



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Historic. Liturgical. Vibrant.*

Dear Church Family,

Another year has passed, and once again First Baptist Church is planning the budget for the next year. Under the leadership of Justin Addington, our Minister in charge and Minister of Music, our church began to put our programs back in place. Last September Justin and Rev. James Richardson, Organist Emeritus, and chair of the Diaconate, found Kyle Reese through the Center for Healthy Churches and Kyle became our interim minister. Our hope was to fill our pulpit with a permanent pastor within six months to a year. After some months, a pastor search committee was formed, and we followed the steps to pursue someone who wanted to come to First Baptist Savannah as well as meet the qualifications our congregation required.

Our year has progressed well, our Sunday School classes are active once again, many persons have joined the choir, people have readily accepted joining a church committee when asked, and we are beginning to see the pews in our church fill on Sunday mornings. In addition, we have hired a new Minister for Discipleship to organize and lead us in many of our programs.

Our Pastor Search Committee made an offer to our interim minister because he met the desirable qualifications of our members. Kyle Reese accepted their offer and on August 26, 2023, the committee recommended to the congregation at a called Church Conference that we hire Kyle as our permanent minister. A unanimous call was extended demonstrating our unity of the Spirit. All who attended this conference stood and clapped, indicating a strong acceptance for our candidate.

“Our treasure, First Baptist, is not ours, but belongs to God.” As responsible stewards of God’s abundant treasures, we have put in place the components to allow God’s church to thrive. We the people of this congregation have the opportunity and responsibility to contribute to the treasury to make our church sustainable as well as to participate in the many activities of this church. We have much enthusiasm and energy to share God’s love in this place and to build his church, to welcome all those who walk through the doors of this treasure.

Please begin to pray individually and collectively about the vision of your faithfulness as we approach the beginning of another year of serving Christ by serving all others together and give generously to God’s treasure.

Lovingly in Christ,

*Nancy Lazard*

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Chair of Finance and Stewardship

“But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” 2 Corinthians 4:7

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