusty Strader

2022 Completed Projects:

1. Planted a tree in front of the church.
2. Modified the church sign so magnetic letters/numbers can be used.
3. Replaced the church hot water heater.
4. Replaced the sanctuary ceiling fans.
5. Installed a remote thermostat in the downstairs church area.
6. Had the downstairs church carpet cleaned.
7. Installed a new faucet for the church kitchen sink.
8. Replaced the parsonage rear exterior screen door.

No major projects are expected in 2023. There will likely be several painting projects planned and minor repairs to the boiler system.

Christian Education Board Annual Report 2022

This year the Sunday School picnic was held at the church because of the weather. An auction of goodies was held to help pay for shipping for the Shoeboxes. A total of \$1548 was collected from the auction and a final total of \$1779 from other donations. We sent 160 shoeboxes, with shipping total being \$1600.00.

Thank you church family for your generosity.

The nursery schedule has been changed to teachers teaching a month at a time. With some of us filling in between the 4 weeks. Hoping the four weeks with the same teacher will bring consistency for the children. Thank you, teachers, for your dedication to our children, which is the future of God's Kingdom.

During the month of December Aleesha brought the bells out for the children to play for our enjoyment.

Many thanks for all who contribute to the work of our Lord.

Chairman: Lisa Copes

Secretary: Leta McCulla

Debi Boyd

Sue Mitchell

Joyce Oder

Mission Board Report 2022

We as a church and a mission board believe strongly that God calls us all to be on mission, and continually give generously to support mission work locally, across the US and the world. Locally we continue to support the Caring Kitchen by providing meals quarterly to anyone in need of a meal. Leftover food is used to provide to those in our community seeking out food through this organization. We not only provided the meals but were able to serve as well. This provides the opportunity for us to talk and pray with those whom we are serving. We had anywhere from 3 - 10 church members serving each quarter and are thankful for the generosity of our church members who have donated food and money to purchase food for this mission.

For every dollar given to the church, not specified, 10 cents goes to missions. The mission board helps to discern, with the church, how this money is to be spent. This year, our mission money supported the following global servants with our denomination mission agency, International Ministries (IM); Sarah McCurdy, and their 3 children, serving in Mexico City at the request of the Baptist Theological Seminary and Aaron and Valerie Osterbrock, and their children. Aaron and Valerie have a ministry in theological education in partnership with Sabah Theological Seminary, a historic International Ministries partner, in Kota Kinabalu, East Malaysia. Both Aaron and Valerie are train. This year we began supporting Tim and Stacy Reese who are new missionaries. They were able to visit our church and share with us how they met and how God led them to the missionary field. Stacy and Tim are endorsed to serve in discipleship and community development among IM partners working within the Haitian sugarcane Bateyes in the Dominican Republic. They are both passionate about discipleship through artistic expression. Stacy will serve alongside women cooperatives in building relationships, retail management, mentoring and education. Tim has a background in marketing and will collaborate with church and local business leaders to help maximize their potential by encouraging innovation, business development and fellowship.

Other missions based in the U.S. we supported include Bill and Julia Otterness who serve the Youth With A Mission (YWAM) GX International mission team, the Dayton Christian Center, and ECHO Farms, based in Florida and providing agricultural aid throughout the world.

Locally in addition to the Caring Kitchen, we supported two other organizations we believe are making a significant impact in our community; Operation Rebirth, providing education and support to teen boys from our area, and the Sycamore House, which offers compassionate support and education in the areas of prenatal needs, child-rearing skills, and even relationship information for mothers and fathers. The Sycamore House is always looking for volunteers to serve as mentors and to work in their store.

We also continued to support our state denomination: ABC Ohio from whom we receive much support including mentorship, training, resourcing for our Pastor and our American Baptist's Retired Ministers and Missionaries

In October we took up a special offering for International Ministries through the World Mission Offering (WMO). This goes to support the work of International Ministries (IM) and all the global servants connected to IM.

The Mission Board is always open to hearing from our church members about other opportunities to serve and support locally and beyond and encourage all church members to be on mission for God.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

Mission Focus: *Let the Walls Fall Down*

What a different year for our ABW! We only had a few regular meetings, but our ministry continued throughout the year via a few dedicated women and help from our church family.

On February 16, "Love Boxes" were sent (\$144 in postage) to college and military people, and Valentine cards were sent to shut ins. White Cross Requests were taken to Dayton Christian Center. Various monies were given as follows:

\$30 and card to Nathaniel McCurdy for his high school graduation

\$220 Food for the Soul

\$100 Kit Ripley to send women to a conference.

\$500 ABWM State Project for Training Up New Leaders in Latin American countries via scholarships to Palmer Seminary

\$400 One Great Hour of Sharing for Ukraine which was attacked by Russia in February

\$94 ABWM Women and Girls Fund

\$50 to each church-supported IM missionary at Christmas

January 23rd, we had a baby shower for Mya Newman, and May 1st we hosted a pantry shower/twins baby shower for Jenna Sparks.

Women's Nite Out was May 17th with Pastor Jeremy fixing lasagna for the meal (Thank you, Pastor!). Methodist Minister, Julie Fairchild, gave the devotions, and a Jeanne Robertson film was enjoyed by all.

June 25th Joyce Bowlin, Sukanya Dare, and Barb McDonald attended the Women's Conference at the ABC/OH Granville Office.

July 23rd, we hosted the Western Association Women's Rally celebrating all ladies' birthdays.

State ABWM President, Susan Stotts, was the speaker. Accompanying her was State ABWM treasurer, Becky Winsley.

Several women attended the ABC/OH Gathering October 11th in Columbus in recognition of Pastor Jeremy's becoming State ABC/OH President.

In December \$248 was collected in stockings for the State Scholarship Fund for students entering full time Christian Service.

September 10th and November 5th were our Chicken Noodle Dinners with the Bazaar also on the 5th. Thank you to Karyl and Rusty Strader for fixing the noodles and to our church family for all their help with this and our "Goodie Sale." The dinners and our "Goodies" of pumpkin rolls, ham loaves, buckeyes, and fudge (Thank you, men, for stirring!) gave us over \$2000 in our treasury for mission projects in 2023.

The money will also enable us to give to our new State Project--Redoing the old, original kitchen at Camp Koinonia.

Thank you to all who worked with us this year! "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!"

Barb McDonald, President

Joyce Bowlin, Treasurer

Patty Hershberger, Secretary

2022 FBC St. Paris Youth Annual Report

We currently have about 5 youth that regularly attend the youth group weekly. We are continuing to work through the Chosen series season two. All our youth are active in school sports, football, baseball, basketball, swimming, bowling, and marching band. They are a great group of young adults with very bright futures.

After almost 20 years either helping or leading the youth group at FBC, Shannon and I would like to thank everyone for your support, donations, and encouragement. Shannon and I have talked and prayed and are feeling led into other areas of ministry and have decided to “retire” from the position of youth leaders effective May 31st, 2023.

Thank You,

Jevon & Shannon Monaghan

Federation of Churches Annual Report 2022

The Federation of Churches has had a busy year. As a Federation of Churches, we participate in a variety of ministry opportunities throughout the year. All the area Churches work together to provide our community with services, and this gives us opportunities to share God's love. We appreciate all the support and love that each Church gives us throughout the year!

The Federation of Churches supports several ongoing ministry projects:

Financial Assistance-One of our projects is that we help those in need with financial assistance for rent, medications, electric and other needs that may arise. These are approved by 2 of our local pastors.

Food Pantry-The Federation sponsors our local food pantry located at the old municipal building. The food pantry is open on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7pm and Saturdays from 8:30-10am for families that need food. This year we have served approximately 25-52 families with up to 175 individuals per month. We may be looking for a new location for our food pantry, if the building sells, in the future. The Graham schools also house a food pantry located at the Elementary building. Once a month a mobile food pantry comes to town, the third Monday of each month from 4:15-5:15pm. Anyone that needs food can take advantage of these opportunities.

Blood Drive- This happens every month or so on a regular basis. This event take place at the Evans/Purk building and area churches help with refreshments and some volunteers.

The Federation also sponsors activities and ministry opportunities at different times of the year. In the Spring, we host several Easter activities. We have a unity service for Good Friday and Easter Sunrise (at 7am) that takes place on a rotating basis among the churches and the various pastors that share the Gospel message. We also host the Community Easter Egg hunt the Saturday before Easter at the Old Jr. high front lawn. This year we had about 40 children attend, due to the rainy weather. Those that attended enjoyed the event.

Baccalaureate- The Federation honors our Graham graduating seniors by giving them a plaque, offering a Baccalaureate service, that coincides with the awards banquet, and provide the meal for the event. Congratulations to all our high school graduates.

Community VBS- We host a community VBS and this year's theme was "Zoomerang", with lessons about the sanctity of life. We want to thank the Temple, the Catholic and Lutheran Churches for hosting VBS. Thanks to all that helped and attended our event. We had about 50-60 adults/teen workers and approximately 50-60 children each night.

4th of July Celebration- The Federation purchases bracelets to be given to the children so they can play the games and activities that are provided for this event.

Fall- Before the school year starts, the Federation sponsors a "Prayer Walk", where we go to each of the Graham district buildings to pray for the students and staff for the upcoming year. We also host the "back to school breakfast" for the Graham teachers and staff. We did not get to participate in the Pony Wagon Days weekend due to the shortened activities this year.

In October we shared our appreciation for our pastors during Pastor Appreciation Month, as well as various churches hosted different activities during the Halloween Season.

Thanksgiving Activities- We host a "Unity Service" that rotates between area churches and pastor's presenting the message on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We also sponsor the Thanksgiving Day Dinner; we prepare and serve traditional Thanksgiving meals for those that dine in or have meals delivered to them. The area churches are involved with donating the needed food items for this meal and helping with the event.

Winter/Christmas Activities

Wreathes Across America- The Federation donated to the project which supplied wreathes to honor the military veterans, located in our local cemetery.

Christmas in the Village- We usually help with this event, but due to weather conditions, we did not participate.

Christmas Toy Distribution- We supply toys and gift cards for the older children at Christmas, usually the Saturday before Christmas. We provided gifts for 43 families and approximately 132 children.

Christmas Food Basket Giveaway- During the month of December, the food pantry gives out a special food basket for the holidays. They were picked up during regular food pantry hours.

We are in the process of looking into some new projects for the coming year along with our regular ministries in the county. Thank you to everyone who helped with, and supports the Federation of Churches through prayers, financial assistance, and participating in our ministry opportunities.

First Baptist Church Quarterly Treasurer Report

12/31/22

	2022		Expenses				Year to Date		Balance		Actual /	
	Budget	Income	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Expenses	Expenses		Budget	Budget	
#101 Fuel - Church	3,750.00		1,929.33	804.74	145.11	847.94	3,727.12	22.88	99.4%			
#102 Fuel - Parsonage	1,500.00		593.55	266.53	124.81	255.63	1,240.52	259.48	82.7%			
#103 Electricity - Church	2,400.00		520.59	482.66	1,151.65	861.49	3,016.39	(616.39)	125.7%			
#104 Electricity - Parsonage	2,300.00		586.06	453.19	958.12	686.80	2,684.17	(384.17)	116.7%			
#105 Telephone	1,050.00		149.97	149.97	149.97	697.46	1,147.37	(97.37)	109.3%			
#106 Internet/Electronic	1,650.00		413.94	443.94	443.94	443.94	1,745.76	(95.76)	105.8%			
#107 Water & Sewer	1,500.00		309.00	309.00	309.00	324.45	1,251.45	248.55	83.4%			
#108 Secretary Salary	8,190.00		2,206.75	2,061.15	2,347.80	2,356.90	8,972.60	(782.60)	109.6%			
#109 Custodian Salary	8,040.00		2,010.00	2,010.00	2,010.00	2,010.00	8,040.00	0.00	100.0%			
#109-A Less: Accrued Withholding Taxes				(441.32)	(27.67)	468.99	0.00	0.00				
#110 Social Security	1,250.00		322.58		311.45	667.43	1,301.46	(51.46)	104.1%			
#111 Real Estate Taxes	2,100.00		2,092.22				2,092.22	7.78	99.6%			
#112 Property Insurance	8,600.00			4,899.00		4,899.00	9,798.00	(1,198.00)	113.9%			
#113 Maintenance & Repairs	6,000.00		1,075.60	545.70	894.23	1,006.55	3,522.08	2,477.92	58.7%			
#114 Custodian Supplies	600.00				167.74		167.74	432.26	28.0%			
#115 Garbage Service	300.00		69.00	69.00	72.00	72.00	282.00	18.00	94.0%			
Total	49,230.00	0.00	12,278.59	12,053.56	9,058.15	15,598.58	48,988.88	241.12				
#201 Sunday School Supplies	300.00						0.00	300.00	0.0%			
#202 Camp	900.00						0.00	0.0%				
#203 Leadership Training & Spiritual Adv.	750.00	153.00		240.85	134.97		375.82	527.18	41.6%			
#204 American Baptist Youth	1,000.00		86.06		250.00		536.06	463.94	53.6%			
#205 Food for the Souls	2,000.00	8,824.50	3,720.00	2,050.00	2,785.00		11,267.46	(442.96)	104.1%			
#206 Children's Ministry	250.00		50.00				50.00	200.00	20.0%			
#207 Community Outreach/New Ministry	250.00				79.50		79.50	149.50	100.50	59.8%		
Total	5,450.00	8,977.50	3,856.06	2,290.85	3,249.47	2,982.46	12,378.84	1,148.66				
#301 Office Supplies	1,000.00		240.00	196.00	125.99	452.30	1,014.29	(14.29)	101.4%			
#302 Christian Periodicals	300.00						0.00	300.00	0.0%			
#303 Worship Service	300.00		18.89	33.40	167.37	71.50	291.16	8.84	97.1%			
#304 Music Supplies	200.00					151.00	151.00	49.00	75.5%			
#305 Postage	700.00		58.00	232.00	60.00	60.00	410.00	290.00	58.6%			
#306 Website/Digital	1,250.00		1,250.00				1,250.00	0.00	100.0%			
Total	3,750.00	0.00	1,566.89	461.40	353.36	734.80	3,116.45	633.55				
#401 Pastors Cash Salary	45,500.00		11,375.06	11,374.98	11,374.98	11,374.98	45,500.00	0.00	100.0%			
#402 Auto Reimbursement	2,000.00		408.32	286.65	606.59	602.51	1,904.07	95.93	95.2%			

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	Budget	Income	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter		
#403 M & M Retirement	11,700.00		2,925.00	2,925.00	2,925.00	2,925.00	11,700.00	0.00	100.0%			
#404 Social Security Offset	4,031.00		1,007.72	1,007.76	1,007.76	1,007.72	4,030.96	0.04	100.0%			
#405 Books and Periodicals	250.00					250.00	250.00	0.00	100.0%			
#406 Convention Expense	500.00					369.00	369.00	131.00	73.8%			
#407 Pulpit Supply	600.00		150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	450.00	150.00	75.0%			
#408 Conferences/Seminars	500.00					264.00	264.00	500.00	52.8%			
#409 Qualified Small Employer Health	10,700.00		2,651.19	2,354.48	3,019.36	2,622.64	10,647.67	52.33	99.5%			
#410 OSEHRA Administration Fee	540.00		480.00				480.00	60.00	88.9%			
Total	76,321.00	0.00	18,997.29	18,098.87	19,452.69	19,046.85	75,595.70	989.30				
#501 Western Association Dues	150.00						0.00	150.00	0.0%			
#502 Hospitality Committee	1,500.00		212.00	253.23	227.80	100.00	258.68	839.71	87.2%			
#503 Mission Promotion	150.00				125.00			125.00	83.3%			
Total	1,800.00	212.00	253.23	352.80	100.00	258.68	964.71	1,047.29				
#601 Other		159,255.21	15.92	128.00	9,209.35	1,712.00	11,065.27					
#602 Mission Related		220.00	5,487.67	2,939.98	2,720.73	3,054.53	14,202.91					
Total	136,551.00	168,664.71	42,455.65	36,325.46	44,143.75	43,387.90	166,312.76					
Income			1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total					
General		40,105.60	31,764.50	29,035.17	31,702.26	132,607.53						
General (Digital)		5,420.20	5,526.30	4,603.02	5,357.99	20,907.51						
Childrens Offering		70.85	77.73	80.42	109.11	338.11						
Other		2,174.00	6,081.56	3,274.00	3,062.00	14,591.56						
Digital Mission Giving		160.00	40.00		20.00	220.00						
Total		47,930.65	43,490.09	36,992.61	40,251.36	168,664.71	168,664.71					
Account Balances			General Fund	Missions	Savings	Certificates	Memorial Fd	Total				
Balance as of January 1, 2022		11,791.52	1.00	8,551.06	43,390.59	8,448.43	72,182.60					
Debits (-)		(166,312.76)	(11,375.07)									
Credits (+)		168,664.71	11,375.07	9,019.15	252.63	2,951.31						
Balance as of December 31, 2022		14,143.47	1.00	17,570.21	43,643.22	11,399.74	86,757.64					
Certificate of Deposit #100443	3,819.40	Matures 5/31/24	30 months	0.30%								
Certificate of Deposit #24653	6,249.20	Matures 9/21/23	48 months	2.55%								
Certificate of Deposit #130443	33,574.62	Matures 10/12/23	24 months	0.25%								

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General Fund Receipts

General	\$ 132,607.53
General (Digital)	20,907.51
Childrens Offering	338.11
Tues A.M. Bible Study	153.00
Memory of Gene Park	150.00
Food for the Souls	8,137.50
Memory of Viola Mitchell (FFTS)	125.00
Garage Sale (FFTS)	562.00
Shoebox Supplies	30.00
Poinsettias	112.00
Shoebox Shipping	231.00
Dessert Auction (Shoebox)	1,548.00
Harold Shank Trust	3,443.06
Voided Check #22974	100.00
Mission Giving (Digital)	220.00
Total General Fund Receipts	\$ 168,664.71

Mission Giving

Monthly 10%	\$ 7,164.91
Missions	1,235.00
World Mission Offering	565.00
Harold Shank Trust	1,147.69
Ruth Fox	346.00
Emerson & Ivy Wu	134.00
Peter & Sarah McCurdy	1,200.00
Aaron & Valerie Osterbrock	1,200.00
Tim & Stacy Reese	742.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	690.00
Retired Ministers and Mission.	750.00
Total Mission Receipts	\$ 15,174.60

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

2023 Budget

#101 Fuel - Church	4,000.00
#102 Fuel - Parsonage	1,750.00
#103 Electricity - Church	4,500.00
#104 Electricity - Parsonage	3,750.00
#105 Telephone	700.00
#106 Internet/Electronics	1,800.00
#107 Water & Sewer	1,300.00
#108 Secretary Salary	8,685.00
#109 Custodian Salary	8,525.00
#110 Social Security	1,320.00
#111 Real Estate Taxes	2,100.00
#112 Property Insurance	10,780.00
#113 Maintenance & Repairs	6,000.00
#114 Custodian Supplies	500.00
#115 Garbage Service	300.00
Total	56,010.00
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#201 Sunday School Supplies	300.00
#202 Camp	900.00
#203 Leadership Train & Spirit. Adv	750.00
#204 American Baptist Youth	800.00
#205 Food for the Souls	4,000.00
#206 Children's Ministry	250.00
#207 Community Outreach/New Ministry	250.00
Total	7,250.00
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#301 Office Supplies	750.00
#302 Christian Periodicals	300.00
#303 Worship Service	300.00
#304 Music Supplies	200.00
#305 Postage	700.00
#306 Website/Digital	1,750.00
Total	4,000.00
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#401 Pastor Cash Salary	45,500.00
#402 Auto Reimbursement	2,000.00
#403 M&M Retirement	11,700.00
#404 Social Security Offset	4,220.00
#405 Books and Periodicals	150.00
#406 Convention Expense	500.00
#407 Pulpit Supply	900.00
#408 Conference/Seminars	250.00
#409 QSEHRA	11,050.00
#410 QSEHRA Administrator	500.00
Total	76,770.00
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#501 Western Assoc. Dues	150.00
#502 Hospitality Committee	1,500.00
#503 Mission Promotion	150.00
Total	1,800.00
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Total Budget	145,830.00