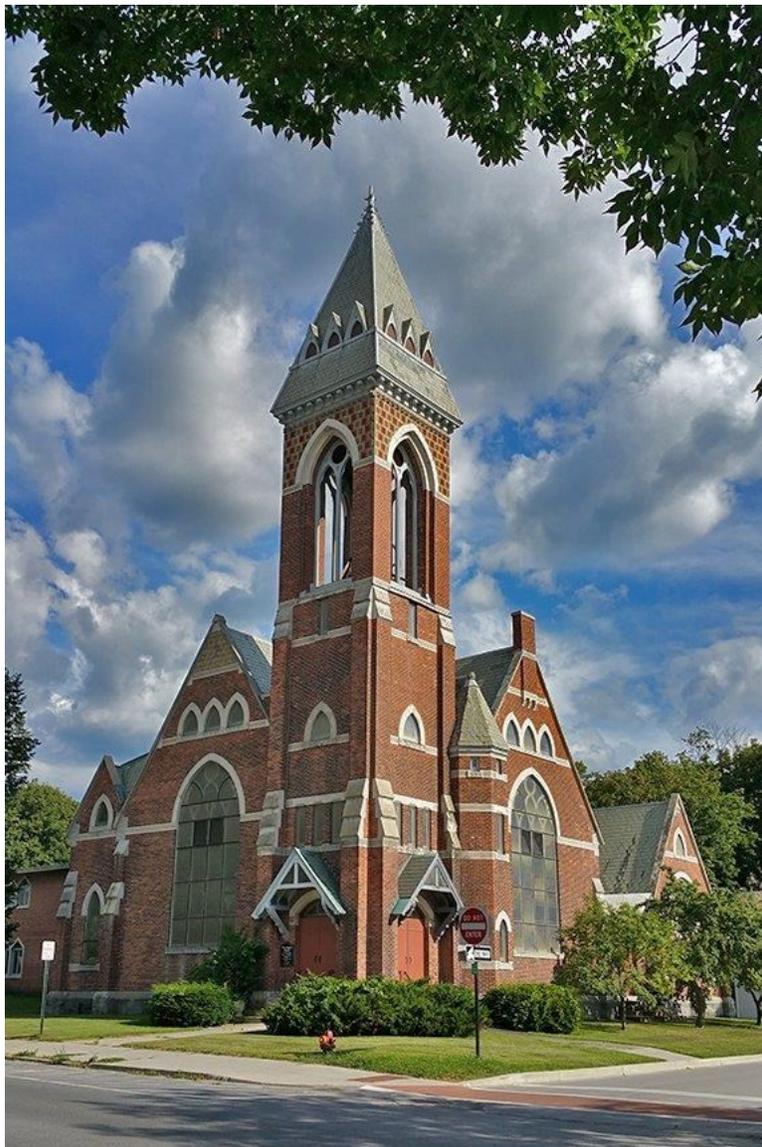


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BENNINGTON, VERMONT



ANNUAL REPORT 2016

188TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
HELD JANUARY 15, 2017

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I. REPORTS OF THE CORPORATION CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of our Heavenly Father, to associate ourselves with this church in its united effort to promote God's will on earth, we therefore solemnly enter into agreement with one another and with the Lord Jesus Christ.

That we will strive to live a new and holy life, walking together in love as disciples of Jesus who said, "This is my commandment to you, to love one another as I have loved you... by this shall all men know that you are my disciples."

That we will seek to emulate the teachings of the New Testament: laying aside falsehood and speaking the truth. We will be kind one to another that we may live as children of light, standing firm as men and women of mature character and of clear convictions as to everything which is God's will.

That we will sustain this church in its worship, teaching and missionary interests home and abroad by our regular attendance at its services; and will contribute, as God prospers us, to meet various needs of the Kingdom; knowing that this is the only way we can keep the church strong and its work progressive.

That we will aim to maintain private family devotion, create a Christian atmosphere within our homes, encourage cheerfulness, a right appreciation of prayer, and a balance of Christian life.

That we pledge ourselves to maintain individual liberty of conscience to strive with all Christ's followers in a courageous effort to bring our social relations into harmony with all society and government, to promote peace, and a better understanding among mankind.

That should we move from this community we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 188th ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA JANUARY 15, 2017, 10:45 A.M.

The First Baptist Church of Bennington, VT, will hold its 188th annual meeting on January 15, 2017, beginning at 10:45 AM in Colgate Hall for the following purposes:

A. CORPORATE BODY

1. Ratification of the actions of the Board of Trustees
2. Consideration of and action upon proposed bylaw changes

B. BUSINESS MEETING

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 17, 2016 annual meeting.
2. Presentation of the Financial Report
3. To hear and act upon the report of the Budget Committee.
4. To hear and act upon the report of the Nominating Committee.
5. To transact any other business that may properly before this meeting.

–Lisa Flynn, Church Clerk

MINUTES OF THE 187TH ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 17, 2016

The First Baptist Church held its 187th Annual meeting Sunday, January 17th 2016. The meeting was called to order by the moderator Wayne Kachmar at 10:40 AM.

Corporate Body:

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the 2015 Annual meeting. The motion was made by Bob Wilson and seconded by Betty Cross.

No By-Law changes were made.

Business Meeting:

Approval of the previous Annual Meeting Minutes were approved. The motion made by Allyn Lindsey and second by Grace Becker-Wilson.

Byron Spafford asked if there were any questions concerning the financial report. There were no questions concerning the financial report. He commented that financial giving was down about \$8000.00 compared to last year.

Ralph Rockwell asked if there were questions about the 2016 budget, there were no questions concerning the budget.

Ralph explained the difference in the budget concerning health insurance. The expense was moved from salary into the benefits for the Wieggers family, previously the interim pastor did not need health insurance and the money was given as part of his salary. The motion was passed to accept the 2016 budget. The motion was made by Betty Cross and second by Cindy Marsh.

Nominating Committee Report:

Ralph Rockwell said there could be changes made through the Cabinet if there were additional positions to be considered for boards.

Ralph Rockwell made a comment that the Trustees should be the ones to appoint the head teller and not to have the congregation vote on the position.

Aleta Boutin made a comment that there is a need for more tellers.

A motion was made by Cindy Marsh to accept the Nominating Committee Report the motion was second by Allyn Lindsey. Motion was carried to approve the Nominating committee report.

Bob Wilson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Flynn

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF 01/01/16: 254 (Resident Members 181, Non-Resident Members 73)

Welcoming New Members:

Luella Root	09/04/2016
Michelle Wieggers	09/04/2016

Membership Transitions:

Bonnie Harwood Benkoski	01/14/2016
Harriet Gaines	04/22/2016
Frank Hogel	05/05/2016
Sara LaBombard	12/09/2016
Joyce Andrews	12/11/2016

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF 12/31/16: 251 (Resident Members 178, Non-Resident Members 73)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominating Committee: Wayne Kachmar, Grace Wilson

Officers and Board Members for vote

Officers:	Lisa Flynn-Clerk		1 Year
	Wayne Kachmar-Moderator		1 Year
	Malcolm Paine-Treasurer		1 Year
	Byron Spafford-Financial Secretary		1 Year
Boards:	Allyn Lindsey	Church Life	2017-2020
	Luella Root	Church Life	2017-2020
	Randall Bates	Trustees	2017-2020
	Lisa Kramer	Trustees	2017-2020
	Judy Carpenter	Tellers	No time limit

Current Board Members:

Church Life:		
Aleta Bryant-Boutin		2016-2019
Allyn Lindsey (for vote at 2017 annual meeting)		2014-2017
Lisa Mandela		2016-2019
Sandy Harrington		2016-2019
Trustees:		
Lisa Flynn		2016-2019
Byron Spafford		2016-2019

II. REPORT OF THE PASTOR

Pastor's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers, and friends of FBC Bennington,

God is at work here in Bennington, and it has been a privilege to join him here at FBC in 2016. As we look forward to what he will do in and through us in the year ahead, the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit will enable us to follow the Lord together by faith.

There are many ways we can measure and report on what has gone on in the past year. By the numbers, we have baptized one believer, welcomed two new members, and have been joined by about 10 new regular attendees. We have faithfully worshipped God together each Sunday, looking to the Scriptures to guide us and grow our faith and love for Jesus, and the Holy Spirit has increased our faith, hope and love together. It has been very good to walk together through the Gospel of John this year, and also to blend in new music with old favorites.

We have welcomed a new pianist, as well as a new Sunday School teacher, and both are a significant blessing to our worship and work. We have hosted about 9 different Bible studies in various formats and contexts (Open-to-all, Men, Women, Youth, Children, One-to-one). Through these times we have seen our faith grow, and our experience of God's grace increase. We continue to share our space with various non-profits, including the Free Clinic, Kitchen Cupboard, Farmer's Market, Pet Clinic, support groups, and many more. It is an honor

to bless our community by sharing the good gifts that God has given us. We have given away over 100 Bibles in various formats to the many community members who pass through our doors. Let us look to God to show us further opportunities to tangibly bless our neighbors.

FBC 2016 - by (some of) the numbers

- 1 Baptism
- 2 New Members
- 8 Funerals
- 9 Bible Studies
- 9 non-profits sharing our space
- 10ish New regular attenders
- 52 Sundays of worship
- 100+ Bibles given away
- 189 years young

3:16, John: For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We have been privileged to participate in the funerals of 8 of our loved ones this year, honoring and celebrating those who have passed, and bringing God's grace and peace to ourselves, and to family, friends and community members through the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have also gathered for times of fellowship and fun, including movie nights, game nights, a talent show, a Fall hayride, and the Christmas pageant. We have hosted successful tag sales and bazaars, which have greatly contributed to the ministry of the church. Additionally, each Sunday we have consumed countless cups of coffee, eaten untold numbers of cookies and brownies, and the occasional carrot or celery stick.

Where is God leading us for 2017? Let us pray together for guidance and faith. As pastor, I always hope to prioritize "prayer, people, and proclamation" -- regular and specific prayer, time with people, and proclaiming the gospel in any way possible. I often fall short, but God's grace abounds all the more, and he delights to give his strength in our weakness. Will you pray that God will lead me, and all of us, according to his priorities? Let us pray that God will equip us all to grow in faith, and enable us to bless those in the Bennington area with the amazing grace of Jesus.

"May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

Yours,
Pastor Bob

III. REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

2016 has been a year of experimentation and new activities. We have now completed a year with our new pastor and I note we have a lot of changes that have taken place in that year. Many of the changes were positive and some were necessary in order to be fiscally responsible. It also seems that trusting in the Lord has yielded us some new opportunities and challenges. As we have always been the "go to" church for many activities downtown the last minute addition of the GBICS Kitchen Cupboard could only work if we had a new place to worship during the winter as distribution occurs Saturday evening and it would be impossible to set up for Sunday worship in Colgate Hall. So, the completion of the chapel renovation seemed to occur just in time to accommodate this ministry. The switch from our organist to a pianist allowed us to accommodate movement between venues faster and with less chance of volunteer and staff injury from heavy piano moving with the new electronic piano for the chapel.

As mentioned above, we are all learning about helping a new pastor and all the disruption it causes to the status quo. While some change is always necessary, many of the early bumps seem to be ironing themselves out now. Others (such as the right holders for Christmas candles) will take a little more effort in the planning stages. But one year into this pastorate, we are able to enjoy a young family in the parsonage and a ready group of youngsters for the children's sermon. Many new initiatives in bible study have been tried and several have helped to provide a better understanding of how the Bible speaks to us.

Also, this past year has seen a number of long time members returning home to their savior. This has always been a difficult time as those with the historical knowledge of this congregation leave us. Many of these members were strong supporters of the work of First Baptist, Bennington and their support will be missed. In the past many long time members remembered their church home in their wills and this helped to secure the endowment that sustains us now. We should all prayerfully consider this when planning our own wills.

The trustees have met regularly to provide stewardship of all of the property God has entrusted to us including the endowment, the physical plant, and long term property strategies. The physical plant is in reasonable condition, considering the age of our facilities. The cost share space is well utilized with active charities we help support. We have found that we were able to squeeze in the Kitchen Cupboard even as we are nearly full on the first floor and continue to explore options to expand space utilization. The space that the Kitchen Cupboard had been renting was foreclosed upon and the bank that took possession of the property was not interested in keeping the Cupboard in their former home. Again, First Baptist was able to accommodate this important function which helps feed many in our town. The trustees, who are in charge of personnel, continue to manage employees. They work with the church life board on Sunday school and worship support staff positions. The reduction in

heating oil prices this year has helped us in our operating costs this year.

As I mentioned briefly above, we were able to realize a long term goal of making the chapel functional as a winter worship space. The trustees appointed a task force to oversee the renovation and conversion of the chapel. This included insulation of both the roof and underfloor as well as masonry work on the buttresses outside the chapel. Also, we needed to separate the steam heat for the chapel from that of the sanctuary. The chapel entrance way needed insulation as well as the chapel itself. During renovation of this rear entranceway it was then that we realized that much of the heat went up and out in the old section of the hallway for years! This in turn has shown that insulation must be installed over the lounge and restrooms as well. (As usual another project for 2017!)

We continue to recognize that there are many challenges that come about not through anything we do, but through trying to work as a religious establishment in the secular world of 2016. Schools and others organizations in town schedule activities routinely on Sunday mornings. It is difficult for us to have active participation in services when both children and adults have to make choices between worship and their school and town activities, which are held on Sunday mornings. Much work remains to be done, therefore, stewardship in time, talent and money, which is a shared ministry of us all, needs to continue as it has been over the years.

We also must be careful to recognize the goals of our ministry going forward and not let preconceptions of what once was, hold us apart from a shared ministry with our new pastor and his family. In addition, the activities which go on in our buildings, both within the congregation and in the wider world of other charitable organizations housed here, are clear evidence that we want to share our blessings with those among and around us who are in need. We still struggle with having less free time, an aging physical plant and many aging congregants. As many of our younger members start to find time in their overcrowded schedules, we can pray that some of it will end up volunteering at First Baptist.

As we start this new year, we should be aware of how much God has answered our prayers. I encourage you all to continue to pray for the church, our pastor and family, its people and staff. Then we can all trust in God that He will supply the answers we need, as He has promised.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Kachmar, Moderator

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Local Income	2016 Goal	2016 Actual	2017 Projected
Pledges	33,036.00	42,220.65	33,036.00
Non Pledges	As given	3,416.62	As given
Loose Offerings	As given	647.00	As given
Building			
Pledges	9,144.00	9,737.00	9,144.00
Non pledges	As given	330.00	As given
Designated Gifts	As given	12,785.85	As given

The mission comparison for 2016 appears in the benevolence section of this report. Please contact me if you have questions about your giving. All records related to congregant giving are confidential and handled only by the financial secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Byron Spafford, Financial Secretary

IV. REPORTS OF THE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

REPORT OF THE ALTAR GUILD

The altar committee tried to present an attractive altar each Sunday. Special occasions, like Easter and Christmas were incorporated with donations and special mention of members of the church either in Memory or Honor. It has sometimes been a challenge as we changed areas from the Sanctuary, to Colgate Hall – then to the Chapel. Each area gave us pleasure in creating a Christian atmosphere during our services. We hope each one was found special for the services that were had in this past year.

I wish to thank Cindy Marsh, Sandy Harrington, Carol Morin, Aleta Boutin, Rhonda Harmon, and our newest member Luella Root for their help and beautiful ideas during the year. Many from the TV viewing have commented from time to time how much they appreciated the beauty.

Thank you,
Allyn Lindsey

REPORT OF AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINSTERIES

More and more we realize it's important that A.B. Women involve all the congregation, working together, to continue the events that enable us to support all areas of our mission outreach here in our local church community and our VNH region as well as USA and internationally.

This has become necessary when we call for volunteers to help with our tag sales: Many people have given time to set up tables, sort and price items, donate articles for sale, work during hours of the sales, and some who serve as the "clean-up" crews. Our gratitude and thanks!

It was from the tag sales this year that the church benefitted by a gift of \$950 to the general fund and \$700 given toward a new refrigerator for the parsonage.

Other A.B.W. programs of the region, national and overseas are supported also mostly from sales.

Thanks are also due to those who responded to the White Cross requests; meeting our desired goal of \$400, and to all who filled 36 health kits for Church World Service. I'm pleased that Aleta Bryant-Boutin has volunteered to take charge of White Cross for 2017.

We look forward to working together, as a congregation, using our time, abilities, and financial donations to touch lives of people in Christ's name.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marion Riddle, ABW Representative and Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The past year has been very busy with a variety of changes. The year began with the welcoming and installation of Robert Wieggers as our new pastor on January 24th, 2016. The installation was held in the afternoon and was followed with a potluck dinner. The installation was well attended with church and community members.

The trustee board had some changes, with chair Ralph Rockwell resigning from the board, Grace Wilson serving as chair and Lisa Flynn joining as secretary early in the year.

There were changes made in the music director's position, with Charles Olegar resigning and Rachel McDill being hired as a talented musician and pianist. The director of Christian education has also changed with Shanelly being replaced with Katie as the new Sunday school teacher.

There have been a number of new members who have joined the church this year. Luella Root and Michelle Wieggers were both welcomed as new members of the First Baptist Church.

The GBICS non-profit group The Bennington Free Clinic, has moved their partner group The Kitchen Cupboard into Colgate Hall temporarily, as they search for a permanent location.

Due to anonymous donations to revitalize the Chapel; there have been a number of improvements made. Weatherization of the Chapel has enabled the congregation to worship there in the cold weather months.

There have been repairs made to the exterior of the building as well as the roof and brickwork being repaired and there continues to be additional work needed to be done.

Financially the church is ending the year with American funds down \$979,260.32.

Wayne Kachmar is recruiting to fill an open position on the board of trustees for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Flynn

V. REPORT OF FINANCES AND ACCOUNTS

REPORT OF BENEVOLENCE

	2016 Goal	2016 Actual	2017 Projected
Pledges*	3,904.00	5,069.00	3,904.00
Non Pledges*	As given	255.00	As given
Pledges as Given			
America for Christ	250.00	120.00	250.00
Regional Support	As given	2,450.00	As given
OGHS	500.00	341.16	500.00
RMMO	500.00	419.00	500.00
Special Projects	As given	1,245.00	As given
WMO	300.00	246.00	300.00
Church Funds			
Flower Fund	As given	767.83	As given
Memorial Fund	As given	665.00	As given
Scholarship Fund	As given	730.00	As given

*Distribution of 2016 Pledges and Non-Pledges is as follows:

Andover Newton	200.13
Coalition for the Homeless	426.36
Family Time	264.53
GBICS	1,327.74
Habitat for Humanity	194.24
Missional Church Initiatives	455.66
Northeastern Bible College	64.40
UM Basic Support	2,390.94
Total:	5,324.00

REPORT OF THE DEACON'S FUND

As of December 31st, 2016 the balance in the Deacon's Fund is \$1,303.85. During the past year the Deacon's Fund has donated to the Food & Fuel Fund, Warm the Children, food platters for several funerals, underwear and socks to Bennington Elementary and Thanksgiving baskets.

Respectfully submitted,
Aleta Bryant-Boutin

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Budget Categories revised in 2017

The 2016 and 2017 budgets below reflect the income and expenses of the operational budget of the congregation with the offset from endowment funds. The Trustees serve as the Budget Committee in reviewing 2016 and the 2017 budget.

<u>Income</u>	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Checking Interest	41.69	32.45	31.68
Local Income	77,777.55	62,920.85	61,762.28
Total Income	77,819.24	62,953.30	61,793.96
<u>Expense</u>			
Administrative	3,309.48	3,660.00	3,801.00
Building R & M	43,735.80	50,372.45	45,026.83
Christian Education	1,030.80	240.00	1,200.00
Parson Salary & Benefits	46,904.49	53,522.90	53,093.68
Parsonage R & M	439.38	1,000.00	1,500.00
Sexton Property	2,505.28	2,570.00	3,093.50
Staff Payroll Taxes	2,572.07	2,713.86	2,713.86
Staff Salary	37,168.05	42,306.60	36,602.75
Staff Temp. Help	1,045.00	1,610.00	1,435.00
Worship and Service	1,883.05	1,883.21	2,043.34
Total Expenses	140,593.40	159,879.02	150,509.96
Net Ordinary Income	-62,774.16	-96,925.72	-88,716.00
From Endowment & Court Trust Dividends*	65,600.00	96,925.72	88,716.00
Net Income	<u>2,825.84</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

*In 2016 Court Trust Dividends will be directly invested to the endowment and will no longer be a budget line item

PROFIT AND LOSS OF 621 MAIN

<u>Income</u>	2015	2016
Interest	13.38	21.50
Rent	16,200.00	16,200.00
Total Income	16,213.38	16,221.50
<u>Expenses</u>		
Electric	309.33	320.55
Mortgage	6,476.52	6,476.55
Oil	2,588.00	1,434.50
Property Taxes	2,795.63	2,803.78
Repairs & Maintenance	603.00	442.66
Water and Sewer	812.18	887.67
Total Expense	13,584.66	12,365.71
Net Income	<u>2,628.72</u>	<u>3,855.79</u>

REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT

Note: In 2016 an additional \$39,000 was removed from the endowment to pay for the new annex roof.

<u>Mutual Funds</u>	12/31/15 Balance	12/31/16 Balance
Money Market #376	6,535.00	12,651.71
Capital Income Builder	223,963.19	208,907.30
Capital World Growth & Income Fund	182,152.76	167,008.56
EuroPacific Growth Fund	27,929.41	25,600.33
Growth Fund of America	44,369.53	44,952.26
Income Fund of America	213,387.94	207,720.62
Investment Company of America	209,533.07	211,244.74
New Perspective Fund	42,016.72	39,740.74
New World Fund	27,593.50	26,149.05
SMALLCAP World Fund	36,306.05	35,284.91
Mutual Funds Total:	1,013,787.17	979,260.32
<u>Money Market Funds</u>		
Money Market #831	8,123.08	8,123.08

REPORT OF THE CHURCH ACCOUNTS

All checking and savings accounts and certificates of deposit (CDs) of First Baptist are lodged at the Heritage Family Credit Union (Bennington VT branch).

<u>Church Activities Accounts</u>	12/31/15 Balance	12/31/16 Balance
Share Draft: Checking	24,960.83	15,694.41
Primary Share: Savings *	9,286.51	9,106.69
Building Fund†	17,036.65	18,789.41
VT Community Foundation Grant	1,057.01	1,061.29
Lester Nichols Dividend Account	0.38	0.38
JH HA White Dividend Account	0.07	0.07
Mary Edgerton Dividend Account	0.05	0.05
Mable Harris Dividend Account	0.22	0.22
<u>CDs</u>		
Video Fund (24 month CD)	1,947.29	1,954.04
Shoe Fund (3 month CD)	2,844.70	2,854.83
Scholarship Fund (3 month CD)	8,407.61	8,435.28
<u>621 Main Accounts</u>		
621 Savings	26.23	27.51
621 Deposit Account	1,449.49	1,455.38
621 Checking Account	5,642.94	9,289.36

*The Primary Share is a combination of funds. The breakdown is as follows: Flower Fund \$1601.82, Memorial Fund \$2,450.87, Missional Church Initiatives \$3,574.896, Shoe Fund \$251.52, Scholarship Fund: \$1040.00, Dividends \$122.43, & Heritage minimum deposit allotment \$25.00. In 2016, \$150.00 was removed from Missional Church Initiatives Fund to purchase goods for Thanksgiving Baskets.

†The Building Fund is a combination of funds. The breakdown is as follows: Chapel Improvements: \$3,528.37, Organ R&M: \$3,123.85, Parsonage R&M \$677.85, and Building R&M: \$11,459.34.

REPORT OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH'S MEMORIAL FUND

In 1976 our Board of Trustees set up a Memorial Trust Fund. As memorial contributions, either undesignated or specifically designated to this Fund, are received they are placed in a special savings account, with other investment mediums used when sums warrant. From time to time these funds are used to make special purchases that benefit the church. In 2016 \$1,899.00 from the Memorial fund was used for the purchase of the chapel piano.

Memorial Fund Balance as of 12/31/2016 : \$ 2,450.87

The following lists recalls the names those honored by friends and loved ones with a gifts to the First Baptist Church Memorial Fund.

Martha Anderson	(03/11/?)	Richard Gibbs	(08/16/1981)	Robert S. Outwater Sr.	(04/19/2001)
Julia Behan	(05/17/1985)	Paul D. Greenawalt	(10/05/1988)	Mabel Paddock	(12/07/2012)
Leslie Baker	(07/05/1993)	Peter Groenewegen	(06/10/1998)	Gladys Paddock	(07/13/2015)
Josephine B. Ballou	(11/20/1991)	Grace Hall	(01/05/2005)	Hilda R. Parker	(10/08/1984)
Jean L. Baudistel	(11/26/1989)	Lee F. Hammond	(08/22/1985)	Burt Peckham	(07/22/2015)
Bonnie Harwood Benkoski	(01/14/2016)	Harry Harmon	(07/18/1977)	Etta Percey	(12/07/1982)
Barbara G. Benner	(03/16/1981)	Richard Harmon	(01/15/2014)	Mary McGrossan Percey	(08/06/2005)
Barbara R. Bennett	(11/26/1995)	Gaylord Harrington	(04/30/2003)	Koby James Peterson	(03/20/1994)
Leonard J. Black	(01/18/1987)	Mary Harrington	(01/24/2015)	Paul Prescott	(09/20/1977)
Conrad Blodgett,	(date unknown)	Robert Harrington	(10/31/1981)	Joseph Prue	(date unknown)
Harold A. Blodgett	(06/01/1931)	Mabel L. Harris	(08/09/1991)	Edna T. Rice	(10/14/1984)
Eupha Bonham	(03/01/1996)	Eleanor Harwood	(07/08/1983)	Ethel Richmond	(04/04/1983)
Lucy Boutin	(01/14/2009)	John Gilbert Harwood Jr.	(01/20/2015)	John P. Riddle, Sr.	(08/28/2000)
Albert G. Brown	(11/29/1988)	George Hathaway, Jr.	(01/09/1977)	Lena L. Rose	(07/17/1987)
John Brown	(date unknown)	Marjorie P. Hayes	(09/18/1994)	Carl Santo	(02/17/2011)
Belle Burgess	(01/16/1984)	Elizabeth Hescocck	(04/09/1997)	Maude K. Scott	(03/14/1989)
Clyde Burgess	(04/15/1983)	Jack Hoag	(03/10/2014)	Ruth B. Shea	(10/27/1997)
Eugene C. Burt	(03/13/1985)	Frank Hogel	(05/05/2016)	Catherine "Cathy" Shepherd	(11/09/2012)
Ronald Bushee	(12/17/2005)	Richard "Dick" Hunt	(03/29/2012)	Jeffrey E. Shepard	(05/09/1989)
Sarah Chase	(01/12/1976)	Tim Hunt	(02/27/2015)	Althea Spafford	(01/03/1992)
Lois Comar	(06/12/2013)	Mildred Jepson	(12/02/2004)	Mary Spicer	(05/24/1977)
James A. Coulter	(02/16/1962)	Harold A. Kennedy	(04/21/1988)	Mabel Stewart	(08/03/1984)
Mary C. Coulter	(03/03/1991)	Howard Lackey	(10/10/2007)	Elaine Sumner	(08/31/1993)
Genevieve B. Dawson	(09/21/1996)	Sara LaBombard	(12/09/2016)	Lawrence Sumner	(01/16/1994)
Raymond W. Dickinson	(01/26/1968)	Virginia V. LaFlamme	(12/15/1995)	Robert W. Thomas	(08/30/1994)
Minnette B. Dill	(10/13/1976)	Ralph C. Lindsey	(12/19/1989)	Arthur W. Tinkham	(10/21/1974)
LeGrand Dow	(01/26/1994)	Ralph H. Lindsey	(02/05/1985)	Anna Towslee	(12/09/1989)
Jean S. Durant	(11/26/1995)	Richard "Dick" Lindsey	(03/29/2013)	Marian W. Barber Vince	(06/04/2000)
A. Sidney Edson	(10/22/1970)	Marie H. Loomis	(02/18/1984)	James Vince	(12/2005)
Ara O. Edson	(1905)	Jessie Maclay	(01/23/1974)	Everett L. Vose	(05/28/1984)
Bessie M. Edson	(1919)	Dorothy A. Marechal	(09/07/1985)	Harriette Walbridge	(01/21/1976)
Bettie W. Edson	(01/06/1947)	Maud McNaney	(04/03/1976)	Jeanne Walbridge	(09/03/1977)
Dorothy Edson Madison	(04/11/11)	Louise McSherry	(12/13/2010)	Lucinda Warner	(06/24/1975)
Frank A. Edson	(03/02/1999)	Walter McSherry	(01/25/1984)	Kay Watson	(12/02/2009)
Guy O. Edson	(1958)	Florence Mears	(01/16/1982)	Ralph Watson	(09/02/2006)
Katharine L. Edson	(10/14/1987)	Mary Jane Mattison	(date unknown)	Betty Werner	(05/22/1980)
Maud A. Edson	(04/06/1988)	Glenn Miller	(1994)	Jessie Harris Wheeler	(05/06/1979)
Edward N. Emmons	(03/21/1983)	Herbert Miller	(11/29/1990)	Alice White	(01/28/1978)
Helen W. Emmons	(05/02/1988)	Frank Millington	(11/20/1993)	Minnie C. Woods	(03/16/1985)
Mabel Fitzgerald	(12/23/1979)	Florence C. Moore	(01/04/1977)	Kathryn Young	(04/24/1984)
Mrs. Carl (Marie) Gaines	(12/28/1992)	Ada L. Morgan	(10/18/1975)		
Christopher Gaines	(04/30/2007)	Margaret Ogilvie	(08/08/1979)		
Osborne "Doc" Gaines	(12/11/2010)	Leon A. Orr	(10/05/1975)		
Alice M. Gates	(04/03/2013)	Ada Ostrander	(11/17/1979)		

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Church Life Board Report 2016

During the year we prepared and served communion the first Sunday of the month and on Maundy Thursday. For Easter we sponsored a Pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt for the children. We had a movie or game night on the first Friday of the month, Pizza and soda were provided and all were invited. On Mother's Day we gave carnations to the Mother's in church. Sunday school continued with much help from church members, as we searched for a paid teacher, which for a short time was accomplished. We still hope to someday have this in place. Children's Day was held with special events of songs, awards and Bibles given to certain ages. We took in three new members this year, Luella Root, Michelle Wieggers, and Malcolm Paine. In July we sponsored the All Church picnic, fun was had by all at Lake Paran. Bible study at Pastor Bob's was held on Thursday evenings and everyone who came gained an inspiring outlook and good food each week. Rally Day was held in September, with a hayride, great fireside time with learning experience about apple cider, and on Sunday a cupcake reception. Four Thanksgiving baskets went out this year, and thanks go to all those who helped with the supplies. Coffee hour, and other food needs were headed by this board, such as funerals, receptions and church dinners. At Christmas, we decorated the church, had refreshments for Christmas eve service, and helped with the Children's pageant. Using the newly renovated Chapel has been a blessing in many ways, but a challenge in others. We hope in the future to continue to help our church to grow, and do what ever we can to help in the life of the church. Respectfully submitted, The Church Life Board

1/14/2017