



# The Contact

## First Baptist Burlington

Helping People Thrive in God's Abundant Life



Christmas  
at First Baptist  
December, 2023



# FBC Quarterly Business Meeting—January 24

We hope you will join us on January 24 at 6:00 p.m. for our Quarterly Business Meeting. Our meeting will be held by Zoom. A link to join, along with the meeting ID and passcode, will be sent out prior to the meeting.

## Business Meeting Agenda Items

1. Past meeting minutes may be presented for approval.
2. The nominating Committee may present nominations if there are any committee vacancies.
3. Committee reports will be presented
4. The Constitution Committee will propose a change to our By-Laws. This change comes at the request of our Deacons. The wording is listed below. The underlined print signifies the current wording to be replaced. The bold print signifies the wording for the proposed revision.

### Current Wording:

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting at any business meeting at which a quorum is present, provided notice and explanation of the proposed change shall be given at least two weeks in advance in The Contact or other church newsletter mailed or delivered to all resident members.

### Proposed Change:

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended in whole or in part by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting at any business meeting at which a quorum is present, provided notice and explanation of the proposed change shall be given at least two weeks in advance **via a church-wide notification delivered to all resident members.**

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## Stuff You Need to Know!

Our 2024 edition of our FBC ***Stuff You Need to Know—Resource Guide*** will be coming out soon. This year's issue will include a new section we think you will find very helpful!

If you have not yet turned in the officers and meeting times for your committee, please send that to Sierra Watson at [Office@FirstBaptistBurlington.com](mailto:Office@FirstBaptistBurlington.com) as soon as possible. This will help us keep our information complete and up to date.

# Children's Ministry Update

The Purpose of our Children's Ministry at FBC is to help kids thrive now and one day as adults. This is driven directly by our mission focus, to Help People Thrive in God's Abundant Life. We are working to do this by accomplishing three main objectives with each child.

- 1) **Fostering a Personal Relationship with God:** This objective focuses on nurturing a child's individual connection with God. It involves not only introducing them to spiritual concepts but also empowering them with the skills needed for personal growth in their faith journey. This could involve teachings on prayer, scripture reading, understanding God's love, and guidance on how to apply these teachings in their daily lives.
- 2) **Emphasizing Christian Community:** This objective highlights the significance of being part of a larger Christian community, which is the church. It aims to help children understand the role of the church in supporting and guiding them while also encouraging their participation in contributing positively to the church community. This can include lessons on teamwork, empathy, service, and the importance of fellowship and worship. Our hope is that every child will seek to be connected in a Church wherever life takes them.
- 3) **Instilling Godly Perspectives and Traits:** This objective is about shaping the children's worldview and character. It aims to guide them to see the world through a spiritual lens, encouraging virtues and traits aligned with Godly principles. This might involve teachings on kindness, compassion, integrity, humility, and other values reflective of a God centered life.

Overall, your Children's Ministry is designed, not only to nurture the current spiritual growth of each child, but also to equip them with the foundational tools necessary for a flourishing spiritual life as they grow into adulthood. Each objective serves a distinct purpose in aligning the children with the mission focus of helping people thriving in God's abundant life.



## 2023 Year End Financial Abundance Report

Thank you, First Baptist! We are so blessed to be a part of a generous church family. We believe God has called us to help people thrive in God's abundant life. God's blessing and your support of our mission, this year, have given us the resources we need to continue to implement our Strategic Plan for Growth in 2024. We are grateful to you and we are grateful to God for you!



### Let's Continue to Thrive in 2024!

In 2023 we faced several challenges. The way our church family came together to meet those challenges is a testament to the love and faith we share. Now it's time for us share that love and faith with our community.

As we enter into 2024, we also enter the next phase of our Strategic Plan for Growth! We have spent the last two years discerning our mission and preparing for growth. Now it is time to grow! It is time for us to turn our attention outward toward bringing in members of our community in the hopes that we can point them to Jesus and help them thrive! This will be an exciting phase!

We have put the challenges of 2023 behind us and have embraced the momentum we have going into 2024! Over the next several weeks, you will be hearing about ways you can engage in our mission. We ask you to be in prayer about the ways you can thrive at First Baptist and the ways you can help others thrive.

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