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Dallas

Book of Reports

2024 – 3rd QUARTER

First Baptist Church of Dallas
Membership Report for July – September 2024

FBCD Members as of July 1, 2024 300

Additions:

- Terri Callahan, Baptism

Deletions:

- Ron Phillips, Deceased

FBCD Members as of September 30, 2024 300

Sunday School Report for July - September 2024

Enrollment as of September 30, 2023 278

Average Attendance 97

Attendance Report for 2024

Average Weekly Sunday School Attendance 80

Average Weekly Worship Attendance 160

Building and Grounds Committee Report

Mike Laird - Chairman

The Building and Grounds committee had the flower beds surrounding the church cleaned out and new pine straw and mulch put out in preparation for Homecoming. The issues with the elevator were addressed and repaired. They also managed general maintenance needs throughout the church with the aid of our facility manager, Sean Ward, such as repairing a leaking toilet, having the fire extinguishers inspected, and more.

Children's Ministry Report

Seth Schwab – Student & Families Minister

The children's ministry continues to flourish because of dedication from its volunteers. Sunday school teachers, Wednesday night leaders, parents, and church members collaborating because of one common unifier: Jesus Christ. Because of Him, we selflessly serve. Thankful for Him, but also thankful for all volunteers who pour their lives out to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deut. 6:4-5, CSB)!

Our Summer Fun Nights concluded in August and we started off our school-year teamKID programming, which has been well-attended and brought in new families to be a part of the life of our church. Looking forward to our holiday events, such as Treat the Street and Christmas Spectacular, to broaden our reach to bring in new families.

Choir and Music Report

Eddie Lowery – Minister of Music

Music Ministry Mission Project:

This is the third school year that the Dallas First Baptist Church's Music Ministry has helped East Paulding Middle School with their Backpack program. This program provides students and their family with food for the weekend and during the school breaks.

This school year, the Music Ministry has raised thus far a total of \$448.00. We are currently aiding 5 students/families currently. A total of 794.60 has been collected since the beginning of the calendar year. Judy Barnes takes the funds and purchases the needed food items and distributes them to the school counselor who oversees distributing the items to the students on Friday. EPMS has been incredibly grateful for the support and the supplies. We are the only ministry in the area that helps them with this program.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunities:

We are hard at work in all areas of the Music Ministry here at FBCD, look ahead to Christmas 2024. We are excited to be part of the Church inside & outside of the church walls.

- Saturday, November 23rd - FBC Dallas Handbell Team will be playing at the City of Dallas' annual Christmas Tree lighting.

- Sunday, December 1st - The Music Ministry of FBC Dallas, which includes the Preschool, Kids, Student and Adult choir as well as the Worship Orchestra, will be traveling to Manor Lake Assisted Living to lead in a time of Christmas Worship.
 - Sunday, December 15th 6:00pm- The Music Ministry will lead in a time of worship titled, “Then Christ Came”. Our preschool Choir, kids Choir, Student and Adult Worship Choir, Worship Orchestra, and FBC Dallas Handbell Team will lead in an exciting night of celebration through drama, lighting, and music.
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Personnel Committee

During the 3rd Quarter 2024, the Personnel Committee conducted the following activities.

- Full-Time Children’s and Families Minister – The Personnel Committee continue to review resumes received during this quarter. An interview was conducted with a potential candidate which later required a second interview. The second interview was to ask additional questions not asked during the first interview and to clarify previous questions asked. Conversations with this potential candidate continue today.
 - Temporary Office Manager – A temporary Office Manager was hired for the month August and part of September. Ms. JoAnn Gregory was a great aid to the staff and we thank her for helping FBCD during this period.
 - Childcare Workers - Childcare Workers continued to be looked for to aid in our Children’s Area for Sunday Morning and Wednesday evening. Volunteers are also being asked for.
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Women’s Ministry Report

Gayle Coombs – Women’s Ministry Coordinator

July 2024

- 2nd Wednesday is our Homebound meal with prepping the day before. We prepare around 45 meals.
- 15th – 19th was CAYA week preparing bag lunches for Paulding County community. We did just over 2600 bags with Sandwich, chips, sweets, and a drink. On the Wednesday 10th – the kids, youth, and bible study groups help prepared the bags, so we only needed to prepare the sandwiches each morning.

August 2024

- 2nd Wednesday is our Homebound meal. I want to thank all the drivers who takes the time to come by the fellowship hall, pick up the meals, and deliver to our families. If you know anyone who would like a meal, please let us know and would love to serve them too.

September 2024

- On the 5th we hosted our 5th Cooking Show for about 45 ladies and a gentleman. We honored Emily Worthy, who shared many recipes and cooked many items for us at First Baptist Church. Her daughter did one of her favorite recipes with us, Shrimp Creole. Everyone left that night with a Pork Tenderloin dish to cook the next day for their families.
- 11th was our homebound meal. We have around 15 ladies who come together to prep on Tuesday, cook on Wednesday and prepare the to-go boxes with desserts. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fellowship and learning new recipes together.

Additional notes:

- We will not be having our regular monthly meetings November and December.
 - We are hosting a fundraiser for Helping Hands on November 14th to help raise money for their new location to serve the community. We have tickets for “Dinner with a Purpose”. Please see Gayle Coombs for a ticket for this event.
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The Backpack Program

The backpack program continues to support Northside Elementary & Hutchins Elementary each week by providing food for families in need. They currently provide for 77 families total, 36 at Northside and 41 at Hutchins.

Student Ministry

Seth Schwab – Student & Families Minister

Ministry is hard work and takes immense patience. God calls us to go in the fields, till the soil, prepare for the harvest, and reap it. We’re seeing fruits of our labor in the student ministry. I’m thankful for Amy Adair and William Pitts for their relentless work. Here’s what we’re saying:

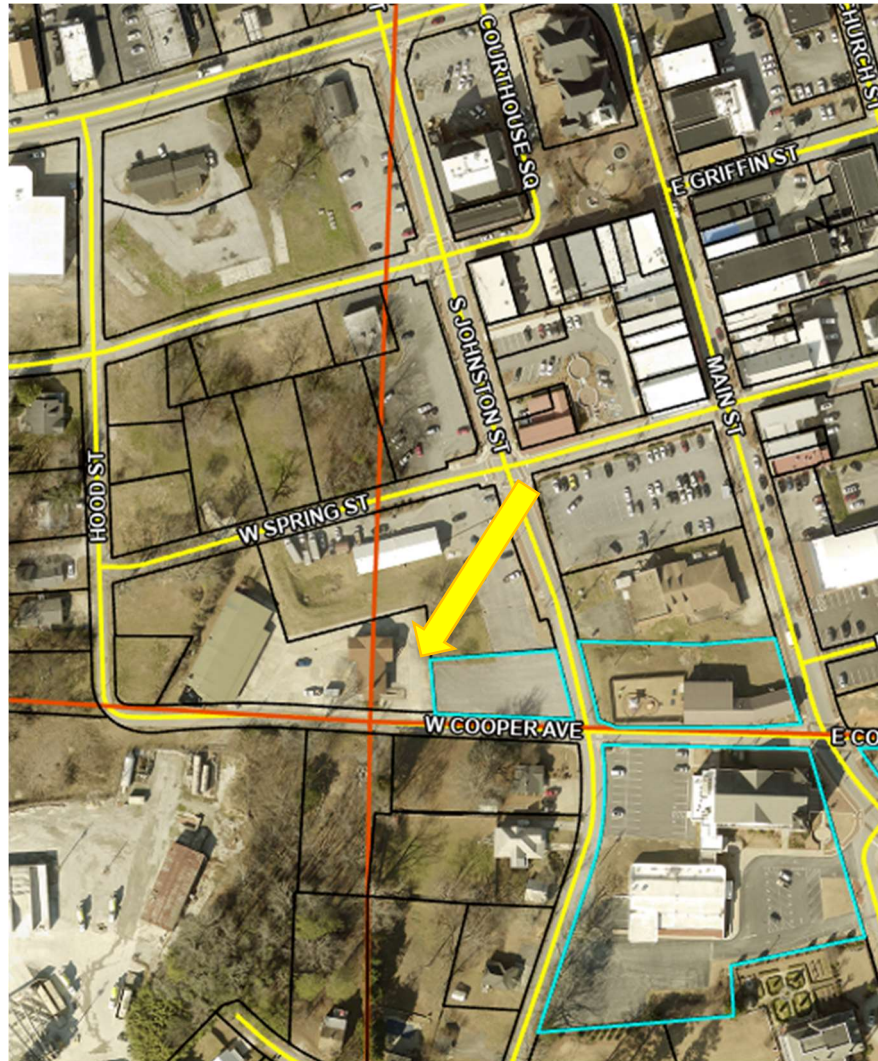
- In August, we were averaging 10 students on Wednesday night. In September, we were averaging 20. Praise the Lord.
- Students are expressing an interest in the Gospel. I have conversations weekly with students who are discovering Jesus and what He did for them.
- New families are coming to our church due to our impact on the community.
- New visitors on Sunday morning because we’re reaching them on Wednesday nights and throughout the week.

The job does not stop here! We have students and their families to disciple. The task is only beginning.

From July to September, we had different student events to engage our community and reach friends. We had a Friday night hangout at the church, a SERVE day hosted at the church, and a mini golf outing. All events serve their purpose in empowering students and equipping families to be disciples of Jesus.

Information from the Executive Council
Regarding proposal to purchase church property.

The City of Dallas has been working towards a large development project which would bring luxury apartments, condominiums, restaurants, retail space, and office spaces to Dallas. This area of development will be located between S. Johnston St., W. Cooper Ave., Hood St., and W. Memorial Dr. The church owns a 0.281-acre lot across S. Johnson St. from our playground. The city has asked to purchase the 0.281-acre parking lot which will enable them to continue moving forward with this community project. The City has offered \$125,000 for the property which appraised for \$98,000.



The Executive Counsel has been communicating with the City about this offer and will be presenting a motion to the church with full details of what the church will be gaining and what options that have been discovered allowing FBC Dallas to continue to be a friend to the community, while securing opportunity of growth for our future.

More details will be provided and opportunities for questions in the special called conferences. Finalization of the land swap of Cooper St. and section of property behind the children's building will be finalized before any further agreement is made.

Because this would be a sell of property, the by-laws have a specific process that needs to be followed. The process is as follows:

According to Article II. Church Officers

M. TRUSTEES

1. The Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Georgia, shall consist of three (3) members in good standing, who have been members for at least three years prior to election to office.
2. Each Trustee shall serve a 3-year term, with one member rotating off-annually.
3. The Trustees shall hold the Church property in the name of the Church.
4. The Trustees shall have the sole authority, upon specific vote of the Church, to buy, sell, mortgage, lease, or transfer any such Church property. Approval of any such action shall be considered an item of major importance and balloted accordingly.
5. The signatures of two or more Trustees will be required upon all legal documents involving the sale, mortgage, purchase, transfer, or rental of real property, or any other legal documents approved by the Church.

According to Article V. Church Meetings

k. The procedure to be followed in bringing matters of major importance before the Church membership for voting shall be as follows:

- 1) There shall be at least two (2) discussion periods held for all items of major importance prior to the vote upon such issues. These discussion periods should be held following regular Sunday and Wednesday night services;
- 2) Written notice of the matter to be voted upon, the dates and times of the discussion periods, as well as the date of the Sunday morning vote, shall be published in the Church newsletter and bulletin, at least one time. Such notice shall be published not less than five (5) days prior to such Sunday night discussion and not less than eight (8) days prior to the day upon which the vote will be taken. Verbal notice shall be given during all worship services preceding the discussion periods and the Sunday of the vote.
- 3) At each Sunday morning worship service at which the vote is being taken, the Moderator, or such other person as he may designate, shall read aloud the motion, which is being voted upon, and a vote shall be taken without further discussion;
- 4) All votes cast for or against such motion(s) at all of such Sunday morning worship services shall be totaled, and the results, as specified by the Church Constitution, shall be controlling. The ballots shall be given to the Church Clerk for recording and reporting.

The schedule for this process is as follows:

- October 27th, 11:30 AM: Present & read motion in regular church conference and offer time of discussion.
- November 3rd, 11:30 AM: Re-read motion and offer time of discussion.
- November 10th, 11:30 AM: Re-read motion and vote without discussion.