

2023

CFBC ANNUAL REPORT

GATHER. GROW. GO.

Cartersville

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

November 1, 2023

DEAR CFBC FAMILY

What a privilege it is to be your pastor! I really mean that. As I sit down to express my personal reflections on our past year of ministry together, I am overwhelmed with gratitude both for you and the goodness of our God. As Ephesians 4:12 states, you have given yourselves to the work of the ministry and God has done more than we could have ever asked or imagined (Eph. 3:20).

Along with Brian Bunce and Jon Huff, I was able to visit with some missionary couples while in the Middle East. One of those couples made quite an impression on us when they described themselves as if they were a small child to whom the father had given a play hammer and a couple of nails to play with while the father and master carpenter did the real work. Such a picture is so true! Yes, God uses us for the work of the ministry and what a privilege it is! And yet, all our work is like a small child playing with a plastic hammer and nails compared to the work of His sovereign hands. Glory to God for all He has done and is doing among us and through us!

So many 2023 ministry highlights come to my mind to relive with you but here are just a few. First, God supplied us with some key staff members to lead in critical ministry areas. Jason Morrow (Student Pastor), Brian Bunce (Missions Pastor), Tess Womack (Student Ministry Assistant), Cindy Payne (Senior Pastor's Assistant), along with Wendy Hodorff and Eron Hulsey to continue the legacy of service in our Church Hostess roles.

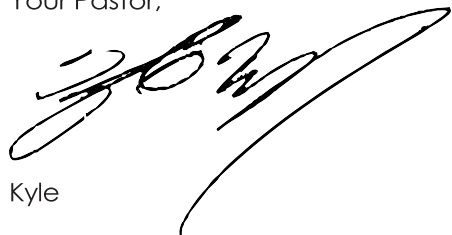
Our discipleship strategy to GATHER, GROW, and GO led us to experience Walk Through the Bible as a church in January, the addition of new Sunday School and Wednesday Discipleship classes, and a church-wide Sunday School curriculum designed to strengthen our biblical understanding and family discipleship. In 2022 we completed Legacy Project 2.0 which expanded our space to make disciples, and the Lord has been so faithful to allow us to see these spaces filled.

Our mission efforts to make disciples from our neighbors to the nations have also grown tremendously in 2023. We've continued to serve the launch and growth of the Hispanic church plant (The Power of His Presence) in our Lottie Moon Chapel. We have intentionally sought to wrap our arms around the refugee community God brought to us not only through physical provision, but also strategic discipleship. We've launched CFBCFosters to further mobilize our efforts as a church body to care for some of the most vulnerable in our community. We've sent ambassadors for Christ all over the world to make disciples from north Georgia to Utah, Vermont, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Panama, and the Middle East.

Meanwhile, we've been analyzing how to add more and more chairs to our Worship Center throughout 2023! God continues to bring new people through our doors, and not one of them has come to CFBC by accident. We've been called "aggressively friendly" if you remember and it's changing people's lives! I believe with all my heart God's hand is upon us. He is working for His glory! There's no doubt that as we continue to focus on the mission God has given us—He will continue to provide the blessings and growth only His hand can provide.

Thank you CFBC Family for the privilege of being your pastor! What a blessing it is to serve the Lord together. I thank God for all He is doing, and I cannot wait for all He has in store for 2024.

Your Pastor,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kyle', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kyle

WE GROW PEOPLE

	2022	2023
NEW MEMBERS	184	107

	2022	2023
BY BAPTISM	78	42

	2022	2023
BY STATEMENT OF FAITH	26	10

	2022	2023
BY MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER	80	55

	2022	2023
ATTENDED DISCOVER FIRST	133	113

	2022	2023
Average Sunday School Attendance	566	817

	2022	2023
Average Worship Attendance	698	1061

Welcome to the CFBC family!

BY BAPTISM

Allie Garner
Benjamin Russell
Callie Jane Vick
Canaan Godfrey
Caroline Jones
Cecil Norrod
Charlotte Crumley
Christian Sanders
Clay Wehunt
Davis Payne
Derek Holder
Elena Gaines
Elliott Claire Vick
Elliott Harrison
Emily Block
Ethan Hamilton
Gavin Hubbard
International Refugee
International Refugee
Isabelle Adams
Jackson Taylor
Josh Fernandez
Jude Hamilton
Judson Willingham
Kendall Popham
Kyle Gonzalez
Lily Collier
Lily Ragsdale
Maddie Weightman
Marc Fantigrossi
McKenna Knight
Meredith Ragsdale
Morgan Echols
Nicki Swickheimer
Raden Sullins
Savannah Slaughter
Skylar Sullins
Stephanie Pye
Sydney Houston
Tracy Pettway
Tripp Pruett
Wesley Knight

BY TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Aaron Hood
Alison Cronin
Alissa Campbell
Angela Austin
Aubrey Davidsion
Ben Barefoot
Bob Wiggins
Bobbie Quant
Bonnie Cleveland
Brian Davidson
Brittany Davidson
Burna Campbell
Caitlin Foster
Caralynn Campbell
Carla McCollum
Cindy Payne
Denise Reinders
Dino Genovese
Donald Tyson
Donna Elliott
Else Allen
Ian Campbell
Jason Morrow
Jeff McCollum
JoAnn Nix
Joe Cleveland
John Allen
John Maish

Joyce Tyson
Kajsa Davidson
Kandace Stinard
Katie-Brook Barefoot
Kaylan Malone
Kelsie Hood
Ken Gaul
Larry McCallister
Lynn McCallister
Mike Elliott
Nicole Willingham
Olivia Davidson
Penny Wiggins
Robbie Hudson
Rodney Pope
Ronnie Nix
Scott Perry
Sharon Abernathy
Shaun Foster
Shirley Gaul
Summer Hudson
Tanner Stinard
Trey Austin
Trey Willingham
Wanda Maish
Willie Campbell
Yvonne Genovese

BY STATEMENT OF FAITH

David Quant
Gia Popham
Jake Aldredge
Jason Garner
June Strow
Kelly Harrison
Melinda Lemmon
Michael Strow
Sarah Jewell
Taylor Aldredge



CHURCHWIDE

- Over 100 Discover First attendees
- \$312,382 in contributions made toward the Legacy Project
- Sunday School Discipleship Curriculum implementation
- Addition of key staff members
- Missions Advisory Team (Locally, Regionally, Nationally, and Internationally)
- CFBC Fosters

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY – THE NEST

- Over 15 Parent-Child Dedications
- Parents' Night Out
- Addition of classes to accommodate growth
- Fall Family Fun Day

KIDS MINISTRY

- Over 650 attendees for Vacation Bible School
- Addition of classes to accommodate growth
- Over 40 attendees for the monthly "Now That I'm A Christian" classes
- Over 50 attendees for Centrikid Camp
- Over 25 attendees for 3rd Grade Bible Camp

STUDENT MINISTRY

- Over 100 Students for annual Merge weekend
- Over 50 students for M-Fuge camp
- Addition of classes to accommodate growth
- Graduate recognition service for over 20 high school graduates

MISSIONS

- Local Outreach: Refugee Ministry, Wednesday Mission Nights, Bartow Family Resources, 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
- National: Utah church planters, Puerto Rico disaster relief, Rural Alaska church build, Mission Fuge South Carolina, Vermont
- Global Outreach: Panama, Colombia, Argentina, Middle East

BUDGET SUMMARY

DESCRIPTION	2024 PROPOSED	2023 ANNUAL	2024 % OF TOTAL
Budget Receipts	\$3,320,523	\$3,001,593	100%
Weekly Needs	\$63,856	\$57,722	
Missions Ministry	\$315,787	\$263,135	9.51%
Pastoral Ministry	\$45,300	\$38,300	1.36%
Adult Ministry	\$78,900	\$61,600	2.38%
Worship Arts Ministry	\$17,400	\$15,900	0.52%
Worship Production Ministry	\$13,000	\$9,600	0.39%
Preschool Ministry	\$28,750	\$26,450	0.87%
Children's Ministry	\$42,550	\$33,338	1.28%
Student Ministry	\$51,260	\$27,700	1.54%
Properties Ministry	\$471,316	\$441,800	14.19%
Supportive Ministry	\$109,920	\$120,570	3.31%
Personnel Ministry	\$1,509,519	\$1,420,160	45.46%
Capital Improvement/ Emergency Reserve	\$111,821	\$63,040	3.37%
Legacy Project Interest	\$525,000	\$480,000	15.81%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,320,523	\$3,001,593	100.00%

STANDING COMMITTEES-2024

Trustees	Replacement		Replacement
Shep Helton			
Bob Mayes			
Ken Frasier			
Bylaws Committee		Nominating Committee	
Jonathan Fultz - Chair 2023	Chair - 2024	Kristin U. Jones	Chair - 2024
Jordan Poole	Vice Chair - 2024	Betty Bergen	Vice Chair - 2024
Donna Gravley		Donna Guyton	Donnie Bagwell
Pete Striplin		Elizabeth Holmes	Danny Parker
Amber Bunce	Jesse Brock	Buddy Childs - Vice Chair 2022	Abby Barton
Richard Morris	Scott McCormick	Emily Jones	
Keith Wilson	Mike Loy	Brandt Thomas	Megan Houston
Dr. Kyle Walker, Staff Advisor		Dr. Steven James, Staff Advisor	
Shep Helton – Elder Rep		Andy Bishop – Elder Rep	
Finance Committee		Personnel Committee	
Jay Slaughter	Chair - 2024	Pam Loy	Gene Lee - Chair 2024
Katie Knight Jones - Vice Chair 2023	Vice Chair - 2024	Ben Brooks	Vice Chair - 2024
Brandi Parker		Brandon Barnette	Randy East
Cheyenne Bagwell	Adam Baker	Carilyn Hawkins	
Adam McCown		Catherine Smith - Chair 2023	
Josh McWhorter	Mark MacCullen	Danny Hobbs	
Ken Frasier - Chair 2023	Steve Moore	Billo Hicks	Steve Gambill
Laura Beth Hovey		Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	
Nathan Eberhart		Gene Lee – Elder Rep	
Eva Bell, Staff Advisor			
Scott Cullifer – Elder Rep			
Treasurer			
Nathan Eberhart		Off '23 serving through 12/31/2023	
		Off '24 serving through 12/31/2024	
Clerk		Off '25 serving through 12/31/2025	
Sandy Morris		Off '26 serving through 12/31/2026	Approved by CFBC Elders 10/04/2023

Standing Committee Elder Reps change in January

Baptism Team	Food Services Team	Medical Team	Safety & Security Team
Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	Eva Bell, Staff Advisor
Chris McCray, Co-Chair (21)	Wendy Hodorff, Hostess	Kristi Thomas, Chair (23)	Rob Bowman, Chair (22)
Liz McCray, Co-Chair (21)	Erin Hulsey, Hostess Assistant	Aaron Mansfield	David Lee, Vice Chair (24)
Mike O'Tinger	Ann Sheffield	Alison Cronin	Brent Lovell
Brandi O'Tinger	Brad Harvey	Cathy Moore	Keith Wilson
Gloria Ely	Lorraine Higginbotham	Hollie Gillis	Randall Smith
David Ely	Monica Pascoe	Jennifer Jack Wunder	Richard Morris
Becky Lynch (videography)	Paula Lewis	Joanna Abernathy	
Brandy Forstie (photography)	Sarah Gibbs	Kali Tobin	
		Kristin Hunt	
		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, Co-Chair Ext (21)	Billo Hicks, Chair (23)	Kathy Barker, Chair (23)
Bill Clements	Gary Brock, Co-Chair Interior (23)	Chris Welch, Vice Chair	Donna Gravely
Buddy Childs	Bobby Haney	Chris Vick	Jan Payne
Carilyn Hawkins	Jeff Payne	Greg Urbanick	Linda Pendleton
Jason Barton	Ray Caraway	Jacob Wilder	Paula Lewis
Katie Jones	William McStotts	Kyle Smith	
Ray Caraway	Nanci Lee (Flowers)	Ryan Poole	
Terry Faust		Shane Collins	
Leigh Russell		Pete Striplin	
Christy Lindsey			
Jessica Mitchem			
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)	Ben Jones, Chair (23)	Mandi Cullifer, Chair (24)	Susan Popham, Chair (24)
Dawn Grooms	Chris Vick	Brandon Barnette	Bill Clements
Paula Lewis	Danny Hobbs	Brandi Thomas	Connie Brock
Betty Bergen	Ken Frasier	Buddy Childs	Gary Brock
Sheri Wickline	Deacon rotation for leads	Jill Hicks	David Ely
		Jon Huff, Staff	Jamie Clements
		Matt Glenn	Jo Ann Dorsey
		Nancy Smith	Ann Eubanks
		Scott Cullifer	Tommy Popham
Children/Kids Ministry Team	Lord's Supper Team	Prayer Team	Student Ministry Team
Lisa Lovett, Staff Advisor	Eva Bell, Staff Advisor	Danny Barker, Staff Advisor	Jason Morrow, Staff Advisor
Jennifer Gross, Chair (23)	Bill Clements, Chair (21)	Kim Devenpeck, Chair (23)	Risa Smith, Chair (220)
Kristen Bishop	Becky Mitchell	Agnes Albritton	Adam Baker
Libby Baker	Dawn Grooms	Jan Burkett	Chris Taylor
Monica Tanner, Staff	Greg Urbanick	Joanie Morris	Jacob McCrary
	Jamie Clements	Linda Stackhouse	Katie Lake
	Ray Mitchell	Nancy Smith	Kevin Ruff
	Ron Poole		Matt Glenn
	Susan Poole		Scott Barkley
Counting Team	Marriage and More Team	Preschool Ministry Team	Women's Ministry Team
Part of Finance Committee	Steven James, Staff Advisor	Jamie Azar, Staff Advisor	Jamie Azar, Staff Advisor
Nathen Eberhart, Staff Advisor	Kyle & Catherine Smith, Chair (24)	Erin Ruff, Chair (23)	Jill Hicks, Chair (23)
Bonnie Mayzes, Chair (22)	Craig & Donna Guyton	Haley Welch	Devon Brooks
Jerry Gravley	Buddy & Nancy Childs	Jennifer Block	Laura Beth Hovey
Judy Gaines	Scott & Tracy McCormack	Kelli Mauelshagen	Libby Baker
Terri Frasier	David & Carol Apple	Kristi Thomas	Megan Loyd
Jimmy Edwards		Meg Wilder	Barb Romig
Jeff Payne		Nicole Rice	
		*Chair date indicates start year	Approved 10/04/2022 CFBC Elders

DEACONS+ELDERS-2024

Current Deacons 2023-2025	New Deacons 2024-2026	Current Elders
Ben Brooks		Dennis Womack
Steve Hawkins	Kyle Smith	Gene Lee
Ben Jones		Matt Glenn
Bobby Haney		Scott Cullifer
Brad Slocumb	Billo Hicks	Shep Helton
Brandon Barnette - Vice Chair 2023		Andy Bishop
Ken Frasier		
Kyle Bergen		New Elders 2024-2026
Buddy Childs	Kevin Lynch	Buddy Childs
Craig Guyton - Chair 2023	Ryan Poole	Steve Hawkins
Danny Hobbs	Randy East	
Sean Baxter		
Donnie Bagwell		
Scott McCormack		
Jeff Hayhurst	Lamar Farr	
Jeff Payne	Lee Perry	
Craig Lindsey		
Nolan Howell		
Jason Barton		
Scott Barkley	Jason Parker	
Spencer Houston - Secretary 2023		
Steve Gambill		
Terry Faust		
Tommy Popham		('26) - term ends 12/31/2025
		('25) - term ends 12/31/2024
Dr. Kyle Walker, Staff Advisor		('24) - term ends 12/31/2023
Elder Advisor		('23) - term ends 12/31/2023



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