

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Heath's Annual Report

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

Colossians 3:23-24

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

This is my fourth annual report to the church. I want to thank all of you for the loving support you have shown to myself and my family. This last year has been a blessing to us. I believe God has moved in many ways and has done great things. We have seen salvations, baptisms, new members, new ministries, and an excitement for the future.

I continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us into God's vision for the church. The verses above sum up what that vision is all about: making every Christian into a disciple of Jesus Christ, reaching the lost, and doing all things for the glory of the Lord. Our journey with the Lord began four & half years ago. After much prayer, the Lord put on my heart a five year plan to lead & transform First Baptist Church into a church ready for the difficult times we see sweeping over our nation and the world. A time where people will turn from the truth of God's Word to false teachers and apostasy. A difficult time to be a church of Jesus Christ, but the time we have been called to stand for the Lord. Even in the light of the times we live, we have seen God at work. We have experienced many challenges and there will be more ahead. However, no matter what difficulties may come, our God is faithful!

The First Year consisted of my family developing a relationship with the congregation, upgrading and beautifying the sanctuary, nursery enhancement, creation of children's Sunday School program, a teen youth group called "The Edge", and development of a contemporary early service. These goals were accomplished. I want to thank everyone who financially supported the projects and for those who dedicated their time to see the work completed.

Second Year consisted of establishing solid biblical learning for all ages through biblically centered ministries to promote growth of every believer in the faith. We focused on developing multiple Bible studies throughout the week to teach the Word of God.

John 17:17-19

*Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth.***

The second year also saw new development and fine-tuning of our Children's Ministries. The children are the future and First Baptist Church will be a church that ministers to and prepares the children to live for Jesus Christ. The Treehouse Kids Club was developed to reach children & families in our community. Wendee Ulmer, our Children's Ministry Director, developed, organized, and lead this exciting new ministry with great enthusiasm and passion.

We also upgraded our Sunday morning children's ministry programs. Lead by Wendee Ulmer, all children's rooms and nursery were upgraded and remodeled. A new Children's Church program and curriculum were introduced along with Sunday School and nursery programs.

The Third Year was designed to capture the heart of the church for the Great Commission. Every member to understand who they are in Christ and what the "church" is designed to be by God. For that purpose, we worked our way through the Gospel of Luke (to truly know & understand Jesus and His teachings), the Book of Acts (to understand what it is to be a church), and the Book of Romans (to understand the core teachings & beliefs of the Church). Discipleship training continued, ministry training of staff and volunteers, fine-tuning of ministries, and outreach to our community, which is our primary mission field.

The Fourth Year continued to be a time where God worked and blessed us. We saw spiritual growth and numerical growth in our Contemporary First Service, the Wednesday Night Children's Treehouse Club, and our youth group, the Edge.

We continued to promote spiritual growth and discipleship with the adults of the church through several Bible studies to include: Apologetics, Sharing the Gospel, Developing Your Testimony, Testimony Nights, Not a Fan, Pilgrim's Progress, the Gathering, and several women's bible studies lead by Wendee Ulmer and Helen Roberts.

Special projects: Gym Renovation

We saw the close of the fourth year with an amazing blessing from God. A wonderful baptism service at Whiskey Town Lake with thirteen people baptized.

Fifth Year: Which we are currently in, is designed to establish First Baptist Church as a dynamic and faithful church which fulfills the Great Commission as described in the book of Revelation:

Revelation 3:7-12

*"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, 'He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens': 'I know your works. **See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it;** for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.*


So far in this fifth year, we continue our journey through the Word of God with studies through 1 & 2 Corinthians. Taking breaks only for the Christmas series and our Easter Drama. The Easter weekend was a success with a new drama consisting of 15 actors from the congregation. Also, Wendee Ulmer and the Children's Ministry Team converted the main hall way and gym into "old Jerusalem" for the children's Easter egg hunt.

The Men's Ministry (Man Church) was established under the leadership of Rich Sample and Gordon Phillips. The men's ministry kicked off with a fishing tournament at Whiskey Town Lake. The ministry continues to meet monthly for breakfast and construction of the "Man Cave" ministry room.

Fellowship was established through multiple events: 4th of July Cookout, Six Summer Movie Nights, Golfing Events, Fishing Event, Thanksgiving Lunch, and Bible studies!

We are about to finish the five year journey for First Baptist Church. It has only been the first step. The second step is right around the corner. This five years has had many blessings, but not without it's difficult times. The next few months will continue to be a challenge. But with God's grace, we will continue to push forward. There will be change and new ways of doing ministry, but the message will remain the same as it always has been since the days of the apostles. This last year has been a blessing for me and I look forward with great anticipation to see what God is going to do through First Baptist Church. I want to thank all of you for your support of this church and your dedication to the name that is above every name, the name of Jesus Christ!

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heath Ulmer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heath Ulmer
Pastor, First Baptist Church of Redding

Another year has passed and again I feel honored to serve on our Diaconate Board. We are so blessed to have the great facility that we have, and despite the age of the building, we are blessed to not have had any major costly repairs in the past year. That being said, we do face the need for parking lot repair. I am confident that God will provide for us in the area, and I would urge you as members to be in prayer about how you can give above that which you already do. I know that God will bless us with the funds that are needed and he will bless us too for even possible giving out of our comfort zone.

In His love,

*Sharon Tavares
Financial Officer*

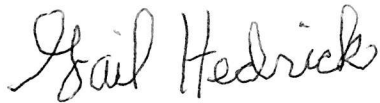
April 23, 2018

To the Members of Redding First Baptist Church

It has been my privilege to be Clerk of our First Baptist Church's Diaconate Board for the past four years, (this being my last year to serve as FBC Clerk, as we only serve a four year term on the FBC Board.). Once a month, (the last Tuesday of the month), I receive, 'via an email, our Executive Meeting's input for the Agenda, for our FBC Diaconate Board Meeting's, (held the first Tuesday of the month.). At the FBC Diaconate Board Meeting, I take the minutes. Within the ten days, following our FBC Diaconate Board Meeting, I type up the minutes from FBC Diaconate Board Meeting and post them on our FBC bulletin board, across from the FBC Library.

I have received great joy serving the Lord, in this capacity, and I will miss attending the monthly FBC Diaconate Board Meeting's, and taking minutes.

With a grateful servant's heart,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Hedrick". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first and last names being clearly legible.

Gail Hedrick, FBC Clerk

Men's Ministry 2017 – 2018

The men's ministry at Redding First Baptist Church has had a great first year. Starting with a fishing outing at Whiskeytown Lake, the Men's Ministry has developed into monthly gatherings with regular turnout of 12 to 15 men. Core gatherings center on Saturday breakfasts in Kidder Hall where Chef Toby creates a full course classic breakfast that aims to please. Following breakfast Gordon or Rich lead the men in a short devotional on such topics as "Courage, Prayer, Trust and Obedience".

Other events have included attending a training course at the Redding Police Department Headquarters and demolition of a large upstairs room in order to create a Man Cave for Men's Ministry gatherings.

Our mission statement defines the goals of the ministry as follows:

"The Men's Ministry of First Baptist Church of Redding is to bring glory to Jesus Christ by discipling men through the study of God's Word and to develop a brotherhood of Christian men who honor and serve God".

With construction work on the Man Cave room well on the way, men are developing relationships that will not only strengthen the Men's Ministry but help them as men of God to serve in their family and other social settings.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

May 2018

To the Congregation of First Baptist Church of Redding, CA:

All praise and glory goes to God the gracious Father, His faithful Son, Jesus, and the ever-patient Holy Spirit who guides and protects the heart of this ministry. It's been another blessed year for the FBC Children's Department. We have watched God continue to provide for this ministry, give wisdom when needed, and raise up volunteers who strive to seek Him.

The Children's Department is categorized into two main ministries. The first is our Sunday Morning ministry which consists of a Nursery for both 9:00 am and 10:45 am services, a One-Room Sunday School Class, and a One-Room Children's Church all in conjunction with the church's two services. We also have a fun game time in the gym for children ages 5-11 from 10:30-10:50 am which is led by Ryan Pierce. We've seen some changes in personnel in the Nursery this year. Nursery is now split between two-full time caretakers-Ashley Coplen (9:00 service) and Claire Winson (10:45 service). We are appreciative of these two ladies who have stepped up to take Maddi Simpson's role, who will be sorely missed as she and her husband, Andrew, make their transition to God's call in their lives.

The second main ministry within the Children's Dept. is our Wednesday Night Treehouse Kids Club where we signed up 50 children and had an average attendance of 30-35 per week (all while maintaining a budget of \$97.22 per month). Because of our increase in numbers, we were led to add a 4th class to Wednesday Night so that our classes are now split into 4 groups: Jammers (3-5 yrs. old), Blasters (K-1st Grade), Cruisers (2nd-3rd Grade), and Jesus League (4th-5th Grade). In this process, we converted the Quilting Room into a classroom for the Jesus League and have used it twice weekly since it's inception. God has graciously taken care of our special financial needs through generous donators, including our own Treehouse workers, FBC Adult Sunday School classes, anonymous donors, and Gordon's weekly Wednesday Night Dinner proceeds. These donations were used in several outreaches:

Miscellaneous Movie Nights
Treehouse End-of-Summer Luau
Various Theme Nights
App-Attack Reward Nights
FBC Holy Land Easter Egg Hunt
Evangelicubes
Miscellaneous digital songs/games

FBC Fourth of July Waterslide/Pool
FBC Trunk or Treat
Treasure Trove Store
Treehouse Christmas Party
Treehouse End-of-the-Year Water Balloon Nite
Christmas Mini-Play
Curriculum for 4 classes

We felt that we successfully implemented the following in both Sunday and Wednesday ministries:

- a. Shared the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ on several occasions -- at which point 1 child made the decision to follow Jesus Christ after a profession of faith
- b. Taught Randy Frazee's "Believe" Curriculum which taught children **why** we believe **what** we believe about God
- c. Trained workers on this new curriculum
- d. Introduced ideas for application of what each child learned on a weekly basis
- e. Performed weekly skits with puppets to reinforce moral and spiritual growth within the children
- f. Provided Bibles for each child who came through our doors
- g. Continued building a volunteer base for the Children's Department Nursery, Children's Church, & Treehouse Family
- h. Introduced new curriculum titled "The Story" by Randy Frazee for Nursery/Children's Church on Sunday Mornings along with "Superbook" Curriculum for Children's Church
- i. Introduced curriculum series "Nest Family Productions Bible Stories" for Sunday School

I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to the following folks who have faithfully ministered in various capacities within this Department:

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May God continue to bless the children and His servants in this vibrant ministry.

Serving Christ,

Wendee Ulmer

First Baptist Church Office

2017-2018

We have been very Blessed to have such a faithful Pastor and supporting family in Pastor Heath and Wendee Ulmer. They truly devote their lives to seeking and teaching the truth, of our Heavenly Father. God has been faithful and good to us here at First Baptist Church.

We have volunteers who are a blessing to this church in all that they do. We start our week with the counting team: Jackie Bremer & Beth Burke. We are also thankful for Darlene Cline, Maxine Leonard and Linda Little for filling in for the ladies when they couldn't be here. They come in to do the banking weekly. Then we have the wonderful volunteers that answer the phones, help people, restock the sanctuary, fill in the attendance book, file the music, fold and stuff bulletins, and activate the prayer chains and so much more. Linda Little and Anita Weidenfeld volunteer weekly in the office. Thank you, to Levi Ulmer who so faithfully restocks the sanctuary and stuffs the bulletins weekly. Thank you so much for the wonderful job all of you do.

Thank you to Ruth Flanagan for writing cards to our visitors, birthday, anniversary, thank you, get well, and miss plus and misc. This takes a lot of dedication. Thank you so much. Every Thursday Anita Weidenfeld arranges for people of our church to go sing and fellowship with our shut-ins. Anita, Jackie Bremer, Maxine Leonard and Ruth Hendrickson meet at 1:00p.m. We very much appreciate all your hard work. We also have a few people that can be seen some in the early mornings or out in the evening planting flowers, weeding, watering, cleaning up trash, and trimming, weed eating, DE cobwebbing and cleaning up of the court yard. Thank you! Lois & Toby Robison, Pat O'Bannon and Pastor Heath Ulmer.

Thank you, also to our faithful ushers & Security team, B.J. Collins, Bud Hand, Bob Horner, Pat O'Bannon, Jim Bianchins, James Schrimsher, and Mark Smith. We very much appreciate your dedication every Sunday morning.

God has blessed us with such amazing people who are devoted to his work.

In His Service,

Lisa Trenholm