

2024 Annual Report

In Loving Memory



With reverence and love, we remember and honour the cherished souls of our church family who have passed from this life in the past year. This page serves as a space to reflect on their lives, celebrate their faith, and express gratitude for the time we shared with them. May their memories continue to inspire us as we walk together in faith. We trust that they are now resting in the eternal peace of God's presence.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

— Matthew 5:4



Reta Meloche October 1, 1948 - April 4, 2024



Lidia TrompAugust 22, 1937
- June 22, 2024



Pam Smith
October 16, 1935
- December 14, 2024

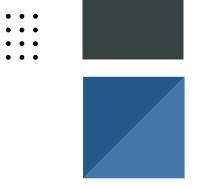
Special mention to past members who also passed in 2024

Ruth Church
Alice Ross
Jean Willis
Charles Kennedy

Special mention to past members and adherents who also passed in 2023

Doug Franklin Robin Mathews

Leadership Appointees



Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors oversee the property and business of the church and are responsible for ensuring that FBC operates according to the polices we have established. They oversee things like: finances, maintenance of facilities and property, policy development, legal issues and contracts.

T = Term R = Years of service remaining (incl. the 2024 year)

2024 Board of Directors

| Chair | Gary Hunt | T1 R3 |
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| Vice Chair | Elaine Csire | T1 R3 |
| Treasurer | Denise Light | T1 R3 |
| Secretary | Sharon Hetherington | T1 R3 |
| Directors at Large | Leanne Coyle | T1 R0 |

2025 Nominees

Directors at Large Jackie Hughes T1 R1

Board of Deacons

Our deacons are responsible for overseeing the various ministries of our church and advancing FBC's mission of Gathering, Growing and Going. Along with the Pastoral Team, our Deacons oversee the spiritual life of our congregation and the development of things like: worship services, mission initiatives, congregational care, teaching/discipleship, baptism, and communion, as well as overseeing memberships.

Terms are 3 years each with the opportunity to serve a total of 6 consecutive years (two terms).

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2024 Board of Deacons

| Care Team | Marlene Buck | T2 R2 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|
| Children's Education / Secretary | Carol Hodgson | T1 R2 |
| Prayer | Jan Ebert | T1 R3 |
| Fellowship | Sherrin Guyard | T1 R0 |
| Missions & Evangelism | Vacant | |
| Worship | Judy Kingsbury | T1 R2 |
| Discipleship | Richard Lucas | T1 R3 |
| Discipleship | Jan Siemens | T1 R2 |

2025 Nominees

| Fellowship | Sherrin Guyard | T2 R3 |
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| Missions & Evangelism | Deb Young | T1 R3 |

Board Reports



Board of Directors

The board was presented with numerous challenges.

Bossy and Nagy who have filed our year end financial for many years are no longer doing charitable reports. The board investigated new firms for doing our year end financial. We engaged the services of D. A. Sparkes Accounting, Beachville, saving us approximately one half of the cost of our previous firm.

Our building use forms were updated bringing FBC into compliance with the CRA rules and with our insurance company. In April, the board decided to payout all building debentures. Praise God for all who contributed to the building fund. **We are debt free!**

The board was handed from the previous deacon and director boards an update of bylaw 5 to bring us up to today's realities.

We continue to work on the revision of this bylaw with input from the congregation, deacons and guidance from James Morgan, our solicitor.

We are blessed to have Denise Light as our treasurer, who comes with lots of accounting experience. We value the jobs that Wendy Dube, bookkeeper, Sal Lansdell, Vikki Wilson and other financial helpers to keep our finances in good order. Special help from Director Elaine Csire as our office liaison supervisor continues, and is appreciated.

Please pray that God will send us new board members, as we are four, for 2025, all of whom, whose terms expire at the end of 2026. We need people to come on the board this year as it takes new members a year to understand how the board works.

Thank you for your continued financial support to the growth of God's kingdom in Tillsonburg and worldwide.

Gary Hunt

Chairperson

Team Reports



Adult Fellowship

Our group was mostly inactive except for joining the Seniors' lunch Christmas program. We had planned a colour tour in Oct but due to activities at the church we cancelled. Hopefully, we will be able to schedule events for 2025 to get together for fun and fellowship for adults and families.

Gary Hunt & Andrea Harley

Benevolent Fund

This fund exists so that F.B.C. can assist persons in the community who need help. Carol Hodgson or Jackie Hughes interviews each person and asks them to fill out an application, or if unable to get to the church, the initial interview is held over the phone by Vikki Wilson. Following the interview, it is decided whether FBC can assist with rent, utilities, gas card, etc. In 2023 we assisted 33 individuals and their families.

in 2025 we assisted 55 individuals and their families.

| Balance on hand January 1, 2024 | \$ 2,620.03 (incl. \$40 profit share) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Donations/deposits | \$ 14,125.00 |
| Interest | \$ 5.01 |
| | \$ 16,750.04 |
| Disbursements | |
| Benevolent Payments | \$ 13,705.01 |
| Cheque purchase | \$ 61.45 |
| | \$ 13,766.46 |
| Balance on hand, December 31, 2024 | \$ 2.983.58 (incl. \$40 profit share) |

Submitted by Jackie Hughes, Benevolent Fund Treasurer

Oneida Baptist Camp Inc.

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1950 -2024, celebrating 75 years Leading People to Jesus!

Oneida is part of FBC Tillsonburg and sister CBOQ Churches in Oxford-Brant, Norfolk, Niagara- Hamilton Associations. www.camponeida.com

Plans to celebrate 75 years of ministry, 'building lives by the ROCK, JESUS THE CHRIST' were planned this year for 2025. All former people involved in Oneida's ministry or as a camper are being invited to attend the celebrations, as well as new comers.

Camps this year were well attended. We are beginning to see a return of campers from the Covid years. The personnel committee has had to rebuild our leader base as many leaders have moved on to higher education and summer jobs. It is going to take time to do this. Also, we do need adults to step up as leaders coming to camp with their children and grandchildren, especially males, as part of our leader rebuild.

This year the federal government saw fit not to grant our student grant requests for permanent summer staff. As a result we find ourselves short \$30,000.00. We are working with the Haldimand MP to see if we can figure out why we didn't get 2024 grants, and to be able to receive grants for 2025, hopefully.

We have kept registration rates low for 2 years as a donor picked up normal increases for 2023 and 2024 helping us to attract campers at a lower rate. Although we have adjusted the 2025 registration by \$50.00 per week , we cannot recover the moneys lost from student grants for permanent staff . We will finish 2024 in the black , using reserves. However, we will need many donations to continue in 2025.

Thank you to First Baptist Tillsonburg for prayers, campers and financial support. Also, thanks to individuals who faithfully support us year after year.

The camp committee has been looking at options to enlarge cabins as the government a few years ago mandated 2 leaders per cabin. Presently, we have 8 bunks, with 2 leaders to 6 campers. Enlarging cabins with 14 bunks, our ratio could be 2 leaders to 12 campers. However, we have paused plans indefinitely due to finances.

Oneida Baptist Camp Inc.

We thank our maintenance volunteers, most Wednesdays, who help to maintain the camp. However some are in their 80's. The job list is larger than the crew can handle. A few people who could come the odd Wednesday or another prearranged day would be an encouragement and help reduce the job list. The crew has taken down a number of aging trees saving the camp thousands of dollars.

A new tree planting effort has started. Memorial trees welcomed.

Camp purchased 7 new windows for the lodge. We are asking for donations to help pay for them. Our Wednesday crew has started to install these windows. With the cost of the windows and materials to frame in the windows, we believe the cost will be over \$5000.00. In addition we have fourteen, 75 yr old wooden windows from the lodge that are offered for a donation to the window fund .These windows could be replaced with mirrors, pictures, or painted scenes, etc. for your wall.

Watch for announcements to attend for 75th celebrations and ways you can help Oneida to do ministry for the next 75 years.

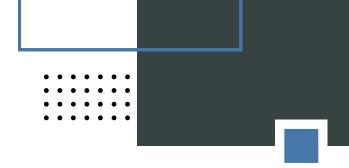
Gary Hunt











Care Team

Ten people meet once a month at the Church building. We have an intentional time of prayer. The theme for this year is, "The Names of God". Several cards have been sent out, (get well, encouragement, we miss you, etc.) by persons on the team and also many that were beautifully made by Joyce Ecker. We have contacted people by phone or made home visits. These are encouraging to them and to us on the team.

Our Church family Christmas dinner was a great success. The Senior's Luncheons that Kathy Troyer oversees, have been well attended. 24-28 Poinsettias were delivered by the team members.

We finished our study from, "Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart" book, written by Kenneth C. Haugh. Reading that book was very beneficial, and we would recommend it. For the next several months, we will be reading and discussing the book, "The Gift of Empathy", by the same author. We are reading these books in order to be sensitive to the way we relate to people, especially hurting people.

Members of your Care Team are:

Doug and Sherrill Babbey, Janice Edmond, Joyce Ecker, Kathy Troyer, Sandy Burggraeve, Marlene Buck (Chairperson), Maria Day, Jim and Yvonne Hill.

Serving because of Jesus and for the benefit of our Church family and community.

Marlene Buck, Deacon and Chairperson of the Care Team

Children's Education

[Jesus said] " Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God" Mark 10:14

The team oversees the activities of Sunday School, the Nursery and the Youth Programs. We were happy to add two new members to our team this year. We miss having a youth leader to help us with organization monthly and weekly.

The team helps children and youth to learn about Jesus and aims to encourage them to accept Him as their personal Saviour. We recognize that the home is the place where the child's faith begins to grow and mature with the support of the faith community of First Baptist Church.

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Children's Education

Nursery & Sunday School

The attendance continues to go up and down each Sunday. But our volunteers are faithful to have challenging lessons ready for each week. In Sunday School, we continue to use the "Biggest Story Curriculum" with special lessons for occasions such as Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and Christmas. Primarily, these lessons have been from the Old Testament but we plan to have New Testament lessons in 2025. The videos for the curriculum are being developed as the year progresses. In the nursery, we use lessons from a special children's Bible with the flannel graph figures and flannel board to reinforce the story.



The Youth meet with Bev Pype & Deb Young as two Groups: ARK - Grades 7-12 and Kids Rock Grades 3-6 on Monday Evenings. There is still a need for more volunteers to help. The Kids' Rock group love to prepare songs for Easter and Christmas with the assistance of Kathie Troyer, Derek and Eva Sibbick. In the summer, the Grow Hope gardens produced delicious vegetables for the congregation to purchase by donation. A beehive was added as Bev Pype is a qualified beekeeper. The funds raised from Grow Hope gardens are given to Campfire Circle, the special camp for children with cancer. These groups enjoyed bowling, a corn maze and a trip to see the Christmas lights in Jarvis.

This year at Christmas, the children presented a short reading with letters to spell "Merry Christmas" . The Kids Rock choir sang 4 songs. The nursery, Sunday School and Kids Rock chose gifts to be given to Hopeful Gifts for Change to Canadian Baptist Ministries.

Other C.E. Activities

A seminar was held in the fall to review the "Abuse Prevention Plan" with Tanya Yuen from CBOQ.

The C.E. team participated in the Kids Bible Camp in July. Several volunteers from our church helped make this happen at North Broadway Baptist Church. All the churches came together for the final Sunday at Memorial park band shell.

Christian Education Team - Carol Hodgson, Deacon











Christian Library

Joyce and I are always delighted to see our readers, and help you however we can to find satisfying books to read. Please ask for assistance finding all the books in a series. Our filing system (one row behind the other) can be a problem. Your presence Sunday morning gives us pleasure.

During the year we purchased 45 books, 29 books were donated. Actually, five boxes of books were donated, and we chose the 29 to add to our Library. Most of these authors are new to us. We have been busy reading the books to ascertain if each book is suitable for our Library. I think, as usual, some are better than others, but there are gems.

We also purchased some supplies, and a new computer which, hopefully will speed up tasks. Of course, we also had to pay the yearly fee for the computer program.

We are already working on a Wish List for 2025. Please pray that we will choose wisely for books you will enjoy. We thank you in anticipation of your prayer assistance.

Margaret Dawson Librarian

Fellowship Team

The year has gone by it seems in a flash. Our fellowships have been a great time for sharing + caring for times of conversation and getting together as Christians in a family, serving our Lord. Where we are He is also. What we've noticed is that our gatherings seem to be becoming more popular in attendance.

Food always has a way of bringing people together.

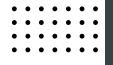
Sincerely,

Sherrin Guyard









Hands in Missions

On behalf of Hands in Missions (HIM) we want to thank you for your continued support. We have received

and distributed many articles to those with needs. Some of our past receivers are no longer available but God has sent us others that need our help. Bless you. If you would like to join us, welcome. Many hands make lighter work.

The scripture we have adopted for the past years is:

"May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands, yes establish the work of our hands."

— Psalm 90:17

Grace Scott

Samaritan's Purse

Vests = 42

Tillsonburg Salvation Army (donations for 3 families)

Quilts = 1 baby, 2 youth, 1 queen, 4 adult

Hats + mitten sets = 3

Hates = 2

Slippers = 3 pairs

Grand Erie: Occasional Teachers

Hats = 50

Out of the Cold: St. Catherines

Hats = 30

Hamilton Police

Large hats = 30

Nursing Home

Shawls = 3

Tillsonburg Food Bank

Dish cloths = 234

Power of Hope: Woodstock

Crib quilts = 21

Hats = mitten sets = 22

Baby socks = 10

Baby blankets = 5

Bibs = 4

Burp pads = 4

Play blanket = 1

Stuffed animals for tots = 28

Baby sweaters + hats = 6

Baby hats = 50

Dish cloths = 80

Slippers = 19

Izzy dolls = 20

Zihua Ministries: Mexico

Sweaters (assorted sizes) = 5

Crib quilts = 5

Adult quilt = 1

Baby socks = 6 pairs

Baby sweaters = 6

Izzy dolls = 36



Africa

Small afghans = 30

Baby sweaters = 20

Baby hats = 9

Crib quilts = 12

Vests = 6

Shawls = 2

Hats = 100

London Hospital: Baby Nursery

Hats + mitten sets for premies = 79

Baby hats = 629

Armstrong Rural Life Missions

Sweaters (assorted sizes) = 6

Hats = 80

Dish cloths = 40

Crib quilts = 6

Office supplies

Brantford Friendship House

Scarves = 3

Afghan (large) = 1

Crib quilt = 50

Gift bags = 327

Hats = 250

Slippers = 41

Shawls = 4

Also provided: clothing, bedding, household

goods, toys, books, school supplies

Canadian Food for Children: Chatham Mother Tereasa

Milk bag mats = 9

Receiving blanket = 7

Burp bib = 2

Baby afghans = 39

Flannel blanket = 7

Baby sweaters = 41

Baby sweaters + hats = 12

Crib quilts = 105

Girl dresses = 17

Afghans (assorted sizes) =

Large quilts = 14

Izzy dolls = 175

Vests = 15

Sweater (assorted sizes) = 25

Boys pants = 6

Dish cloths = 24

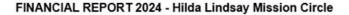
Boxes of tools





Hilda Lindsay Mission Circle (HLMC)

The Hilda Lindsay Mission Circle meets once a month on Wednesdays at 1:30. We have shown ourselves to be Women with a Passion for Missions. supporting the Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec and also local organizations. We were pleased to host the April Spring Rally, meeting and luncheon for the ladies of the Oxford-Brant Association. In May we enjoyed hearing from Mary McElhone, a missionary who spent many years in Indonesia. We couldn't break for the summer in June until we had celebrated the birthday of one of our long-time members by inviting her nephew to join us for a fun time of 'roasting' her and dessert. September saw us with our own guest speaker from FBC, Barb Sherman, relating to us her trials over the years with Guillaume Barre. Again in October, we were pleased to host missionaries Kathleen & Bruno Soucy from Guatemala hearing of their leadership and God's work in that region. In November we listened to the Tillsonburg coordinator of the Helping Hand Food Bank explain her work in their new location and the donations accepted and appreciated by them. Joining with the Seniors group we finished our year enjoying a Christmas dinner in December. A special welcome to all who would like to join us in 2025, our first meeting is February 5th.



| Balance January 1, 2024 | \$37.54 | | |
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| Receipts | | Disbursements | |
| Donations BWOQ | \$1,884.00 | BWOQ | \$1,884.00 |
| Memorial donation Lidia Tromp | \$50.00 | BWOQ Memorial Lidia Tromp | \$50.00 |
| General Offering | \$292.00 | | |
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| | | Speakers | |
| | | Mary McElhone - Indonesia | \$25.00 |
| | | Barb Sherman - Guillaume Barre | \$25.00 |
| | | Kathleen & Bruno Soucy - Guatemala | \$25.00 |
| | | Helping Hand Food Bank - Donation | \$25.00 |
| | | Postage | \$23.78 |
| | | Oxford Brant luncheon | \$25.00 |
| | | Birthday | \$61.95 |
| | | Bank service charges | \$30.00 |
| | | balance December 31-2024 | \$88.81 |

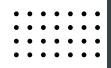








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Maintenance Team

The team has continued to arrange for upgrades to the Church Building:

- Blinds were installed in Church offices
- Sound Baffles were installed in the lobby
- Maintenance contracts for lawn cutting, fertilizing, snow removal and salting for sidewalks were negotiated and signed.
- Monthly checks of Emergency Lighting and Fire Extinguisher Equipment is handled by Gary Day to make certain everything is in good working condition.
- The underground piping of our well was repaired/replaced to help keep the lawn and gardens adequately watered.
- A defibrillator has been installed in the lobby and training will be arranged and scheduled by the Board of Directors in the yearly new year.
- Thank you to the Horticultural Team for maintaining the various gardens around the church building.
- Thanks to Connie and the Decorating Team for keeping the Church beautifully decorated for the various seasons and events.
- There is a Sunday Morning Luck Up Schedule on the bulletin board. If you can commit to locking up the church doors after Sunday Services for 1 month during the year we would be most appreciative. Many hands make light work. Training provided.
- Sunday morning coffee is available before the service begins from 9 am 10 am each Sunday except for Fellowship Sundays held on the third Sunday of every month.

Respectfully submitted by

Maintenance Team



Missions & Evangelism

'l John 3:18

Dear Children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. (NLT)

Our M&E Team Thank you all for your continued and generous support.

Jan. and Feb. you supported the Upper Deck, with 1 month mission giving going to Rayburn and the other month going to Dave. As many of you receive letters from both, I will not expand on the Upper Deck information.

March and April Mission Giving went to Camp Oneida. A Canadian Baptist Mission. They had a great year teaching children about the love of Jesus and look forward to opening more camp weeks in 2025.

May Mission Giving went to Fresh Start - \$3,144.00 plus donating to the Baby Bottles Drive. Thank you for your support. It was amazing. This fall Jackie Hughes and I visited Fresh Start as they have started building their new home called House of Homes. They had a fun open house to show off the foundation had been poured, instead of a groundbreaking ceremony. Their House of Homes will contain 12 apartments, a large communal space and some offices.

June Mission Helping Hand Food Bank - \$3212.00 Food Security is something we all need to be concerned about. The world is changing and so are sources of many foods. Thank you for your generous support.

July Mission Canadian Baptist of Ontario and Quebec - Help in many ways to support Churches, and their operations. Grants, Loans, Mortgages, Pensions, workshops, courses etc.

August Mission - Canadian Baptist Ministries - An arm of Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, are Field Workers (Missionaries) who go on site during natural disasters, to war torn countries, and help families survive and thrive in countries where there is so litle or no help for vulnerable people. Widows, Single Moms, children, elderly, prisoners, & their families.

September Giving - Farm Town. - Courage of Freedom (Child Trafficking) Thank you for investing in the precious lives of young girls. Exploitation is not respecter of socio-economic status. Some girls come from dysfunctional families, some from poor families, some from welltodo families, some from families like yours. A few comments from girls who we have served, thanks to you, "I am safe with Kelly" / "The horses love me unconditionally; I am not judged for my past' / "I am learning how to care for myself and "she believes in me."





Missions & Evangelism

October Giving - Compassion - Your gift will change the story of mothers and their babies in Bolivia. Mothers receive care during the critical prenatal months and the first year of their babies life. Mothers are taught income generating skills, access to much needed health care, This program helps the entire families find a new life of hope offered only in the gospel of Jesus Christ"

November Giving - Galcom - Spreads the Gospel through Radio - With your help 82,188 radios/audio Bibles were shipped to 58 different countries. Wow. 50 Stations airing the Mission Compass radio show around the world. 498 YouTube Subscribers produced 365 You Tube Videos, and 111 Podcast Videos Amazing. Just think about how many people heard the Gospel that have never heard it before.

December Giving - First 2 weeks of giving to Bless 2 families in the community. They were most appreciative. Thank you for Caring.

December Giving - Last few weeks of Mission Giving went to Zihua Ministries, David & Marguerite Jackson. Zihua Ministries in Mexico is where Pastor Alan and Jeannette will be for the month of February. Thank you

Total Yearly Mission Giving Drum Roll Please.....\$40,323.00

PLUS

FBC supplied 384 packages of cookies to the Salvation Army for their Christmas Hampers This summer the M&E Team hosted a BBQ, to thank you for the Blessings you have given to so many.

Next year be on the lookout for some exciting plans to reach out into our community. Lunch Bunch - is still a strong need and a huge help to families in our community with 32 lunches being made and delivered each day. Thank you to this team for their loyalty and willingness to help and to our Church Congregation for supporting this needy mission. The Pens that are in the pews were replenished and some new materials for the Gift Bags. In 2025 we will be making some new Gift Bags with some new information and gifts.

God Bless

Humbly Submitted by Deb Young and the Mission & Evangelism Team
Deb & Rick Young, Karen Lucas, Marian Smith, Gary Hunt, Sherill Babbey



Pastoral Search Commitee

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you" declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give your hope and a future.

God does have a plan for us.

This past year has been busy with the Pastoral Search Committee meeting regularly, interviewing, changing and updating our Job Description.

Over the course of 2024 we received Applications and interviewed Pastors we thought met the criteria we have asked for in the Job Description.

God has not provided us with the person He has chosen for us. We continue to pray and wait patiently.

In the meantime, as you all know Pastor Alan has agreed to be our Intentional Interim Pastor until the end of 2025.

The Pastoral Search Committee is continuing to receive applications for the next 6 weeks at which time we will read, pray over and hopefully discern God's will for FBC.

Please continue to pray that the person God has chosen will be nudged and will make application to FBC and that the Committee will see this is who God has chosen for us.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastoral Search Committee

Deb Young, Chair Gary Hunt, Vice Chair Jan Ebert Carol Hodgson Yvonne Hill Ronda Keller Marlene Buck





Prayer Team

This has been a fresh, new season in serving the Lord, as a deacon of FBC. Prayer team faithfully gather each Wednesday morning and have graciously welcomed me.

God is our leader, our power and strength in Him and through Him, we receive our prayer and direction.

Prayer time, is a deep Christ centered fellowship of prayer warriors, honoring God in worship. God is calling many to come to Him. We pray for the free gift of salvation for all who hear His call.

Prayers are given for individuals in need, our church family (here and around the world), our community as it grows, and our country and world concerns.

Thank you Marlene, for the Prayer Chain, which keeps us in touch with the needs of others. Prayers for strength, peace and God's healing.

Thank you to each one, who have responded to the call to serve in Congregational prayer. Each week bringing praise and honor to God and growing His kingdom. Thank you Jim Hill, Ken Donais and Carolyn Riddler for joining the call.

A time of prayer was taken through the FBC building, blessing each room. Also, Pastor Alan, Yvonne Hill and myself walked through the community in prayer for the new comers and their families.

We are all on a journey. God loves you, Jesus died for you, and the Holy Spirit will guide you.

May God grant you through Jesus, strength, peace, and wisdom, to bless and guide you through the coming year.

Jan Ebert

Team: Joanne Young, Kathie Troyer, Marlene Buck, Yvonne Hill, Jan Edmund, Lois Howe, Jan Siemens, Maria Day, Sal Lansdell, Jan Ebert (visitors welcome)





Worship Team

"I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You: You who fear the Lord, praise Him!" Psalm 22:22-23

It is our privilege to lead our congregation in praise to our great God through song each week. Even though most of us have suffered health issues throughout this past year, we have seen the sustaining grace of God at work amongst us, giving us strength when needed. It has been wonderful to see how we have come together as a team, everyone very willingly stepping in where needed, and we have grown close to one another.

In June we had an amazing time together in praise, prayer (and dessert!). We were blessed to pray for one another and our congregation and felt God's presence as we sang His praises. During our weekly practices we also spend time in prayer, and have been working through a devotional on worship. We are hoping to add new members soon.





Financial Report

Greetings:

Many thanks to Vikki Wilson, the deposit tellers, Sal Lansdell and WD Accounting for actively doing their part to ensure the month end financial statements are completed on a regular basis.

Thanks so much for your generosity in giving so faithfully to further God's Kingdom in our community and abroad.

In April 2024, the outstanding amounts remaining on the new building debentures were paid in full.

Praise be to God as this was paid 1 ½ years in advance of our plan!

With amounts included in the budget for a new Lead Pastor, the bottom line financial results continued the positive trend to budget.

We anticipate reinvesting the \$50,000 GIC at the Kindred Bank which matures on January 18, 2025.

We look forward to receiving the year end December 31st, 2024 results from our new accountants D.A. Sparkes. The statements will be made available when ready as much work is still to be done.

May we continue to always give God the glory in all we do 😊

In His Service, Denise Light

Membership Report

For a comprehensive list of the ACTIVE, NON-ACTIVE and NON-RESIDENT First Baptist Church Membership, please contact the Deacons Board. If you are an adherent of FBC and would like to become a member, please contact our Deacons Board. Our upcoming 2024 Church Directory will include all current active members and adherents at FBC. Please visit the office if you would like to be included in our directory and have not yet spoken to Vikki or Jackie.

FBC Membership as of December 31, 2024

| Active Members | 94 | Those who have been formally received into FBC membership and are actively involved in our ministry |
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| Adherents | 48 | An estimate of those who are actively involved with our ministry and are not members |
| Non-Active Members Non- Resident Members | 133 106 | Those who have been formally received into FBC membership but have either moved, or are no longer involved in our ministry |
| Members Received | 2 | |
| Members Transferred | 1 | |
| Baptisms in 2024 | 0 | |

Active Members in 2024

Pauline Amey
Trevor Armstrong
Doug Babbey
Sherrill Babbey
Linda Bell

Norma Bilger Deb Bouck

Marlene Buck

Sandy Burggraeve

Joan Cain
Susan Charby
Isabelle Chilcott
Irene Clarkson
Wanda Clarysse
Joyce Cottrell
Darlene Covey

Lawrence Covey
Bill Coyle
Leanne Coyle
Elaine Csire
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