

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

First Baptist Brandon | 216 N. Parsons Ave, Brandon, FL 33510 | Pastor Tim Keith

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## 2017 MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

### Senior Pastor *Tim Keith*

It was truly a blessed first year of ministry at FBC. Thank you, church family, for welcoming me and my family so kindly to Brandon, FL. We are excited about the great days ahead! In 2017, we began our #ChangeBrandon initiative. We will be talking much more about this over the weeks and months and years ahead. As a part of our “changes” in 2017, we welcomed new service times for both our choir-led and band-led services, and we began a brand new children’s worship experience. Also, FBC responded faithfully when given the opportunity to purchase the property on Oak Avenue in close proximity to our campus. This property was bought and paid for in less than 5 months!

The year 2017 also saw us continue the process of growing our pastoral team. We are blessed with the additions of James Blewett as Student Pastor and, recently, Jason Waters as Discipleship Pastor. I love our team, and I love this church family. And, I’m so excited to see what God has in store for us all in this new year ahead! To God be the Glory!

### Music Ministry *David Shenning*

The week of June 12, the Student Choir conducted a mission trip/choir tour to Melbourne, FL where they worked with a local church to share Christ with the community. During VBS at FBC Brandon, the choir continued that mission trip with our home church. The choir learned music, choreography, and performed with a live band of our own students. Additionally, the choir participated in the Living Christmas Tree.

Student Worship and Kid’s Worship bands began a more intentional process of recruiting, rehearsal, and development.

First Voice Choir and Orchestra presented the 5th Annual Living Christmas Tree to over 3,000 attendees. Choir members, actors, instrumentalists, directors, hospitality, and AV personnel numbered over 350 persons.

Band-led Worship teams began a rotation of leadership to allow further development and growth of musicians and to give members the rest opportunities to worship with family from the congregation.

A music reading class was presented on a series of Wednesday evenings as a part of the discipleship curriculum.

The Fall of 2017 saw the much anticipated “service swap.” The choir/orchestra service was moved to 9 AM and the band-led service to 10:30 AM.

### Adult Ministry *David Durham*

2017 was an exciting year of ministry with the adults of First Baptist Brandon. Life Groups met on Sundays to study God’s Word and apply its truth. They ministered to each other and to folks in our community. These Life Groups also supported multiple national and international mission projects with their gifts and prayers.

The SilverTones, our choir for senior adults, also enjoyed a great year of music and ministry. In addition to their Tuesday morning rehearsals this choir sang once a month, and more, in area assisted living centers. Our annual “Bring a Friend” emphasis brought 87 singers to our fall retreat. We finished the year by sharing the gospel at Christmas at five different senior adult facilities over a three-week period. Friday Fellowships were still one of the main emphases of our ministry, providing opportunities for fellowship and outreach. Each Friday Fellowship created an inviting environment for our seniors with special guests, enjoyable dinners, and friendly fellowship. Friday Fellowships continue to be a great way to introduce new friends to First Baptist Brandon.

Day trips and extended trips allowed us to enjoy new places while traveling together. In September, we enjoyed a trip to The Ark and The Creation Museum in northern Kentucky. Many shared in mission trips to Cuba and Peru. Adults also share in ministry to those who are homebound, hospitalized, and to those who have lost loved ones. Our adults can be found in every area and every age group of our church life- teaching, serving, caring, leading, and helping. They serve as greeters, ushers, deacons, Life Group teachers, nursery workers, choir members, orchestra members, kitchen and Dining Hall workers, and committee members. The adults of First Baptist Brandon are growing in Christ and serving Him through our church family.

## **Children & Preschool Ministries *Paul Pucciarelli and Kristal Medlin***

It has been another wonderful year in the Children and Preschool Ministry. The focus of this ministry at First Baptist Brandon is an emphasis on sharing the love of Christ through our Kidz Worship, Life Groups, Choir, TeamKid Club, Vacation Bible School outreach, Children's New Members class, and the Special Needs ministry.

Listed below are a few highlights of the blessings we have experienced during 2017:

**Kidz Worship** - What a thrill it has been to begin this special worship time for kindergarten-fifth grade children on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. This worship is also blessed by having sixth-twelfth grade students serve in areas of greeting, music, media, and small group teaching.

**Vacation Bible School** - First Baptist Brandon's VBS continues to be one of the largest schools in the state of Florida. Forty children accepted Christ or rededicated their lives to Jesus this year as a result of VBS. As always, our children enjoyed an exciting week of Bible study, recreation, crafts, music, worship, and drama.

**Bible Presentations** - During the month of September each of our first grade children were invited to a special presentation ceremony where a devotion was given and each child received his/her own Bible as a gift from First Baptist Brandon. In August, the graduating fifth graders received a Youth Bible to welcome them into the Middle School ministry.

**Fall Festival** - This is a yearly highlight for our church and community children. This past year a near record crowd enjoyed a variety of games, food, music, and just plain fun in a safe and secure environment.

**Special Needs** - Adults, youth, and children with special needs take part in a vibrant Life Group meeting every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Events for this ministry include bowling, picnics, movie dates, an annual Christmas party, and Memorial Day program.

**TeamKid Club** - On Wednesday evenings, the Children and Preschool ministries enjoy music, missions, Bible memory verses, centers, Biblical lessons, and recreation in the MAC (grades 1-5).

## **Student Ministry *James Blewett***

2017 was a year of transition for the Student Ministry at First Baptist Church Brandon. In March of 2017, I began my ministry as the student pastor. The transition went well and the student ministry is looking forward to an exciting 2018.

**Service and Missions:** In August our students participated in a stay-home mission trip called Servolution. They helped local ministry partners and assisted in finishing the renovations of our Life Group student area.

The student ministry also had several volunteers assisting in our FBC VBS and went on the road to lead a VBS at a sister church in South Florida.

Our students have been the prominent volunteers in our newly formed children's church. Every week between 15 and 30 students are leading music, tech, drama, and small groups during our 10:30 children's church service.

Also, our students played a huge role in making Gift of Hope a success this year. They did a lot of the manual labor needed behind the scenes to allow this ministry to take place.

**Super Summer Camp:** In July, our students went to Super Summer camp. It was my first camp with them and a lot of relationships were formed.

**Wednesday night Youth Group:** Our Wednesday night service continues to be the front door to the church for our student ministry. The free time we offer from 5:30-6:30 in the MAC is a great place for first time guests to feel comfortable and for relationships to be made. We make every effort to keep our service from 6:30-8 fun, relevant, memorable, and yet a place where the truth of God's Word and the Gospel is consistently spoken. We average over 100 students a week on Wednesdays with our highest attendance being 135.

## **Discipleship & Spiritual Growth *Jason Waters***

In my first few weeks at First Baptist Brandon I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of the people within our family of faith who make it so strong! As my family and I become acclimated, I keep saying, "this church is a hidden gem!" I look forward to spending 2018 polishing this gem so that what is most beautiful about it becomes obvious to all- that is, the church's love for God and love for one another. That is the key to a great church! Our goal will be to put this "hidden gem" on display for our community. What we have and do best is what the community around us is hungry for. They are created to know God and be part of a community of faith centered around the good news of the Gospel!

## **Ministry & Activities Center *Kevin Ohme***

2017 was another great year for the MAC Ministry. Our Upward Basketball for children in K5 through 8th grade had 327 children and students involved and over 70 volunteers. Approximately 15 participants made a profession of faith or desired to know more about a relationship with Christ. The group exercise programs continue to grow as we now have more than 30 different classes meeting. In these classes more than exercising is taking place as each class starts or ends with prayer and devotion. We had a change in our staff as Rebecca Piatt left and Rachael Dolby has taken over her position as Fitness Coordinator. Rachael is doing a fantastic job for us. Tae Kwon Do, men's basketball, open volleyball, pickleball, and racquetball continue to thrive in the MAC.

The student ministry continues to meet every Wednesday night and have worship and game time. The children's ministry has a time of fun and games on Wednesday nights in the MAC to cap off their night of choir and Bible learning time. As the Academy grows, the MAC sees more children during the week using the courts for recess and PE classes as well as their basketball and volleyball teams practicing and playing their games.

Individuals are giving of their time and volunteering in the MAC. The MAC has provided a way for individuals to serve God and be a part of a ministry that is reaching out to our community. The MAC continues to help people grow in their walk with the Lord and is sharing the love of Christ in a non-intimidating atmosphere.

## **Women's Ministry *Christy Shimkus***

In 2017, the Women's Ministry shifted its focus to John 15:4, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me." The ministry focused on planning activities and events that allowed the women of FBC Brandon to abide in Scripture, abide in service, abide in prayer, and abide in fellowship.

Ladies were given the opportunity to abide in scripture through not only the various Life Study classes offered throughout the year, but through the yearly Abide Conference. This conference featured Ruth Ripkin as the speaker, and she challenged the ladies to be obedient to God's leading regardless of the circumstances or consequences. Also, the ladies were given the opportunity to abide in service through our partnership with the Florida Baptist Children's Homes. Multiple groups visited Miller-Dorothy Cottage providing dinners and fellowship with the house parents and the children who live there. During 2017, the ladies of FBC continued to meet the needs of the Heart Dance Ministry providing devotionals and other requested items for the ladies ministered to on a monthly basis. Finally, the women of FBC abided in fellowship through the multiple Cuppa Clubs held throughout the year. Overall, 2017 was an exciting year for Women's Ministry at FBC Brandon.

## **Music Associate *Sandra Lewis***

Preschool and children's choirs meet weekly during the Wednesday night TeamKID Club. There is a choir for each age from 3 years old through 5th grade. The older children presented the program, *Big House*, and sang at nursing homes, in Sunday morning worship, in Wednesday night services, and in the Adult Choir's Living Christmas Tree. The Kindergarten choir sang for parents and members of David Durham's Wednesday night Bible Study. The preschool choirs gave "birthday presents" to Jesus by giving toys to Gift of Hope and monies for missions. The Children's Handbell Choir played at the Mission rallies.

The songs for the VBS Worship Rallies are taught daily by the Children's Music Team. I write the music curriculum for the preschoolers. God bless all the teachers and helpers for their faithfulness during Galactic Starveyors.

The School of Fine Arts (SOFA) has students enrolled in piano, guitar, drums, and wind instrument lessons, plus art and ballet classes. The music recital was presented in May. The art exhibits were in May and December. The ballet classes meet in the MAC weekly and present their recitals through DanceQuest, a local Christian Dance Academy. The older girls performed in the final Living Christmas Tree production.

# 2017 COMMITTEE REPORTS

## **Audit Committee** *Tom Loudermilk, Chairman*

There were no Audit Committee meetings in 2017. The 2016-17 external audit was performed by the CPA firm, LaPlant & Rainey. They did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that they considered to be material weaknesses.

## **Baptism Committee** *Rebecca Piatt, Chairman*

Assisted Pastors and people being baptized with preparation for each Baptism, scheduling of Baptism members to assist with each Baptism, Baptismal area cleaning, making sure towels/robes were cleaned and put away, and updating the Baptism Book with required information from the people that were baptized.

## **Bereavement Committee**

Provided food and services to families of deceased members as needed. This year we served five families. Several of the families had distant relationships with the church; therefore, we were pleased to help and prayed our service provided comfort and expressed the sympathy and generosity of our church. Food is provided by our volunteers when no class is directly associated or if the class is not able. Kitchenware was the only cost that had to be covered by the church.

## **Building & Grounds Committee** *Jon Martin, Chairman*

Monthly routine maintenance and repairs were performed by Larry Akins and his staff. The parking area and drive lane on the corner of Sadie St. and Morgan St. was restriped. There was a group cleanup of the property after the hurricane. Decorative bollards were installed at each end of Centennial Plaza to provide a traffic free walking zone.

## **Children & Families Committee** *Mary Dery, Chairman*

Throughout the year, our committee met once per quarter. At each meeting we discussed upcoming events, Life Group volunteers, Wednesday night TeamKid Club, VBS, and budget needs of preschool and children's ministries. Our meeting allowed both committee members and ministry leadership to form a common vision and mission for the teaching and nurturing of children at FBC Brandon.

## **Committee on Committees** *Eddy Watkins, Chairman*

During 2017 the Committee on Committees filled vacancies that came about during the year and also staffed the committees for the 2018 calendar year. The annual all-Church committee meeting day was held in January where committees held their first meeting and made plans for their work for the year.

We continue to work with committee chairpersons and church staff to maintain a revised and up-to-date committee manual. We are very thankful for those who give of their time and talents to serve on the committees of our church.

## **Constitution & Bylaws** *Oscar Lastinger, Chairman*

The committee met to review several suggested revisions. The following were presented to the Deacons for their review and endorsement. The revisions were adopted by the Church on regular conference on August 26, 2017. Copies of the Constitution & Bylaws are available upon request through the Church Office. Revisions are in *italics*. Deletions in regular type.

**Article IV Sections 1(b)** *The treasurer and assistant treasurer shall be elected by the Church open recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The Treasurer shall be the (Delete Custodian) Add custodian of all Church funds.*

**Section 3 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** *Delete Sunday night and Add week.*

**Section 4 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETINGS** *Delete Sunday night and Add week.*

**Section 5 SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETINGS (a) Organizational Leadership** *Delete church.*

**Section 7 NOTICE REQUIREMENTS (a) Notice of all called business meetings of the Church shall be given** *Delete by announcement in at least two (2) regular worship services of the Church prior to the meeting add to the Church membership publication in the Church bulletin and by announcement at all regular services of the Church for at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date, --*

**Section 9 QUORUM (d) Delete** *A quorum shall not be necessary for the purpose of transacting business at any other business meeting.*

**Section 9 (e) Add** *If a quorum is not present, no new business can be conducted and the meeting is limited to approving of the minutes from the last meeting, receiving reports, voting on new members and granting letters of departing members.*

**Section 11 CHURCH FISCAL YEAR Delete and Add of June ---organizational (Delete and) Add** *year shall be from January 1 to December 31 and the administrative---*

**Article V PASTOR Section (1) Delete** Church and **Add** *Ministerial--*

**Section 2 Delete** name not more than seven (7) duly qualified candidates for Pastoral Committee duties-

**Add** *select a committee of 5 members to seek out not more than 7 duly qualified candidates in good standing representing a cross section of the Ministries of the Church and congregation for Pastoral Search Committee duties following the guidelines in the Pastoral Search Committee Handbook. -Such candidates shall then be recommended to the church by the Deacons in a special called meeting.*

*The Pastoral Search Committee shall seek the next Pastor of the Church, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Upon finding the man as led by the Holy Spirit, the Chairman of the Pastoral Search Committee shall notify the Church of a special meeting for a vote on the Pastoral candidate in accordance with section 3 below.*

*Salary, allowances and other benefits shall be determined by the Pastoral Search Committee in concert with the Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee.*

**Section 3 Delete** CALLED **Add** PASTORAL CALL MEETING **The Chairman of Deacons or the Chairman of the Pastoral (Add (search) Committee shall call the Church into a special meeting for a vote on Pastoral candidate to be recommended by the Pastoral (Add (search) Committee. three-fourths (3/4) Add or more**

**Section 4 TERMINATION OF PASTOR Delete** Salary, allowances and other benefits shall be determined by the Church upon recommendation by the Pastoral Search Committee in concert with Deacons and Finance Committee. **Add** *Termination of the Pastor may be initiated:*

*SECTION 5 INTERIM RESPONSIBILITIES- During the absence of a Senior Pastor, administrative duties shall be assumed by the Church Administrator or the most senior Pastor.*

**Article VI DEACONS Section 3 ELECTION PROCEDURE Delete** June **Add** October-- **The first Committee meeting to be called by the Senior Pastor (Add in July.)**

**Article VIII FINANCIAL POLICY**

**Section 2 Delete** Budget Preparation and Review section of the Stewardship **Add** *Finance*

**Section 3 Delete** Budget Preparation and Review section of the Stewardship **Add** *Finance*

## **Deacon Nominating Committee** *Paul Reid, Chairman*

All deacon nominees were evaluated, screened, and interviewed using the qualification set forth in I Timothy 3:8-13. Close consideration was also given to regular Life Group attendance, regular tithing, Worship attendance, as well as demonstration of leadership abilities, and cooperation in church ministries. When the process was complete 15 men were presented to the congregation for a vote by acclamation: Larry Akins, Art Andrews, Andy Dorsett, Mike Franks, Nelson Hendrix, Chuck Huffman, Eddie Jenkins, Duncan Jones, Colin Leigh, Scott MacLean, Mike Morgan, Howard Piper, Arpie Rodgers, Carl Shenning, Jim Seigler.

## **Decision Counseling Committee** *Lora Eisenberg, Chairman*

The following are responsibilities of the Decision Counseling Committee in assistance with pastors during the altar call for the morning services: 1. Discuss salvation 2. Explain baptism and procedures 3. Welcome new members 4. Discuss rededications 5. Explain the importance of connecting with a Life Group. Counselors record contact information to be passed on to the church staff and take a photo of the one making a decision to be sent to the church.

## **Decorating & Hostess Committee** *Melanie Shenning & Iracema DelRio, Chairmen*

The Decorating Committee and Hostess Committees merged as one to create the Decorating and Hostess Committee.

In 2017 there was a farewell reception for Ron Smith and we held two receptions for incoming pastors: James Blewett and Jason Waters. We also assisted in decorating the MAC for Friends and Family Day.

## **Food Service Committee *Coleen Coleman, Chairman***

The Food Service Committee consulted with Marcia Goren, Food Service Director regarding equipment repairs. The only needs identified were the upkeep of the commercial coffee machine done by the company that provides it.

## **Lord's Supper Committee *Yvonne Knott, Chairman***

Responsible for preparing the elements used in observance of the Lord's Supper. Also responsible for setting up the sanctuary prior to each scheduled service including the Remembrance table, linen tablecloths, and element tray placement (bread & juice). This committee must also ensure that supplies are adequate and linens and trays are cleaned. The dedicated members are faithful to perform these services "as unto the Lord."

The Lord's Supper was scheduled four times in 2017. Schedule and quantities to be served were provided by Josh Howard. The Lord's Supper was observed three times including the 9 AM, 10:30 AM, and 5 PM services. The juice was provided by an anonymous donor. The bread was provided by the church.

## **Missions Committee *Rick Wyatt, Chairman***

Missions continue to be a focal point of ministry for FBC Brandon. Our goal is to educate our children, students, and adults about missions at home and around the world, preparing them to be On-Mission every day and providing opportunities to minister through various mission projects. In 2017, FBC sent mission teams to Peru and Cuba. Many members continued ministering locally thru Brandon LifeCare Center, New Horizons Group Homes, Florida Baptist Children's Homes, Homeless Ministry, TruckStop Ministry, Compassion House, and E.C.H.O. We continued sponsoring the church plant in New Orleans (Level Ground – Josh & Taran Holland) and sponsoring Annie Pucciarelli as the USF Baptist Campus Ministry Catalyst Intern.

FBC Brandon participated in Feed The Bay and hosted the Brandon Gift of Hope for the collection and distribution of food and toys to Brandon area families for Christmas. These ministries were a joint effort of evangelical churches in Brandon and coordinated with E.C.H.O.

Our special missions offerings in 2016-2017 fiscal year were: Missions Trips - \$13,861, Annie Armstrong (Easter Offering) - \$36,832, Mother's Day (Children's Homes) - \$10,291, Project Jerusalem (Inner City Churches, 1st Responder Room, Gift of Hope, Feed The Bay, TruckStop Ministry, #Change Brandon) - \$5,128, Global Hunger Relief - \$16,773, Maguire State Missions - \$9,879, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering - \$43,231. The VBS Missions offering (to support FBC mission trips, NOLA Church Planter, USF BCM Catalyst, #Change Brandon) was \$5,734. We also received special offerings for the Gideon's ministry - \$2,452. The total receipts for the 2016-2017 fiscal year special mission offerings were \$142,132. In the 2016-2017 fiscal year First Baptist Brandon gave \$290,996 to the Cooperative Program and \$25,000 to the Tampa Bay Baptist Association.

We continue to support various Brandon Community Ministries (Compassion House Food Pantry, Brandon LifeCare Center, Meals on Wheels, TruckStop Ministry, and New Horizons Group Homes) through our budget. We continue to provide a missionary residence for IMB appointed Southern Baptist missionaries. The missionaries worship with us during their stay and provide a fresh perspective on mission work around the world by speaking to many different groups within our church. In 2017, we had 1 missionary family (Tiedermann's) stay in the home.

## **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee assists in staffing all church-elected leadership positions. In 2017 the committee served as a resource for organizational leaders and was available to assist in the discovery and review of recommended workers.

## **Personnel Committee *Josh Howard, Chairman***

The Personnel Committee had a very active 2017. The committee started the year reviewing the responsibilities and duties of the personnel committee in an effort to create clear expectations for the current and future members serving on the committee. The committee also made recommendations to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee on changes to the pastoral search process, and the calling of new pastors. The committee started 2017 with 2 pastoral staff vacancies. The vacancies were the positions of Executive Pastor and Student Pastor. Additionally, Rev. Ron and Christa Smith resigned and moved to a new ministry at First Baptist of the Villages. The committee gladly recommended Rev. Smith and family as he served FBC Brandon faithfully for 10+ years. A search led by Pastor Tim Keith for a new pastors led Dr. James Blewett from Central Baptist Church Douglasville, GA to First Baptist Brandon. In March of 2017 a unanimous vote and recommendation from the personnel committee was submitted

to the deacons and church for the calling of Dr Blewett (Pastor of Students) to FBC Brandon. In November of 2017 a unanimous vote and recommendation from the personnel committee was submitted to the deacons and church for the calling of Rev. Jason Waters (Pastor of Discipleship and Spiritual Growth) from FBC Norfolk, VA. Both Dr. Blewett and Rev. Waters have had an immediate impact on the ministries of FBC Brandon.

### **Properties Committee *Nelson Hendrix, Chairman***

The committee had an active year as it recommended to the church the purchase of the property on Oak Avenue. A vote was taken and the property was purchased for around \$165,000 of which most is paid.

### **Security Committee *Leonard Rickman, Chairman***

The Security Committee was newly created in 2017 in the wake of churches across the nation being attacked by individuals and groups. With this in mind, the committee set forth to establish resources and guidelines with the attempt to protect First Baptist Brandon from a hostile event.

Recommendations have been made to the deacon body and church administration, as to providing security surveillance, securing the buildings, and providing manpower for protection and preventing an assault on the church body. Of course, these recommendations come with a price tag, which becomes a stumbling block for accomplishing our goals.

While we did not accomplish all we had hoped for, security surveillance of our campus was put in place with awareness monitors and cameras as a deterrent to would-be perpetrators. The FBC Academy camera system was completed with a total of thirty cameras viewing exterior doors, walkways, and gathering locations. All on-campus buildings have camera coverage as well as the Compassion House and maintenance building. The MAC system has been in place for several years; however, upgrades were made creating a more reliable system. The total surveillance system of FBC Brandon encompasses eight DVRs and eighty-three cameras.

### **Stewardship Committee *John Baird, Chairman***

Please see the report from our church treasurer, Rick Wyatt.

### **Transportation Committee *Mike Kunze, Chairman***

The Transportation Committee continued to keep our vehicles serviced and updated throughout the year. We are constantly looking for new drivers to support this ministry and training can be provided.

### **Ushers & Greeters Committee *Wes Knauer, Chairman***

Our ushers and greeters provide a warm handshake and welcoming smile to visitors and members as they enter and exit our campus. Several years ago we added greeters outside the doors and in parking areas to welcome and direct members and guests. This allows multiple opportunities to make everyone coming onto our campus on Sunday mornings feel welcome. Youth greeters are also being incorporated between services to offer direction and be a smiling face. Ushers are divided into teams who share Sunday morning service responsibilities of helping individuals find seating, receiving the offering and providing information to anyone who needs assistance. We are looking forward to expanding this ministry in 2018.

## Foundation Annual Report *Rory Wyatt, President*

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of First Baptist Brandon Foundation was held on February 19, 2017, where new members were welcomed.

There were five meetings held in 2017: February 19, March 1, April 14, August 23, November 8.

December 31, 2017, Charles Deusner and Oscar Lastinger rotated off the board. No new members have been elected to serve on the board.

In April, the Foundation provided \$5,000 for a computerized Check-in System with two stations for the Preschool Department.

In August, the Foundation gave \$34,000 to be used for the Oak Avenue property purchased by FBC Brandon.

In September, the Foundation also agreed to hold the loan on this property in the amount of \$45,000, which was paid back in December.

Research has been done on Legacy Giving with a seminar to be offered in early 2018.

### 2017 Financial Report

Date	ck #	Check Amt	Deposit	Balance	Guidestone	Share Price	Shares	VALUE
01/01/17	Balance fwd			\$19,377.06	1/1/2017	\$ 11.09	8565.531	\$94,991.74
02/17/17			\$ 50.00	\$ 19,427.06	2/1/2017	11.26	8565.531	\$ 96,447.88
03/13/17	301	\$ 61.25		\$ 19,365.81	3/1/2017	11.41	8565.531	\$ 97,732.71
04/13/17	302	\$ 7.50		\$ 19,358.31	4/1/2017	11.48	8565.531	\$ 98,332.30
04/21/17			\$ 230.00	\$ 19,588.31	5/1/2017	11.6	8565.531	\$ 99,360.16
04/28/17			\$ 9,754.52	\$ 29,342.83	6/1/2017	11.75	8565.531	\$ 100,644.99
04/28/17	303	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 24,342.83	7/1/2017	11.79	8565.531	\$ 100,987.61
05/09/17			\$ 310.00	\$ 24,652.83	7/7/2017	11.76	1284.254	\$ 116,090.44
05/22/17			\$ 150.00	\$ 24,802.83	8/1/2017	11.99	9849.785	\$ 118,098.92
06/05/17			\$ 300.00	\$ 25,102.83	8/21/2017	11.92	-2097.315	\$ 93,098.92
07/11/17			\$ 4,554.87	\$ 29,657.70	8/22/2017	11.96	-752.508	\$84,098.92
07/11/17	xfer Gdestone	\$ 15,102.83		\$ 14,554.87	9/22/2017	12.15	-2057.613	\$ 59,098.92
08/02/17			\$ 425.00	\$ 14,979.87	9/22/2017	\$ 12.15	-823.045	\$ 49,098.92
08/14/17	304	\$ 8.48		\$ 14,971.39	9/30/2017	\$ 12.15	4119.304	\$ 50,049.54
08/23/17	xfer Gdestone		\$25,000.00	\$ 39,971.39	31-Oct	\$ 12.31	4119.304	\$ 50,708.63
08/24/17	xfer Gdestone		\$9,000.00	\$ 48,971.39	11/30/2017	\$ 12.40	6501.786	\$ 80,622.15
08/25/17	306	\$ 34,000.00		\$ 14,971.39	12/31/2017	\$ 12.16	7030.491	\$ 85,490.77
09/05/17			\$ 50.00	\$ 15,021.39				
09/05/17			\$ 481.00	\$ 15,502.39				
09/25/17	xfer Gdestone		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 40,502.39				
09/25/17	xfer Gdestone		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 50,502.39				
09/25/17	wire fee	\$ 15.00		\$ 50,487.39			2017 change	(\$10,892.82)
09/25/17	wire fee	\$ 15.00		\$ 50,472.39				
09/25/17	307	\$ 45,000.00		\$5,472.39				
11/03/17			\$ 29,376.00	\$ 34,848.39				
11/07/17	xfer Gdestone	\$ 29,376.00		\$ 5,472.39				
11/21/17	308	\$90.00		\$5,382.39				
12/08/17			\$ 4,286.28	\$ 9,668.67				
12/13/17	xfer Gdestone	\$ 4,300.00		\$ 5,368.67				
	CenterState Bank			\$ 5,368.67				
	Guidestone			\$ 85,490.77				
	<b>TOTAL BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 90,859.44</b>				

-- Addendum added February 20, 2018 --

## **Deacon Ministry Summary *Tom Windle, Chairman***

Our vision for this year was to honor God through the integrity of our lives and to provide spiritual leadership for the First Baptist Church of Brandon. The Deacon Ministry Teams were charged with the responsibility of supporting the needs of our church family, as well as, by answering Jesus' call to "Take care of my sheep". John 21:17

We began the year by ordaining Vic Crawford, William Key, and Paul Szydowski.

A Deacon Security Committee was created to provide a comprehensive overview of the existing Security Network for FBCB campus and Academy, as well as, future plans to further strengthen the security of these facilities.

Our Widows Banquet honored 57 widows with 156 in attendance.

The Lord's Supper was observed on March 5th, April 13th, August 6th and November 21st. with active Deacon participation enhanced by outstanding support from the Lord's Supper Committee.

Benevolence requests were addressed and managed appropriately.

Guest visitation information packets were distributed to 73 families or individuals with 46 calls.

The Deacons were very busy reaching out to our Widows with 422 visits and 766 calls, cards, gifts or flowers.

Our Homebound members were cared for through 157 visits and and 303 calls or small gifts.

Members suffering from Injury/Illness were ministered to through 129 visits and 49 phone calls.

Our Bereavement Ministry reached out by attending 19 funerals and sending 152 cards or letters.

And we had the privilege of approving two (2) new Ministerial Staff members, James Blewett, Student Pastor and Jason Waters, Ministry of Discipleship & Spiritual Growth.

This was a rewarding year for the FBCB Deacon Body and we appreciate your support in our endeavors.

**First Baptist Church Brandon**  
**2016-17 Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Church Conference Summary**  
**July 2016 through June 2017**

Accounts	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Annual Budget	% of Annual Budget Used
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,909,963.15</b>	<b>\$3,375,607.00</b>	<b>\$3,375,607.00</b>	<b>86.21%</b>
<b>Operating Budget Expense Detail</b>				
<b>Missions Ministry (not including CP)</b>	\$39,375.39	\$41,695.00	\$41,695.00	94.44%
<b>Pastoral Ministry</b>	(\$57.58)	\$1,215.00	\$1,215.00	-4.74%
<b>Music Ministry</b>	\$19,543.05	\$21,369.00	\$21,369.00	91.46%
<b>Christian Education Ministry</b>				
Life Group Programs	\$45,769.29	\$54,480.00	\$54,480.00	84.01%
Women's Ministry	\$2,158.15	\$4,901.00	\$4,901.00	44.03%
Young Adults	\$4,952.50	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	90.05%
High School Students	\$11,913.82	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00	130.92%
Preschool Ministry	\$2,625.67	\$6,355.00	\$6,355.00	41.32%
Children/Family Ministry	\$15,243.20	\$17,091.00	\$17,091.00	89.19%
Media Library	\$2,667.67	\$5,160.00	\$5,160.00	51.70%
Evangelism	\$82.82	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00	2.63%
Adults	\$3,910.00	\$5,565.00	\$5,565.00	70.26%
Middle School Students	\$2,794.18	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00	36.29%
College/Singles	\$330.90	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	9.45%
<b>Total Christian Education Ministry</b>	<b>\$92,448.20</b>	<b>\$122,502.00</b>	<b>\$122,502.00</b>	<b>75.47%</b>
<b>Supportive Ministry</b>	<b>\$91,194.87</b>	<b>\$144,620.00</b>	<b>\$144,620.00</b>	<b>63.06%</b>
<b>Properties Ministry</b>	<b>\$542,338.33</b>	<b>\$582,885.00</b>	<b>\$582,885.00</b>	<b>93.04%</b>
<b>Debt Retirement Ministry</b>	<b>\$565,543.56</b>	<b>\$551,140.00</b>	<b>\$551,140.00</b>	<b>102.61%</b>
<b>Personnel Ministry</b>	<b>\$1,419,001.98</b>	<b>\$1,603,307.00</b>	<b>\$1,603,307.00</b>	<b>88.50%</b>
<b>CHURCH OPERATING BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,769,387.80</b>	<b>\$3,068,733.00</b>	<b>\$3,068,733.00</b>	<b>90.25%</b>
<b>Cooperative Program Gifts (10%)</b>	<b>\$290,996.32</b>	<b>\$306,873.00</b>	<b>\$306,873.00</b>	<b>94.83%</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,060,384.12</b>	<b>\$3,375,606.00</b>	<b>\$3,375,606.00</b>	<b>90.66%</b>
<b>MAC Ministry</b>				
Revenue	\$279,169.14	\$283,995.00	\$283,995.00	98.30%
Expenses	\$297,096.81	\$283,995.00	\$283,995.00	104.61%
<b>Academy Ministry</b>				
Revenue	\$1,223,499.38	\$1,238,900.00	\$1,238,900.00	98.76%
Expenses	\$1,225,471.04	\$1,232,491.92	\$1,232,492.00	99.43%
<b>TOTAL FBC MINISTRY REVENUES</b>	<b>\$4,412,631.67</b>	<b>\$4,898,502.00</b>	<b>\$4,898,502.00</b>	<b>90.08%</b>
<b>TOTAL FBC MINISTRY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,582,951.97</b>	<b>\$4,892,092.92</b>	<b>\$4,892,093.00</b>	<b>93.68%</b>

**Bank Account Balances**

	FBC General		FBC Academy	
	Checking	Designated	Checking	Designated
Beginning of the month balance:	\$278,063.15	\$361,497.80	\$70,661.47	\$74,659.19
End of the month balance:	\$185,222.80	\$399,066.89	\$10,761.83	\$74,671.46
From Academy Balance Sheet - Liability to Church:				(\$35,205.00)

**Indebtedness**

	Platinum	Platinum
	Consolidated Loan	Roof Loan
Principal balance at the beginning of the month:	\$5,973,370.16	\$171,299.91
Required principal payment for the month:	\$19,828.69	\$1,308.28
Advance principal payment for the month (LURU):	\$0.00	\$3,724.00
Borrowing for the month:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Principal balance at the end of the month:	\$5,953,541.47	\$166,267.63