

2024

CFBC ANNUAL REPORT

GATHER. GROW. GO.

Cartersville

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

November 1, 2024

DEAR CFBC FAMILY

In a recent message in the current sermon series on the Presence of God, I focused on Psalm 77 which boldly proclaims the victorious power of God. This Psalm is a strategy for life when life hurts. It shows us what to do when we are in pain. It tells us to REMEMBER the past faithfulness of God! Our annual report is all about remembering God's faithfulness over the previous year and celebrating all that He has done among His people here at CFBC.

It's sobering to realize that the average church only lives approximately 120 years. In the U.S. over 4,000 churches close their doors every year. Statistically speaking—we should be dead! And yet—this year, 2024, marks CFBC's 185th birthday! Why? All because of God's grace and faithfulness!

We are truly experiencing a time of God's favor and blessing at CFBC! First, we are seeing God bless the use of our facility completed as part of Legacy Project 2.0 which touched almost every area of our building. We moved forward by faith trusting God's faithfulness to proceed with construction in uncertain times. Now we are maximizing every part of our space. The new Children's wing operates at maximum capacity. Every available Adult Bible Fellowship space is utilized. The Nest (Preschool) and The Loft (Students) are also close to capacity. And praise God—what started out as a Hispanic Church Plant of eight people in the Lottie Moon Chapel has grown to a 60-70 weekly attendance. Financially, we are seeking to retire our \$3.4 million remaining on Legacy 2.0 as quickly as possible. We are seeing great strides toward this in our current 90 Day Giving Challenge. All of this is so that we can be in the best position possible as soon as possible to follow God's lead. God is so faithful!

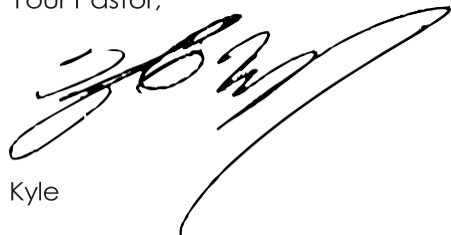
God is also moving in a mighty way among men in our church and community. We recently completed our second semester of men's discipleship on Tuesday mornings at 6am. This fall, approximately 200 men took part in The Titus Ten as we explored the biblical foundations of godly manhood. When men love and lead well, everyone benefits! It has been amazing to see so many men accelerate in their walk with Christ and watch the ripple effects throughout the life of our church.

Space does not allow me to write of all God has done this year in the life of CFBC, but here are just some additional highlights of God's faithfulness. We now lead the New Member Class (Discover 1st) once a month in order to keep up with the people God is bringing our way. We are expanding our Deacon body by two men each year for the next three years to ensure we can meet the needs of our church family. We have established a rhythm of seeking the Lord in prayer as a church each Thursday from 12-1pm and each Sunday morning at 8:45am. God has been moving and blessing in powerful ways as we pursue His presence. We have been about the Great Commission locally and around the world with volunteers sent to Alaska, Indiana, Kentucky, Vermont, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, South Georgia, Puerto Rico, France, Africa, and the Middle East.

Again, God is so faithful! The Gospel is so powerful! Our hope in Christ is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond anything we could ask, think, or imagine!

Because of God's faithfulness—let us press on together knowing our labor is not in vain!

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kyle', written over a white background.

Kyle

WE GROW PEOPLE

NEW MEMBERS	2023 107	2024 135
BY BAPTISM	2023 42	2024 43
BY STATEMENT OF FAITH	2023 10	2024 23
BY MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER	2023 55	2024 69
ATTENDED DISCOVER FIRST	2023 113	2024 124
Average Sunday School Attendance	2023 681	2024 766
Average Worship Attendance	2023 982	2024 1071

Welcome to the CFBC family!

BY BAPTISM

Addyson LaFrance
Adley Parker
Asher Marrero
Audrey (AV) Marrow
Ava Hunnicutt
Ava Lopez
Avery Claire
Pritchard
Barrett McCown
Carli Godfrey
Chad Walker
Chandler Morris
Courtney Belcher
Cullen LaFrance
Destinee Nugent
Ella Hunnicutt
Emmalee Morrow
Grayson McCormack
Hayden Hold
Henry Baxter
Henry Payne
Isla Fultz
Jackson Wilder
Jeremiah Swinney
Johnny Nugent
Josie Williams
Joy Peterson
Kate Willingham
Katie Wall
Kennedy Jackson
Lauren Barone
Layla Carter
Logan Gross
Lydia Weldon
Marcie Hunnicutt
Matthew Weldon
Maverick LaFrance
Paige Lansdell
Sophie Williams
Tatum Taylor
Titus Brooks
Tyler Cox
Weston Alred
Whitley Aldredge

BY TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

A.C. Smith
Amanda Conti
Amanda-Ka Wright
Bill Chappell
Caleb Hunt
Caren Walker
Carla D'Addesi
Charles Law
Chloe Baldwin
Chris Burgess
Chris Hunt
Daniel Wright
David McGee
Debbie Lewis
Dot Morris
Dustin Cheek
Ellie Hunt
Eric Webster
Erik Peterson
Glynda Hughes
Greg Hunnicutt
Greg King
Hasten McKissick
Heath Poston
Jason Lowe
Jennifer Broom
Jennifer Hunt
Josiah Hunt
Joy Phippen
Joyce Hall
Judy Patrick
Julie McCown
Kaleb Webster
Kathy Chappell

Katie-Ruth Lowe
Keith Dempsey
Kent Walker
Kim Cheek
Krista McGee
Leigh Barker
Leonard D'Addesi
Lori Smith
Lorinda Webster
Macy McKissick
Mary McNeely
Maya Baldwin
Melissa Terry
Michael Broome
Mike Spinks
M'Lyn Spinks
Nancy Dempsey
Nancy Law
Nancy Mathison
Phil Lewis
Ralph Mathison
Randyl Morris
Raylon Wright
Richard Nagode
Ricky Terry
Scott Conti
Soraya King
Taylor Orr
Teresa Wagner
Tim McCown
Tim Patrick
Tim Phippen
Troy Johnson
Will McNeely
William Orr

BY STATEMENT OF FAITH

Al Holley
Alan Daniel
Chloe Reagan
Cierra Poston
Constance Bockstoe
David McCarthy
Denise McCarthy
Dillon Bailey
George Phillipot
Geri Redden
Jerry Barker
Kacy Daniel
Kelley King
Kily Daniel
Kimberly Burgess
Lauren Bailey
Leah Gilbert
Leonard King
Melissa Phillipot
Mindy Holley
Patrick Reagan
Paul Gilbert
Phil Frasier



CHURCHWIDE

- 124 Discover First attendees
- 9% increase in Total SS Attendance across all ages
- Two New Adult Sunday School Classes
- Wide Range of Wednesday Night Discipleship and Service Opportunities
- 193 Men involved in Tuesday morning Bible Study (11 weeks in Spring 2024)
- Addition of key staff members

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY – THE NEST

- Over 25 Parent-Child Dedications
- Parents' Night Out
- Addition of classes to accommodate growth
- Fall Family Fun Day
- Updated Playground

KIDS MINISTRY

- Over 500 attendees and volunteers for Vacation Bible School
- Addition of classes to accommodate growth
- 30 Kids were Baptized
- Over 65 attendees for Pre-Teen Camp
- Over 30 attendees for 3rd Grade Bible Camp

STUDENT MINISTRY

- Over 150 Students for the annual Merge weekend
- Over 50 students for Camp Fuego
- Wednesday Student Service averaging 80+ throughout the school year
- 10 students Vermont Mission Trip + other mission opportunities
- College Age Bible Study started in the fall

MISSIONS

- Local Outreach: Over 2000 Gospel tracts and roughly 200 Bibles distributed, Refugee Ministry, Spring Mission Nights, Bartow Family Resources, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter, El Poder De Su Presencia (The Power of His Presence) Hispanic Church Plant
- Regional: Partnership with The River Church, Decatur (Cliff & Sharon Sims – NAMB), GA Baptist Disaster Relief, Mission Georgia
- National: Mission Trips to Puerto Rico, Vermont, and Indianapolis
- Global Outreach: Mission Trips to Paris, Lesotho, and the Middle East

BUDGET SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	2025 PROPOSED	2024 ANNUAL	2025 % OF TOTAL
Budget Receipts	\$3,500,129	\$3,320,523	100%
Weekly Needs	\$67,310	\$63,856	
Missions Ministry	\$335,971	\$315,787	9.6%
Pastoral Ministry	\$48,350	\$45,300	1.38%
Adult Ministry	\$84,350	\$78,900	2.41%
Worship Arts Ministry	\$28,000	\$17,400	0.80%
Worship Production Ministry	\$20,600	\$13,000	0.59%
Preschool Ministry	\$35,150	\$28,750	1.00%
Kid's Ministry	\$47,150	\$42,550	1.35%
Student Ministry	\$72,610	\$51,260	2.07%
Properties Ministry	\$480,040	\$471,316	13.71%
Supportive Ministry	\$131,300	\$109,920	3.75%
Personnel Ministry	\$1,596,603	\$1,509,519	45.62%
Capital Improvement/ Emergency Reserve	\$120,005	\$111,821	3.43%
Legacy Project Debt Retirement	\$500,000	\$525,000	14.29%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,500,129	\$3,320,523	100.00%

STANDING COMMITTEES-2025

Trustees	Replacement		Replacement
Shep Helton	Brian Villarreal		
Bob Mayes			
Ken Frasier	Jonathan Fultz		
Bylaws Committee		Nominating Committee	
Jonathan Fultz - Chair 2023/2024	Zack Pritchard	Kristin U. Jones – Chair 2024	Billo Hicks
Jordan Poole – Vice Chair 2024	Chair 2025	Betty Bergen – Vice Chair 2024	Chair 2025
Donna Gravley		Donnie Bagwell	Danny Hobbs
Pete Striplin		Danny Parker	
Jesse Block	Vice Chair 2025	Abby Barton	
Scott McCormack		Emily Jones	
Mike Loy	Paul Rose	Megan Houston	Vice Chair 2025
Dr. Kyle Walker, Staff Advisor		Dr. Steven James, Staff Advisor	
Andy Bishop – Elder Rep		Buddy Childs – Elder Rep	
Finance Committee		Personnel Committee	
Jay Slaughter – Chair 2024	Jason Barton	Gene Lee - Chair 2024	
Katie Knight Jones - Vice Chair 2023	Alan Forsyth	Ben Brooks – Vice Chair 2024	
Brandi Parker		Randy East	
Adam Baker	Vice Chair 2025	Carilyn Hawkins	Josh McWhorter
Adam McCown	Chair 2025	Catherine Smith	Terry Faust
Mark MacCullen		Danny Hobbs	Jill Hicks
Steve Moore		Steve Gambill	
Laura Beth Hovey		Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	
Nathan Eberhart		Scott Cullifer – Elder Rep	
Eva Bell, Staff Advisor			
Steve Hawkins – Elder Rep			
Treasurer			
Nathan Eberhart	Brandi Parker		
Clerk		Off '24 serving through 12/31/2024	
Sandy Morris	Emily Jones	Off '27 serving through 12/31/2027	Approved by CFBC Elders 11/06/2024

Standing Committee Elder Reps change in January

MINISTRY TEAMS-2025

Baptism Team	Food Service Team	Medical Team	Safety & Security Team
Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	Eva Bell, Staff Advisor
Chris McCrary, Co-Chair (21)	Natalie Southern, Hospitality	Aaron Mansfield, Chair (25)	Rob Bowman, Chair (22)
Liz McCrary, Co-Chair (21)	Gloria Boy	Jennifer Jack Wunder, V. Chair (25)	David Lee, Vice Chair (25)
Mike O'Tinger	Ann Sheffield	Alison Cronin	Brent Lovett
Brandi O'Tinger	Ken Reeves	Cathy Moore	Keith Wilson
Becky Lynch (videography)	Carie Reeves	Hollie Gillis	Randall Smith
Brandy Forstie (photography)	Jim Noble	Joanna Abernathy	Tom Cauffman
		Kaili Tobin	
		Kristin Hunt	
		Kristi Thomas	
		Josh Fernandez	
Benevolence Team	House and Grounds/Flowers Team	Men's Ministry Team	Senior Adults Team
Steven James, Staff Advisor	Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	Steven James, Staff Advisor	Danny Barker, Staff Advisor
Vanessa McWhorter, Chair (24)	Jimmy Edwards, Chair (21)	Jacob Wilder, Chair (25)	Kathy Barker, Chair (23)
Carilyn Hawkins, Vice Chair (25)	Gary Brock, Vice Chair (25)	Ryan Poole, Vice Chair (25)	Donna Gravley
Buddy Childs	Jeff Payne	Billo Hicks	Jan Payne
Bill Clements	Ray Caraway	Ben Barefoot	Linda Pendleton
Jason Barton	William McStotts	Greg Urbanick	Paula Lewis
Mandi Cullifer	Nanci Lee (Flowers)	Kyle Smith	Rebekah Feuerbach
Ray Caraway		Nick Carter	
Terry Faust		Pete Striplin	
Leigh Russell		Shane Collins	
Courtney Parker			
Betty Bergen			
Bereavement Team	Image Team	Missions Advisory	Sick and Homebound Team
Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	Steven James, Staff Advisor	Brian Bunce, Staff Advisor	Danny Barker, Staff Advisor
Ruth MacCullen, Chair (23)	Spencer Houston, Co-Chair (25)	Mandi Cullifer, Chair (24)	Susan Popham, Chair (24)
Paula Lewis, Vice Chair (25)	Megan Houston, Co-Chair (25)	Buddy Childs	Tommy Popham, Vice Chair (25)
Dawn Grooms	Ben Jones	Christy Lindsey	Connie Brock
Betty Bergen	Chris Vick	Jill Hicks	Gary Brock
Sheri Wickline	Danny Hobbs	Jon Huff, Staff	Ann Eubanks, Staff
Lisa Archer	Ken Frasier	Matt Glenn	Bill Clements
	Deacon rotation for leads	Nancy Smith	Jamie Clements
			Jo Ann Dorsey
Children/Kids Ministry Team	Lord's Supper Team	Preschool Ministry Team	Student Ministry Team
Lisa Lovett, Staff Advisor	Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	Jamie Azar, Staff Advisor	Jason Morrow, Staff Advisor
Jennifer Gross, Chair (23)	Jeff Hayhurst, Co-Chair (25)	Erin Ruff, Chair (23)	Risa Smith, Chair (22)
Kristen Bishop, Vice Chair (25)	Sharon Hayhurst, Co-Chair (25)	Kelli Mauelshagen, Vice Chair (25)	Adam Baker
Libby Baker	Dawn Grooms	Jennifer Block	Chris Taylor
Monica Tanner, Staff	Leon King	Kim Cheek	Katie Lake
Jordan Poole	Chuck and Valerie Holt	Hannah Salter	Kevin Ruff
	Terry and Debbie Peacock	Lauren Lopez	Matt Glenn
	Jeff and Carla McCollum	Katie Brook Barefoot	Melissa Wiggins
	Todd and Jennifer Roberts	Monica Thornbury	Scott Barkley
	Mark and Kim Anselman		
	Marriage and More Team	Prayer Team	Women's Ministry Team
	Steven James, Staff Advisor	Danny Barker, Staff Advisor	Jamie Azar, Staff Advisor
	Kyle and Catherine Smith, Chair (24)	Joanie Morris, Chair (25)	Jill Hick, Chair (23)
	Craig and Donna Guyton	Curtis Morris, Co-Chair (25)	Libby Baker, Vice Chair (25)
	Buddy and Nancy Childs	Agnes Albritton	Barb Romig
	Steve and Cathy Moore	Ann Eubanks, Staff	Brittany Davidson
	David and Carol Apple	Billo Hicks	Debi Lewis
	Greg and Soraya King	Bobby Haney	Devon Brooks
	David and Krista McGee	Kent Walker	Estephany Cediell
		Kyle Bergen	Kandace Stinard
		Kim Devenpeck	Joanie Morris
*Chair date indicates start year		Linda Stackhouse	Laura Beth Hovey
Approved 11/6/2024 CFBC Elders		Nancy Smith	

DEACONS+ELDERS-2025

Current Deacons 2024-2026	New Deacons 2025-2027	Current Elders
Ben Brooks – Secretary 2024		Matt Glenn
Kyle Smith		Scott Cullifer
Ben Jones – Chair 2024		Shep Helton
Bobby Haney	Adam Baker	Andy Bishop
Billo Hicks		Steve Hawkins
Brandon Barnette	Brandt Thomas	Buddy Childs
Ken Frasier		
Kyle Bergen		New Elders 2025-2027
Kevin Lynch – Vice Chair 2024		Scott Barkley
Ryan Poole		Craig Guyton
Randy East		
Sean Baxter		
Donnie Bagwell	Adam McCown	
Scott McCormack		
Lamar Farr		
Lee Perry		
Craig Lindsey		
Nolan Howell	Danny Parker	
Jason Barton		
Jason Parker		
Spencer Houston	Alan Forsyth	
Steve Gambill	Kent Walker	
Terry Faust	John Allen	
Tommy Popham	Donavan Tate	
	Aaron Mansfield	
	George Ragsdale	
Dr. Kyle Walker, Staff Advisor		('27) - term ends 12/31/2027
Elder Advisor		('24) - term ends 12/31/2024

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