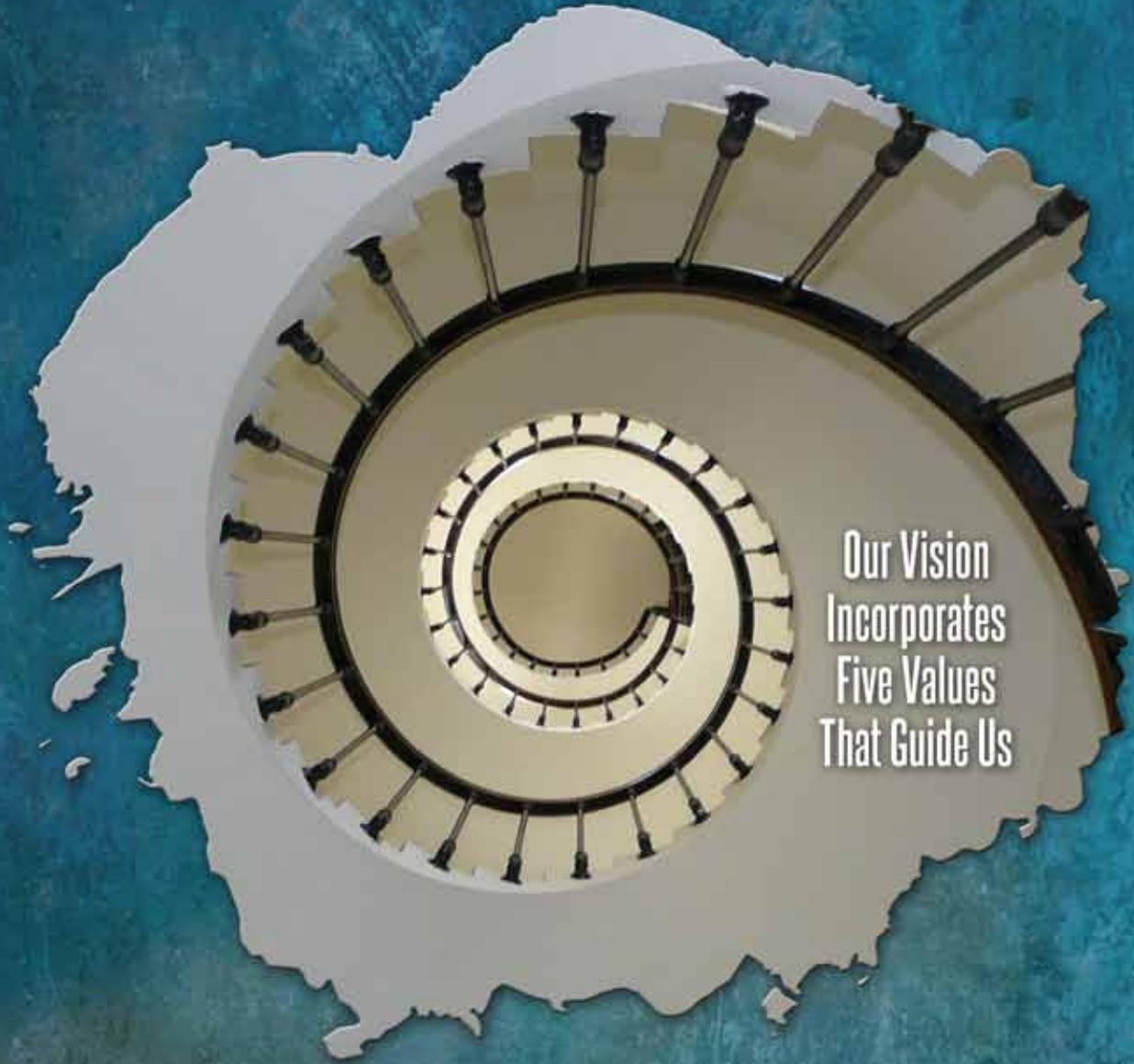




FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH



Our Vision
Incorporates
Five Values
That Guide Us

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

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PASTOR'S REPORT:

As I began to reflect on the past year at First Alliance, Philippians 1:9 immediately came to mind. While I have always been impressed with the love I have seen from the FAC family, this love has both “abounded” and gained greater “depth of insight” in 2016. As you read through these reports, and as you join us in celebrating what God has done, I think you’ll agree with me!

Love “abounding” means that more and more people experience the love of Jesus through our ministry as a church, and this definitely took place in 2016. Perhaps the most striking example of this was when 23 young people made first time commitments to the Lord Jesus during the week of VBS. Or we could point to the dozens of community members who received significant financial assistance through our benevolent ministries, an act of love that often gets overlooked in end-of-year meetings. Our love abounded internationally as well, as we sent three international workers — Christy, Katie, and Al — back to the mission field to follow God’s plan for the next phase of their ministries. To these were added several young people who made Great Commission commitments at PowerTime Camp and LIFE 2016.

The love of First Alliance was on display during some painful times as well. At the beginning of the year, it would have been hard to imagine an FAC family without Randy Shumaker, Allen Temple, Mildred King, or Bill Smith. But as you always do, you have responded in these times of loss with expressions of grace and mercy that brought Holy Spirit comfort into the lives of their families, and in doing so you modeled Jesus to many people, some of whom did not know the Lord. We continue to pray for these families.

Our love abounded in other, less obvious ways. One of these was group prayer. As our prayer room ministry began to come into its own, Brittany Rankin led a team of intercessors in a new time of prayer for our church, community and world; many of these same prayer warriors received deliverance prayer training from Pete and Alice Brokopp; and several attended the College of Prayer in September. Meanwhile, the elders added a monthly prayer meeting to their schedule to maximize their time of intercession for the flock.

As for “knowledge and depth of insight,” that was reflected in our rapidly expanding discipleship ministry, whether in small groups, Bible fellowships, or the smaller “D groups” in which more and more of us are participating.

But we also experienced this increasing depth of insight as a church. As we prayed together, God crystallized some things in the minds and hearts of our leadership that were formally a bit blurry. We now know “who we are” as a specific expression of the body of Christ, having identified our core values, those qualities that distinctly set us apart. It has been such a joy to hear testimonies from small group leaders whose groups have benefited from the follow-up study, as these values have been confirmed and reinforced.

Taking this idea a step further, not only do we know

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.”
- Philippians 1:9

“who we are,” but we have a much better idea of “where we’re going.” In the morning service on January 29, I will be laying out a vision for the immediate future that indicates where I believe the Lord is bringing us, and how He is challenging us to follow Him in obedience. You’ll hear a much more in-depth treatment that morning, but here is a summary of what I believe the Lord is calling us to do:

- **Multiply Disciples:** It is time for our discipleship ministry to enter the phase where we do more than just add people to the list of those trained to follow Jesus; this involves raising up new leaders and challenging disciples to become disciplers.
- **Extend Corporate Prayer:** We have a good start, but there are more ways we can grow as a praying church, and more opportunities we can provide for you to get involved.
- **Reach Children and Families:** As a multi-generational church, we have a natural affinity for reaching out to families, and that is good news for a county where the family is under constant attack. This is the most wide-ranging of our initiatives. It will involve new service-oriented outreach efforts and eventually a new full-time staff member.
- **Launch International Workers:** We have the DNA to be a true missionary sending church. God is already raising up new Great Commission workers from among our young people, and we need to be identifying, equipping, and sending them. (Oh, and it’s not always the young people!)
- **Connect the Congregation:** One of the great challenges for a growing church family is how to connect needs in the body to those God has equipped to help meet them. Our deacons and elders had a very constructive discussion about this in a special meeting on January 3. Still another daunting challenge is simply keeping track of everybody! You may have noticed that we are exploring new ways to harness technology in order to stay in touch with everyone and make sure they don’t get lost in the shuffle. Even if First Alliance becomes a bigger church, we want to maintain a “small-church feel,” where everybody matters, and everybody is loved and meaningfully included.

There are so many more things I could expound on, but many of them will be covered in the reports to follow. So I’ve done my best just to hit some of the highlights and give you an idea of what I see as the big picture.

For now, let me just close with a thank you to Ben, Kyle, Lauren and Donna, for your valued friendship, your excellent work, and your patience with me over the last year. And to my church family, thank you for including me in your fellowship, in your prayers, and in your lives. It is increasingly evident to me that you are a very special group of people!

Yours in Christ Jesus,



ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT: Discipleship Ministries

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
(Matthew 28:18-20)*

Submitted by Pastor Ben Landes

The word disciple means pupil or learner. In the context of the Church it means someone who is following Jesus and becoming increasingly like Him. Making disciples is the mission of the Church and the heartbeat of FAC! Here at FAC God has given us a vision for Multiplying Disciples! We believe God is going to use our multiplication of disciples to disciple all of Davidson County by the year 2025. We are actively living out 2 Timothy 2:2 – passing along the truth of our Lord by teaching others who are passing it along to others. God is moving as we “Go, therefore & make disciples... (Matthew 28).” Here is where He has been advancing His kingdom as we moved on mission with Him in 2016...

- **Bible Fellowships:** God continues to use these Sunday morning groups to connect people (new and longtime members) in fellowship and for people to discuss the truth of The Word. We have between 5-6 groups each quarter. We had a great Newcomer class this fall with many new families participating!
- **D-groups:** (short for discipleship groups) are groups of 2-3 men or women who commit to a yearlong process of Bible study, prayer, and accountability with a d-group leader. We started the year with 10 groups and we are ending with 11. We are committed to this life on life process because we know that God's kingdom comes one transformed life at a time. Praise the Lord we have had one of our groups multiply and one that will in the next month. Pray that the Spirit continues to multiply these groups as this is how we will reach Davidson County– next year I would love to report 20+ groups!
- **Small groups:** The principle of multiplication is at the heart of disciple-making. We challenge our small groups to work towards launching another small group from their current one. The idea is one group this year becomes two groups the next. Last year when I wrote my annual report we had 6 small groups and I set the goal of 10 by fall of 2016. Guess how many we had in September? 10 groups – Praise the Lord!
- **Intercessory Prayer Team:** Back in February God answered our prayer about wanting to expand the corporate prayer ministry of FAC in the form of three young ladies - Brittany Rankin, Christy Stauffer, and Katie McWhorter. They expressed their desire to start a prayer room in our church. Fast Forward to the end of 2016 – the prayer room has become a prayer team that meets Wednesday nights at 8pm to intercede for others as the Spirit leads. And the team meets

Sunday mornings from 8-9 am to intercede for our church service. Thank you, Brittany Rankin, and Joanie Williams for your leadership! Thank you prayer team for your “knee work.”

- **Leadership Training/Development:** we can't multiply and grow without God increasing our leadership capacity so prayerfully in 2016 we sought training as follows...
- **Small group and Bible Fellowship Leaders:** Through two events one in February and again in August, Pastor Paul and I led 35 men & women through “The Art of Asking Good Questions.”
- **Church Leadership Academy:** Paul and I alternate facilitating this Sunday morning group, whose goal is to train lay people to become leaders in the local church. We have taken 6 people through, Book 1 – Introduction and Infancy & Book 2 – Year of Preparation. We have four more books to take our current class through on the life of Christ in the gospel of Matthew. Each person in the class has started their own ministry where they apply their knowledge.
- **Intercessory Prayer Team:** Pete and Alice Brokopp came in June and led us through a training based largely on Bondage Breaker by Neil Anderson. We learned a great deal about spiritual warfare and our identity in Christ. In September, we took some of the prayer team to a College of Prayer in NJ.
- **Missions Partnerships:** God has given us a vision for launching missionaries here at FAC, and because of your generosity several workers are in the harvest field in 2016!

We sent Christy Stauffer to Amsterdam with YWAM to serve as a leader in their prayer and worship ministry. Katie McWhorter, we sent with the C&MA's Envision ministry to Paris, France. Currently she is in language study, upon completion she will be ministering to Muslims and Parisians through the arts. Finally, we sent out one more Envision missionary – Al Boesenberg to Senegal in West Africa in early November.

This year we have also seen change with two of the missionary families we partner with financially. The Hilstad family finished language school and began their “boots on the ground” ministry in Burkina Faso with Envision. Finally, God has led the Brokopp family in an exciting new adventure – starting an Envision site in the greater Atlanta area among refugees.

I want to thank Pastor Paul and the leadership of FAC for their continued investment in me! You have always given me freedom, and opportunities to minister. I am thankful for the chance to grow and be stretched as a leader.

Thank you First Family! The Landes 5 love you very much and you truly are family.

FUNDING THE GREAT COMMISSION:

Missions Financial Report

Submitted by Terri Maxcy, Missions Treasurer

| PROJECT / FUND | 2016 TOTAL |
|--|--------------------|
| Great Commission Fund (GCF) | \$60,390.25 |
| Hilstad / Burkina Project | \$29,107.50 |
| Burkina Promise | \$629.00 |
| Build a Well / Burkina Faso | \$555.00 |
| Inca Link | \$100.00 |
| Betty Boesenberg Short-term Missions Fund | \$312.50 |
| CAMA | \$250.00 |
| Support Pete Brokopp | \$8,521.00 |
| Support - Al Boesenberg | \$10,290.00 |
| Support Katie McWhorter | \$17,266.00 |
| Support Christy Stauffer | \$7,665.00 |
| GCF FISCAL YEAR TOTAL (04/01/16-12/31/16) | \$48,149.75 |
| GCF FISCAL YEAR PLEDGE (04/01/16-12/31/16) | \$35,430.00 |
| TOTAL GCF PLEDGE (04/01/16 - 03/31/16) | \$47,240.00 |



A total of \$392.70 in special gifts was given to Hannah Fisher, our TCK.

ELDERS REPORT:

Submitted by Pastor Paul Titus

The elders continued to meet monthly to discuss the overall ministry of First Alliance, to pray for the congregation, and to seek God's leading for the future of our church family. We also continued to provide counsel, encouragement, and support to our "flocks."

There were a few changes for us this year. First, we made it a priority to get with the entire congregation to make sure each family knew who their assigned elder was. If you don't know which of us is assigned to pray for your family, please contact Pastor Paul or Pastor Ben to find out.

Second, we added a monthly Saturday morning prayer time to our regular schedule of meetings. This enabled us to pray for the church in a much more deliberate and relaxed manner. It also led to a greater degree of unity and a number of specific promptings from the Lord as we listened for His voice. This was particularly true as we sought His vision for the direction of our church.

Lastly, we have made some changes to our regular meetings, bringing in other church leaders to express our support and to hear about their heart for their own ministry areas. So far, we have met with the Children's Ministry leadership and with the Deacons and Men's Ministry leadership. We also held one meeting where we invited all of the "vintage elders" (those who are no longer on the elder board but still help us shepherd the congregation). Each of these meetings turned out to be extremely productive. We look forward to connecting with more of our lay leadership in 2017.

We hold it as a great privilege to be entrusted with the spiritual care of this incredible church family. Please know that we are here to support you in any way we can. Thank you for praying for us.

Jim Abbott *Eddie Pierce*
Rodney Barber *John Stauffer*
Steve Gusefski *Tom Talmon*
Doug McWhorter *Pastor Paul*
Joey Nifong



WORSHIP TEAM:

Submitted by Jesse DeHass

2016 was a rewarding and growing year for our Worship Team Ministry.

We've continued to improve upon smoothness and consistency with the music, and we have not neglected the inclusion of testimonies, at least one hymn, and scripture in each service.

We also introduced several new songs in the first half of the year: The Only Name (Yours Will Be), Build Your Kingdom Here, Holy Spirit, At the Cross (Love Ran Red), Soul on Fire, and Thrive. Pastor Paul also selected Good, Good Father for us to learn over the summer months.

We will continue our annual process of introducing 6 new songs in the first 6 months of this year. The songs were selected by members of the Worship Team, and were introduced to everyone at our Jam Session on November 20th. Thank you for your suggestions!

Our membership has increased this year, allowing us to have 3 male and 3 female vocalists each Sunday going forward.

We have also slimmed down our song selections for Sunday morning worship, since we feel a maximum of 6 songs fits better in our service.

And finally, we are still in the process of reorganizing the service to minimize microphone handoffs and stand-ups/sit-downs to better accommodate the congregation and a smooth-flowing time of worship. Thanks for bearing with us!

TREASURER'S REPORT: General Fund Balance Sheet

ASSETS

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Current Assets | |
| Checking/Savings | |
| General Fund Checking | \$232,235.92 |
| Sales Taxes | \$320.82 |
| Total Current Assets | \$232,556.74 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>\$232,556.74</u> |

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | \$2,187.87 |
| Other Current Liabilities | |
| 21000 · Payroll Taxes | \$1,201.93 |
| Total Other Current Liabilities | \$2,403.81 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$4,591.68 |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$4,591.68</u> |
| Equity | |
| 32000 · Opening Balance Jan 2013 | \$110,115.06 |
| 32001 · Net Income 2013-2015 | \$93,322.00 |
| Net Income 2016 | \$24,528.00 |
| Total Equity | <u>\$227,965.06</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | <u>\$232,556.74</u> |

\$535,904.46 Total 2016 Offering
\$161,638.50 Given Online
\$10,305.85 Average Weekly Giving

2016 General Fund Giving = 102% of Budget
2016 Expenses = 98% of Budget

2016 General Fund Giving Increased 7.5%
Expenses Increased 12.76%



TREASURER'S REPORT:

General Fund

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38)

*Submitted by Steve Summer, Treasurer
and Donna Talmon, Bookkeeper*

| | <u>2016 Budget</u> | <u>2016 Actual</u> | <u>Proposed 2017 Budget</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| 40000 · GENERAL FUND GIVING | 522,758.00 | 535,904.46 | 554,730.00 |
| 40130 · MEMORIAL GIFTS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 40300 · STATE SALES TAX REFUND | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 40500 · RENTAL INCOME | | | |
| 40510 · Arnold Road Rental Income | 850.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 45150 · Miscellaneous Rental Income | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Total 40500 · RENTAL INCOME | <u>850.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| Total Income | 522,758.00 | 535,904.46 | 554,730.00 |
| EXPENSE | | | |
| Total 60000 · PERSONNEL | 181,923.00 | 184,531.95 | 193,458.00 |
| 61000 · FACILITIES/ ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| 61100 · Office Operations | | | |
| 61110 · General Church Literature | 500.00 | 126.89 | 100.00 |
| 61120 · Office Supplies | 3,100.00 | 3,976.32 | 3,750.00 |
| 61130 · Copier | 3,000.00 | 3,541.53 | 3,275.00 |
| 61140 · Postage | 700.00 | 250.75 | 200.00 |
| 61150 · Equipment Repair/Upkeep | 250.00 | (805.42) | 200.00 |
| 61170 · Payroll Service Fees | 1,350.00 | 1,199.95 | 1,225.00 |
| 61180 · Office Equipment | 1,000.00 | 256.67 | 350.00 |
| 61190 · Service & Finance Charges | <u>3,000.00</u> | <u>3,233.76</u> | <u>3,450.00</u> |
| Total 61100 · Office Operations | 12,900.00 | 11,780.45 | 12,550.00 |
| 61200 · Debt Retirement | | | |
| 61210 · Mortgage Expense | <u>144,000.00</u> | <u>144,300.00</u> | <u>144,000.00</u> |
| Total 61200 · Debt Retirement | 144,000.00 | 144,300.00 | 144,000.00 |
| 61300 · Utilities | | | |
| 61310 · Electric/Gas | 19,000.00 | 18,174.71 | 21,000.00 |
| 61320 · Telephone | 4,300.00 | 3,562.54 | 3,750.00 |
| 61330 · Trash Collection | 750.00 | 830.46 | 865.00 |
| 61340 · Water | 580.00 | 564.65 | 625.00 |
| 61350 Internet Access | <u>2,400.00</u> | <u>2,574.26</u> | <u>2,900.00</u> |
| Total 61300 · Utilities | 27,030.00 | 25,706.62 | 29,140.00 |

TREASURER'S REPORT:

| | <u>2016 Budget</u> | <u>2016 Actual</u> | <u>Proposed 2017 Budget</u> |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| 61400 · Insurance | | | |
| 61410 · Property Insurance | 3,350.00 | 3,689.27 | 3,400.00 |
| 61420 · Van Insurance | 2,184.00 | 2,645.60 | 2,100.00 |
| 61430 · Workers Comp Insurance | <u>1,000.00</u> | <u>2,365.00</u> | <u>2,000.00</u> |
| Total 61400 · Insurance | 6,534.00 | 8,699.87 | 7,500.00 |
| 61500 · Custodial Expense | | | |
| 61510 · Custodial Services | 21,860.00 | 21,529.60 | 14,700.00 |
| 61515 · Contractor Services | - | 0.00 | 9,000.00 |
| 61525 · Restroom Supplies | 2,000.00 | 1,657.63 | 1,275.00 |
| 61530 · Kitchen Supplies | <u>800.00</u> | <u>1,818.40</u> | <u>800.00</u> |
| Total 61500 · Custodial Expense | 24,660.00 | 25,005.63 | 25,775.00 |
| 61600 · Transportation | | | |
| 61610 · Van Expense | 5,000.00 | 1,796.61 | 1,750.00 |
| 61620 · Senior Pastor Mileage Reimb | 2,500.00 | 2,275.56 | 2,000.00 |
| 61630 · Assoc Pastor Mileage Reimb | 2,200.00 | 1,940.34 | 2,000.00 |
| 61640 · Youth Pastor Mileage Reimb | 1,800.00 | 615.19 | 1,000.00 |
| 61650 · Support Staff Mileage Reimb | <u>100.00</u> | 0.00 | <u>100.00</u> |
| Total 61600 · Transportation | 11,600.00 | 6,627.70 | 6,850.00 |
| 61700 · Building & Grounds | | | |
| 61710 · Contingency | 5,000.00 | 0.00 | 5,000.00 |
| 61720 · Inside Maintenance & Repairs | 2,000.00 | 3,667.04 | 5,625.00 |
| 61730 · Outside Maintenance | 15,000.00 | 10,403.75 | 12,700.00 |
| 61740 · Alarm System Monitoring | 1,600.00 | 1,435.08 | 1,435.00 |
| 61750 · Furniture & Equipment | <u>6,400.00</u> | <u>6,178.19</u> | <u>7,000.00</u> |
| Total 61700 · Building & Grounds | <u>30,000.00</u> | <u>21,684.06</u> | <u>31,760.00</u> |
| TOTAL 61000-FACILITIES/ADMINISTRATION | 256,724.00 | 243,804.33 | 257,575.00 |
| 62000 · MINISTRY | | | |
| 62100 · Worship & Music | | | |
| 62120 · Music Supplies | 1,000.00 | 641.96 | 500.00 |
| 62130 · Drama | 300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 62140 · Audio/Visual | 3,000.00 | 10,856.96 | 3,000.00 |
| 62150 · Communion/ Advent Items | 250.00 | 319.29 | <u>300.00</u> |
| 62160 · Kids' Choir | <u>300.00</u> | <u>delete</u> | <u>delete</u> |
| Total 62100 · Worship & Music | 4,850.00 | 12,069.79 | 3,800.00 |
| 62200 · Discipleship | | | |
| 62205 · Educational Material | 4,000.00 | 2,870.40 | 4,500.00 |
| 62210 · VBS | 2,000.00 | 2,770.39 | 2,500.00 |
| 62215 · Children's Church | 1,500.00 | 1,316.32 | 1,500.00 |
| 62220 · Kids' Clubs | 2,500.00 | 2,703.23 | 3,000.00 |
| 62221 · Kids Special Events | - | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| 62225 · Summer Camp | 1,000.00 | 1,742.00 | 1,750.00 |

TREASURER'S REPORT:

| | <u>2016 Budget</u> | <u>2016 Actual</u> | <u>Proposed 2017 Budget</u> |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 62230 · Nursery | 300.00 | 25.79 | 300.00 |
| 62235 · Alliance Youth | 5,340.00 | 7,315.00 | 9,650.00 |
| 62245 · Life Conference | 3,480.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 |
| 62255 · Senior Citizens | 750.00 | 177.87 | 250.00 |
| 62260 · G C Women | 350.00 | (50.00) | 0.00 |
| 62265 · Pastoral Training/Retreats/Conf | 1,500.00 | 1,719.81 | 4,000.00 |
| 62266 · Lay Leadership Training | 1,500.00 | 832.89 | 1,000.00 |
| 62270 · Alliance Men | 250.00 | 437.82 | 200.00 |
| 62275 · Fellowship Events/Meals | | 0.00 | 2,000.00 |
| 62280 · Pulpit Supply/Outside Speakers | <u>1,500.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>2,500.00</u> |
| Total 62200 · Discipleship | 26,270.00 | 21,871.52 | 33,450.00 |
| 62300 · Outreach Ministries | | | |
| 62310 · Outreach | 7,000.00 | 2,493.47 | 5,000.00 |
| 62315 · Coffee Ministry | - | 457.21 | 800.00 |
| 62325 · Promotions & Special Events | 3,000.00 | 1,232.72 | 3,000.00 |
| 62330 · Printing & Advertising | 1,000.00 | 175.00 | 2,400.00 |
| 62340 · Flowers | 1,500.00 | 1,521.11 | 1,500.00 |
| 62350 · Special Services & Gifts | 1,500.00 | | 0.00 |
| 62360 · Website & E-mail | <u>170.00</u> | <u>225.19</u> | <u>170.00</u> |
| Total 62300 · Outreach Ministries | 12,670.00 | 6,356.91 | 12,870.00 |
| 62400 · Missions Local | | | |
| 62410 · International Worker Conference | 1,000.00 | 2,266.22 | 2,500.00 |
| 62420 · Crisis Ministry of Davidson Co | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| 62425 · Greater Things Outreach Center | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| 62430 · The Gideons International | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 62440 · Mission SAD | 24,921.00 | 22,843.70 | 24,377.00 |
| 62450 · Pete Brokopp Support | 12,000.00 | 11,430.00 | 12,000.00 |
| 62460 · Hilstad Support | - | 4,865.28 | <u>12,000.00</u> |
| Total 62400 · Missions Local | <u>40,621.00</u> | 44,105.20 | <u>53,577.00</u> |
| Total 62000 · MINISTRY | <u>84,111.00</u> | <u>84,403.42</u> | <u>103,397.00</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | 522,758.00 | 512,739.70 | 554,730.00 |
| NET INCOME | | \$24,560.00 | |

Mortgage principal balance on 1/15/17: \$620,970.41

Interest paid in 2016: \$31,137.83

Thank you for giving faithfully to the Lord's work!



Children's Church

Submitted by Tracy Nifong

This year has been a learning experience for me, coordinating Children's Church along with Teresa Spencer. Teresa prepares the flannel graph each week and is there every Sunday to make sure the children and teachers have all the papers and records needed. Ashley Landes leads music each Sunday with an enthusiasm that keeps the kids on their feet. Keith Tesh, Eddie Pearce, Jon Stauffer, and Derick Ware rotate teaching the lesson each week, bringing God's Word to life for the kids. Many other adult and youth volunteers spend time reinforcing the lesson in fun and creative ways once the children break into smaller groups.

Our goal is to let your child know they are loved by God and His people—and that we care about what happens in their everyday life. I can't tell you everything I learned at church as a child, but I can tell you the impact many of God's people made on my life. We learn the Word through a relationship we develop with God and His people.

I so appreciate the time and sacrifice of all who help out with this ministry. It is evident that the kids enjoy the variety of personalities involved. Adding even more workers to our schedule would allow us to reduce the time commitment to volunteering only two weeks every four months (it is currently two weeks every quarter).

If you are interested in helping with children's church (a special call out to men, as our kids benefit from seeing spiritual strength modeled in male volunteers too), please contact me. You can try it out and see if children's church is a ministry that fits for you.

Our goals for 2017 are to have greater security in place (which our new Breeze system should help tremendously), and to see more children come to Christ. We are also excited to see what the coming year will bring with the arrival of our new Children's Ministries Director!



Kids' Club

Submitted by Kelly Shumaker

I can hardly believe it has already been a year! I want to thank Gayla and Dana for submitting the report for me last January. I could not have made it through such a difficult year without the encouragement and help of the great team leading Kids Club each week. The following highlights stand out to me over the past year:

- Kids asking to pray for Zeb because they were worried about him
- Eli praying for his friend in the hospital
- Teri and Emma coming early to help a very "frazzled" Ms. Kelly
- Stephanie and Tabatha patiently teaching their kids
- Michelle adding creativity to her class and always being flexible
- Gayla always willing to take something off my plate
- Dana helping to fill in WHEREVER needed
- Laura coming in with a smile and always being flexible
- Jessica handling a difficult situation with a child with love and humor
- Amy and Kortney smiling while they are leading a very rambunctious group of 3-year-olds
- Carolyn volunteering when no one else would
- Brian challenging older kids to live out their faith in school
- Christy volunteering for games and doing it with style
- Richard, Sheila, Nancy, Luke, and Jean always being willing to be on "stand by" or Tim and Matt willing to fix a computer glitch
- The church working together for Trunk or Treat
- Every child memorizing the Bible verse
- Kids inviting their friends from school
- Yo-yo coming straight from practice so she won't miss KC
- Jackson going back to help another child who fell down
- Kids excited about reciting their Bible verses after several attempts
- Kids building relationships with their teachers, asking questions, and accepting the Savior
- A child that we gained from VBS sharing Jesus with her mother and friends at school
- Children bringing money to support a child in Peru
- Kids excited about packing boxes with toys for other children
- A 3-year-old asking his "G" on Sunday, "Is it Kids Club yet?"

I thank Jesus Christ for being with me every step of the way and for equipping us to carry out HIS work this past year. To GOD be the glory!



2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Taking Kids Deeper in God's Word

Submitted by Gayla Ware

WOW! That's what comes to mind regarding vacation bible school this year. I stand in awe of what God accomplished before, during, and after VBS at First Alliance Church.

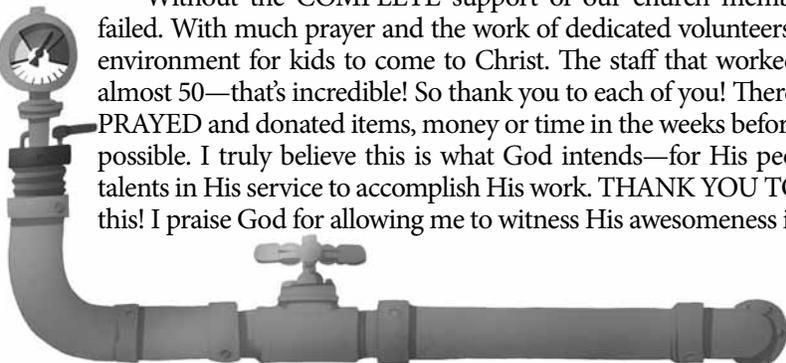
This year it was clear that we were to move VBS back to daytime hours in an effort to reach the unreachable. We were there from 8:45-12:15 July 11-15. The Sonshine Daycare, from Midway, was able to bring their students each day, most of whom are unchurched.

In the "Submerged" VBS theme, our kids learned that Jesus sees people deep down in their heart — not just at the surface level. We partnered with area churches and shared decorations and ideas and prayed for each other's VBS. We offered classes for preschool through 7th grade. Our preteen class of 5th-7th graders ended up being one of the largest classes in VBS, average daily attendance was 22 in this class!

Our preschool group, led by Michelle Wyatt, was attended by about 15 preschoolers on Monday had grown to almost 40 by the end of the week!! 40 preschoolers is crazy busy, but what a joy they were. We also had great numbers in the elementary age groups. **The best news I have for you is that 24 kids (representing all elementary age groups) accepted Jesus as their Savior during VBS this year!** Praise be to Him! We were able to give bibles to each of these kids and follow up with most of them.

We opened in the gym each morning with praise songs and skits. Our talented and enthusiastic skit team: Lindsey Shumaker, Ashley Landes, and Dexter Ware emphasized the point we were trying to get across each day. From there, the kids went with their dive instructors to various stations such as music, Bible, games, crafts, snacks and missions. The snacks were interactive this year and followed our theme. The kids loved being able to help build their snack before eating. The missions station was split into two 15-minute segments. One segment focused on World missions and the other focused on local missions. Pastor Ben led the station on Monday, explaining what missions work is and answering questions. They also enjoyed visits from Habitat for Humanity, IAM-J3 and Greater Things Outreach, where they learned ways they could get involved with missions locally.

Without the COMPLETE support of our church members this VBS would have failed. With much prayer and the work of dedicated volunteers, we were able to create an environment for kids to come to Christ. The staff that worked the week of VBS totaled almost 50—that's incredible! So thank you to each of you! There were countless more who PRAYED and donated items, money or time in the weeks before that made our VBS effort possible. I truly believe this is what God intends—for His people to use their skills and talents in His service to accomplish His work. THANK YOU TO ALL who had any part of this! I praise God for allowing me to witness His awesomeness in this way!



Nursery

Submitted by Abby Nifong

Little has changed in the nursery itself this year, but we've had continued growth with the addition of First Alliance's newest attenders: Tinslee Long, Gunner Nifong and Oaks Ward. Donna Talmon joined in the coordination and scheduling efforts and new volunteers joined our ranks.

During each Sunday School hour, we have an average of 4-6 kids in the nursery and 4-10 during the worship service. New volunteers are always welcomed!

Beginners' Church

Submitted by Sheila Abbott

Beginners' church continues to offer a transition between the nursery and Children's Church program, offering time in both areas.

Additional helpers are needed. If you feel led to teach or assist in this early learning class, we welcome your involvement!



Youth Event Highlights

Submitted by Kyle Bahm

Winter Blast: 31 youth and 6 sponsors attended (and 30 went skiing). The kids had a great time, enjoying worship, fellowship, solid teaching and fun with the theme was *A Hero Within*. The kids discovered that even heroes have fears. And our fears can block Jesus from really coming in and taking over our lives. The speaker gave each kid a spoon and challenged them to stop giving just spoon-fulls to God.

PowerTime Camp: 23 of our youth went to Powertime camp this summer (counting both kids going into 6th and graduating seniors). It was an incredible week of intense fellowship with one another and with our Heavenly Father. During camp we discussed prayer and spiritual warfare (putting on the full armor of God). The worship sessions were incredible!

LIFE: 27 FAC youth made the 18-hour trip to LIFE (along with 4 adults) and two other youth groups from the Raleigh area. Francis Chan spoke on how not one of us is an accident—that before we were in the womb, God knew us (Jeremiah 1:5). Each day, the kids were hit with powerful truths, and our kids responded. Filled with tears, they confessed sin to one another, rededicated their lives to the Lord, and prayed for one another.

Grain of Hope: This event was very impactful for me, the other leaders and the youth. Special thanks to Pastor Ben and Keith Tesh for being our speakers, sharing about the impact Grain of Hope has had on them and what it can do for an entire community. Our kids responded in a big way, and left excited to raise funds, raise awareness and pray for people in need all over the world.

Middle School Retreat: We took 10 kids and 4 adults on a truly awesome weekend youth retreat. One of the best highlights for me was seeing our kids serve at The Shepherds Table food pantry near Myrtle Beach. Our middle schoolers worked hard to make sure everyone got the food they needed. Not only helping them take food to their cars, but praying with them. We had impactful times of fellowship, worship and prayer. Our middle schoolers left Myrtle Beach with a glow coming from the power of the Holy Spirit!

YOUTH REPORT: God is Good!

Submitted by Pastor Kyle Bahm

What a year, God is good! Looking back at having 1 full year of youth ministry under my belt, all I can say is... God is good all the time, and all the time God is good. I have learned a lot this year. I have learned about our youth, I have learned about God's grace, and I have learned a lot about myself. After looking back on this year and reflecting on what we did as a youth group, and what defined us as a body of believers, I can say that we were unified.

Our students love the Lord and they love people. There is a real sense of family and togetherness in our youth group that is an overflow of the entire congregation. If I had to put my finger on one thing that sets us apart as a youth group I would say that it is our love for one another. The youth do really well to just be together and they desire to be together. Something special happens when we get together as a group. Most of the time they don't care what we are doing, as long as it's together.

God is doing some really cool things here in Lexington, NC. For starters, I see God using our young people to teach our even younger people. This body has done an awesome job prioritizing the discipleship and spiritual growth of God's little children and that is showing up in our youth. Many of our middle school and high school students are involved in the children's ministry and I sense the number of students serving in the children's ministry will continue to increase.

I want to thank the sponsors who have done an awesome job this year loving on our kids and teaching them the principles of our faith. They have gone above and beyond their call to disciple our young people, and they have shown a great deal of obedience to God, in doing whatever He calls them to do. Thank you!

2016 Sponsors: Rodney Barber, Patti Bates, Claudiu Cimpean, Anderson Conrad, Andrew Copley, Chelsea Pardue, Brittany Rankin, Ezekiel Raymer, Melanie Stewart, Randy Wallace, and Doreen Bahm



Our Youth Ministry Philosophy:

Submitted by Pastor Kyle Bahm

We strive to create the following environments that will allow our students to thrive as they grow closer to Jesus:

WORSHIP

In March, we held a worship night during 542. This was a time to invite the parents into a night of worship with us. The Lord has blessed our youth with exceptional musical talents, and they wanted to share that with the entire body at First Alliance. We concluded April with an awesome concert. The youth got to hear from David Dunn, Colton Dixon, and Building 429. There were a total of 32 of us who went to the concert, and probably over 1,000 people all together worshipping Jesus. The youth did an excellent job leading worship. I am sure you will agree with me in saying that we have some very talented youth who are willing and able to use their gifts to bring glory to Jesus.

TEACHING

In January the High School boys explored tough questions kids have like, if God is good why is there evil? The study produced a lot of valuable discussions.

In 542, we learned that prayer is communication with our Creator, not just a way to ask for things. It can change our circumstances, align us with God's kingdom, open doors for us to share the gospel, and give us peace. We also discussed what the Bible says about worship: that it involves sacrifice, is in spirit and in truth, declaring God's goodness and His mighty acts, and is thanksgiving for salvation.

This summer we held a weekly morning Bible study, called *Bible for Breakfast*. We met Monday mornings to break bread and to read from the Bread of Life. The kids learned how to study the Scriptures inductively (observation, interpretation, and application), and we spent the summer exploring 1 John.

FELLOWSHIP

The 3-on-3 basketball tournament was a great time of fellowship and raising funds for our LIFE trip to Kansas City. Open Mic Night was also a fun time of sharing our talents, and singing with glad and sincere hearts at Perfect Blend Coffee Shop. A big thank you to all who who participated and attended.

This summer we had two lake days. A shout out to Tom Talmon and Jeff Foster for taking the kids out on their boats both days. On the second Lake Day, we invited our friends from First Alliance Winston and our groups really meshed well.

The fall kicked off with a boom! The youth now have a new favorite game called "Hungry Hungry Humans" (a giant version of Hungry Hungry Hippos)! I shared my 3 big goals for our youth group this year: 1) To get closer to

Jesus, both individually and collectively (2) All playing a part in serving the youth and the church (3) We become a family. I hope we continue to strive toward those goals.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

On April 3, an international worker challenged them to count the cost of discipleship and shared about their experiences in Jordan. Many of our youth are very interested in world missions.

The high school and middle school girls did a study on *A daughter's Worth*, by Ava Sturgeon. The combined group did really well together.

PRAYER

The youth participated in prayer stations, spending about 4-5 minutes in each room praying for various things such as lost friends, their families, the Church, nations who have yet to hear the gospel, and for themselves.

Throughout the year, Grain of Hope, middle school retreat, powertime camp and Winter Blast are all bathed in prayer, both before and during these events.

SERVICE

In March, we took a team to participate in the *Touching Davidson County with Love* initiative. The kids worked hard cleaning up the Kiwanis camp, which provides free summer camp for needy kids in Davidson county.

In April, we participated in a food packaging initiative with Feeding Children Everywhere. We partnered with about 6 different youth groups in the area, packing over 18,000 meals bags of food for starving children everywhere!

The youth have also done an excellent job leading worship, using their gifts to bring glory to Jesus. We also partnered with the children's ministry to make Trunk-or-Treat extra special—as face painters, candy fillers, and dunk tank workers. I am very proud of how our young people step up, when it matters most.

EVANGELISM

We had two high school church basketball teams this year, inviting kids from the community to join the fun. It was really cool to see three of our new kids bring their friends to one of the games to cheer them on. We invited 9 kids in the stands to join us for youth group and a few have been faithful to coming to youth group on Sunday nights and even to the worship service on Sunday morning, praise God!

COMMITMENT

The biggest commitment environments that we create happen at our big events. Our big events in 2016 were: Winter Blast, PowerTime Camp, LIFE, Grain of Hope, and middle school retreat. In the sidebar to the left is a snapshot of those big events.

It's easy to brag on these kids but in all honesty, ALL GLORY GOES TO JESUS. He is keeping the youth at First Alliance in his perfect will and showering them with his infinite grace daily. I am thankful to be allowed to minister at such a wonderful place and I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the coming year!

Youth Treasurer Report

Submitted by Terry Burnett

One of this year's most popular events was LIFE 2016. As it occurs only once every three years, this youth conference is something our high school students really look forward to. They work hard to raise money during the entire three years. Between fund raisers and contributions they were able to cover the nearly \$33,000 that this activity cost this year. This conference really speaks to these kids' hearts, as is evident through the excitement and testimonies they are more than willing to share when they return home. It is evident that the Lord is really a part of this very special event. This was also the first LIFE conference that their new youth pastor, Kyle, was here to participate in with them. I am sure that they all benefited from a very special time.

The youth were also able to send an additional \$1,828.39 this year to Grain of Hope. This keeps the awareness in their hearts that not everyone in this world is able to live the same lifestyle that they do here in Lexington, NC. It is a good eye-opener as to what some people have to endure just to survive from one day to the next. A good lesson for all of us.

Some of the other activities that have kept our kids enthusiastic about our church youth group this past year are Winter Blast 2016, a golf tournament, Power Time Camp, Middle School Retreat and being part of North Davidson Basketball League. All of these activities keep our kids stoked up and they share this hype with their friends. We actually get some of these friends into our church youth group to see what else this church has to offer and they are able to hear about the Lord. Perhaps for some of them, for the first time.

Our expenditures in 2016 were just over \$50,000, the majority of which (\$33,000) was to send these kids to LIFE 2016. What a blessing that we are able to have a church that can put such a strong emphasis on our youth. It's where our future church and our future missionaries are coming from. We have already seen several of our youth make that commitment to join the mission field. Praise God! Please continue to prayerfully support our youth.



Open Mic Night at Perfect Blend

YOUTH FINANCIAL REPORT:

Submitted by Terry Burnett

INCOME

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| General Fund | \$3,880.00 |
| Grain of Hope | \$1,705.00 |
| PowerTime Camp | \$10,165.00 |
| LIFE 2016 | \$12,342.82 |
| Golf Tournament | \$2,812.00 |
| Winter Blast 2016 | \$5,502.00 |
| Revived Concert | \$300.00 |
| Middle School Retreat | \$700.00 |
| Curriculum Reimbursement | \$70.00 |
| <u>3 on 3 B'ball Tourney</u> | <u>\$596.47</u> |
| TOTAL DEPOSITS | \$38,073.29 |

EXPENSES

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| LIFE 2016 | \$32,941.16 |
| Winter Blast 2016 | \$5,810.00 |
| Grain of Hope | \$1,838.39 |
| Golf Tournament | \$1,026.05 |
| PowerTime Camp | \$3,000.00 |
| Middle School Retreat | \$1,211.93 |
| Revived Concert | \$300.00 |
| N. Davidson B'ball League | \$900.00 |
| Youth Christmas Party | \$278.96 |
| Youth Text Program | \$240.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$2,618.02 |
| <u>Service Charges</u> | <u>\$55.50</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$50,220.01 |

Net Income for 2016 (\$12,146.72)

01/01/16 Balance \$12,209.14

12/31/16 Balance \$62.42

DEACONS' REPORT: Benevolent Fund

Submitted by Patrick Lynch

Benevolence at First Alliance Church is funded entirely through donations and is not connected with the general fund in any way. Gifts to this fund may be made payable to First Alliance Church (and are fully tax deductible). Please join with us as we attempt to bear the burdens of our friends and neighbors!

In an effort to be good stewards of the donated funds, priority is given to families facing a temporary crisis versus those who need ongoing assistance. After undergoing a vetting process, applicants from the community may receive assistance from the fund once per calendar year. Those in need within our First Alliance family are offered assistance whenever we have the funds to do so.

Last year we received an unusually generous donation, but in the coming year, we encourage each family at First Alliance to consider an increase in giving as we attempt to meet increasing need in Davidson County. According to the Census Bureau, an estimated 27.2% of Lexington residents live in poverty (over 18,000 people, and higher than the national average of 15.5%).

Keep the deacons and office staff in prayer as they continue to reach out to those in need not only within our own church body, but also throughout our community. Also, please prayerfully consider how you might give to this much-needed effort!

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.” (Proverbs 19:17)

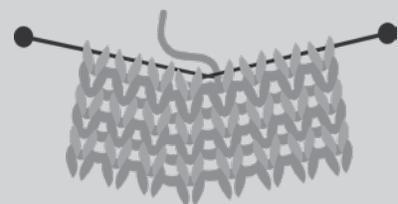
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| Beginning Balance (January 1st, 2017) | \$12,441.53 |
| Donations Received | \$12,946.00 |
| Benevolent Aid Given in 2016 | \$18,071.65 |
| Ending Balance (December 31st, 2016) | \$ 6422.48 |

DEACONESS REPORT:

Submitted by Connie Stewart

“I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God...” I’m also glad to be a part of the FAC family also. During the past year, thanks to the deaconess committee, and other FAC family members, many needs have been provided. Thank you to all that provided meals, calls, visits, cards and other ministries in the name of our God. Throughout the year each need to bless a family who had a member experience a hospital stay was met with a meal. Some dealing with extended illnesses were provided multiple meals over a period of time. Each family that held a funeral in our church was also provided food. A meal is taken to the happy families of FAC that welcome new babies. There were also occasions to reach outside our church walls to provide those in need of a comforting meal. Special thanks to Betty Koonts who gave away 15 prayer shawls she knitted. Each month members of this committee also see that the communion elements are prepared. Another joyous service of the deaconess is to assist with baptisms. Any occasion we were called upon, to my knowledge, the FAC family went above and beyond what was expected. Please accept our apologies to anyone that may have been overlooked.

15 prayer shawls given



VITAL STATISTICS

 **288** AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
Up 1.05% From 2015

216 FAC TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 
Up .9% From 2015

2016 NEW MEMBERS:

John & Doris Allen
Ashley Burkhart
Claudiu & Diana Cimpean
Matt Gullet
Bernard Leonard
Andy & Shealin Mills
John & Amanda Pardue
Jeff & Amy Shell
Teresa Spencer
Adam & Ashley Wallace
Beverly Williams

 **3** NEW BABIES
+ 2 Baby Dedications

4 BAPTISMS 

AT LEAST **30** 
Given to Christ

Operation Christmas Child

 **112** SHOEBOX GIFTS PREPARED
= 112 children in restricted areas received the gospel message

Closing Out The Three-Year Plan

Back in the fall of 2013, the church went through a prayer and planning process that resulted in an overall plan for growth over the timeframe of 2014-2016. Here are the items that were accomplished, either completely or in large measure:

- Identify Leadership Team
- Establish Building/Grounds as Part of Leadership Team
- Port Website, Improve Look and Content*
- Work Toward Security Plan*
- Review / Redesign Welcome Materials
- Move and Enhance Missions Bulletin Board
- Elders Oversee Distribution of GTI Surveys
- Add Lay Leadership Training to Church Budget
- Bring More Young Adults into Leadership*
- Reconsider Role of Deacons
- Enhance Small-Group Ministries
- Worship Team Commence “Jam Sessions”

Items that were partially accomplished or are still ongoing:

- Complete and Commission Leadership Team
- Leaders Meet Regularly with Pastoral Staff (or Elders)*
- Formal Training Opportunities for Lay Leaders
- Multimedia Missions Promotions in Service
- Begin Service-Oriented Outreach to Community*

Items that were accomplished but did not continue:

- Youth Pass Out Extra Welcome Packets
- Dinner 6 Fellowship Ministry
- “Help Wanted” Notices in Welcome Center

Items that were not accomplished:

- Evangelism Training Initiative
- Formal Visitation of Kids Club (and Other) Families
- Youth/Senior “Adoption” Program
- “Ambassador” Program for Connecting New People to Established Families

* These items saw significant progress in 2016.

As seems to be typical with plans like this, we did a lot better on the “front end,” completing all of the items that were assigned to 2014 and early 2015 before beginning to lose steam on some of the later initiatives. Often this was justified, as the Lord began to change our direction in a few areas. At other times, we simply dropped the ball. However, in general, I am very pleased with the progress that was made.

GREAT COMMISSION WOMEN: Devoted to Prayer and Gratitude

Submitted by Bev Arnold

*“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”
Colossians 4:2*

We are a small group (circa 10) that meets faithfully the second Wednesday of each month. We devote most of our time to praying for international workers and their needs and ministries. We take up an offering to help outfit outgoing workers. We encouraged all ladies to take part in the annual Ladies’ Retreat at Ridgecrest in April, which as always was a refreshing and renewing experience.

In May, we worked with other ladies’ groups to host a ladies’ luncheon which was a great success. In the fall, we did not as a group attend either Fall Connection as they were quite far away in Raleigh or Hendersonville.

In November, we encouraged thw whole church to participate in an offering for our TCK, Hannah Fisher. This was a great success with \$387.70 collected and sent with a Christmas card. Our financial report may be found in the column to the right. We would like to encourage more ladies to participate with us in keeping watch over our church family and our overseas family as well.

MEN’S MINISTRY: Looking Forward to New Projects

Submitted by Pastor Ben Landes

This year has been an exciting year of action and movement for Men’s ministry at FAC. Zach Cash has continued to serve as the Alliance Men’s President. He has brought his handyman skill and heart for helping the least of these to the job and led the men in service projects to help those in our church and community. Zach and the men led projects in partnership with Touching Davidson County with Love in April of 2016. They also had a “clean up the grounds” day here at FAC, and participated in numerous service projects in conjunction with our deacons to help those in need. Finally, Zach has led the monthly Men’s Breakfasts that have been great times of good food and fellowship.

John Stauffer continues to lead the weekly Men’s Group on Wednesday nights that meets to study the Word and spend time in prayer. John also led a group of 13 men to Ridgecrest, NC this November for Men’s Retreat where we learned about Biblical Manhood in all seasons of life. Thanks, John and Zach for your leadership and commitment to serve our men!

GREAT COMMISSION WOMEN FINANCIAL REPORT:

*Submitted by Barbara Daniel,
Treasurer, Great Commission
Women*

INCOME

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| Beginning Balance | \$9.84 |
| <u>Deposits</u> | <u>\$1738.35</u> |
| TOTAL | \$1748.19 |

EXPENSES

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| Great Commission Fund | \$145.00 |
| Missionary Outfit Call | \$135.00 |
| GCW National | |
| Operating Fund | \$25.00 |
| GCW District | |
| Operating Fund | \$ 40.00 |
| <u>Retreat Expenses</u> | <u>\$1396.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$1741.00 |

Ending Balance **\$ 7.19**

ALLIANCE MEN’S FINANCIAL REPORT:

Submitted by Pastor Paul Titus

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| inning Balance | \$149.12 |
| <u>Deposits</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$149.12 |

EXPENSES

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| <u>Retreat Expenses</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$0.00 |

Ending Balance **\$149.12**

SEASONED CITIZENS:

Submitted by Betty Koonts

We thank God that once again He proved His promise to us that He will “place His angels in charge over us, and keep us in all our ways.” As we made many overnight and day trips in 2016, we were very aware that He truly was doing that for us.

Our trips included Greensboro shopping and, of course, eating together is always a must ... so anytime you do not see a restaurant mentioned ... we ate! We toured the Childress Museum, Teague Gardens, NC Veteran Memorial in Kernersville, John Deere Museum, Black Mountain Chocolate Factory, Mast General Store, Concord Mall, Nancy’s Chocolate Store at Mabry Mill, Myrtle Beach to take in the sights and sounds of Christmas at the theaters, and not least of all was our delightful trip to see the Tanglewood Christmas lights in Clemmons.

We also had once a month meetings at church, always beginning with a short devotional and special prayer time led by different volunteers. Most months, we had entertainment by our own people; sometimes we invited outside speakers. However, each of us will say “our fellowship with each other, and our getting to know each other better has been a blessing beyond measure.”

We have missed Bill and Arlita Smith who faithfully worked to get our group up and going. Now that Jesus took Bill to Heaven, Arlita will be coming back to our group to minister as God would have her do. We will miss him, but we welcome her back with love and open arms. Until then, all of us will continue to do our part to serve Jesus in this ministry.

COMMUNICATIONS: New Ways We Connect With YOU!

Submitted by Lauren Lynch

Over the past year, we’ve experimented with new and better ways to connect with our members and attenders ...

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA: We began with an upgraded website and added a public Facebook page to interact with our community and to post outreach events. Another new feature on our children’s ministries area of the website is to offer online registration for Kids’ Club, beginners’/children’s church, Sunday School and nursery. All the data from the forms imports directly into our new church database. (BONUS: *once a parent adds their child’s birthdate to the database, Breeze will automatically adjust for the child’s changing age and advancement into new classes!*)

CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE: We also implemented new church management software called Breeze. It’s super easy to use and can be accessed on any device with a web browser (or on your phone with an app). By the end of the year, we already had 57 users and 641 people in our database. *If you haven’t done so already, please log on and try it out at lexfirstalliance.breezechms.com!* We hope to be able to connect with all of you in the coming year through this amazing service.

SERMON PODCASTING: Near the end of the year, we also added a sermon podcast linked from the sermon audio area of our website. Once you download the app for your iPhone or Android, you may subscribe and listen on the go!

eNEWS AND GROUP EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you haven’t been receiving our email newsletter every week, you’re missing out on the latest FAC announcements. Contact our church office if you’d like to be added.

“MEET THE STAFF” LUNCHES: This year, we added a new way to connect with our newcomers by hosting occasional after-church lunches with the staff and elders. We’ve enjoyed the few we’ve done so far and will continue with this new tradition in the coming year!



MEMBERS OF FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH

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| Jim Abbott | Jimmy Daley | Cindy Lindsley | Mary Beth Stauffer |
| Jodie Abbott | Tabatha Daley | Rebecca Lucas | Brandon Stewart |
| Matt Abbott | Amy Dally | Lauren Lynch | Connie Stewart |
| Sheila Abbott | Pattie Dally | Patrick Lynch | Craig Stewart |
| Bev Arnold | Randy Dally | Al Lyon | Laura Stewart |
| Doris Allen | Rodger Dally | De Lyon | Melanie Stewart |
| John Allen | Barbara Daniel | David Martin | Travis Stewart |
| Doreen Bahm | William Daniel | Martha Martin | Brian Summer |
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| Austin Barber | Kortney DeHass | Terri Maxcy | Steve Summer |
| Beth Barber | Erica Diehl | Jake McCarn | Donna Talmon |
| Heather Barber | Tom Diehl | Doug McWhorter | Jinny Talmon |
| Josh Barber | Richard Errington | Katie McWhorter | Hannah Talmon |
| Rodney Barber | Stephanie Errington | Sue McWhorter | Paul Talmon |
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| Mike Barry | Matt Everhart | Gary Miller | Carolyn Temple |
| Tina Barry | Ashley (Childs) Floyd | Pam Miller | Faye Temple |
| Patti Bates | Heather Forrest | Andy Mills | Steve Temple |
| Shannon Bates | Josh Forrest | Shealin Mills | Tim Temple |
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| Farrell Beck | Taylor Foster | Mary Monson | Greg Tesh |
| Robbie Beck | Richard Frank | Steven Monson | Josh Tesh |
| Rev. Alfred Boesenberg | Sherri Frank | Greg Myers | Kaleb Tesh |
| Jim Brindley | Rhonda Glidden | Abby Nifong | Keith Tesh |
| Mary Brindley | Viola Glidden | Joey Nifong | Kenneth Tesh |
| Vivian Broadway | Bill Griffin | Joshua Nifong | Nellie Tesh |
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| Terry Burnett | Steve Gusefski | Chelsea Pardue | Jonathan Thomas |
| Jean Busse | Matt Gullet | John Pardue | Jordan Thomas |
| Brandon Byerly | Carole Harper | Angie Pierce | Joseph Thomas |
| Maddy Byerly | Barbara Sue Herring | Eddie Pierce | Jake Thomason |
| Ricky Byerly | Dwayne Hill | Nancy Pierce | Audrey Thompson |
| Shasta Byerly | Melissa Hill | Tim Pierce | Dawn Titus |
| Tim Carr | Marie (McGuire) Hough | BJ Porter | Rev. Paul Titus |
| Natsu Carr | Dora Hufton | David Prescott | Butch Treadway |
| Emily Cash | Johnny Hufton | Lori Prescott | Glenda Treadway |
| Terri Cash | Brian Hutchinson | Heidi (Gobble) Priest | Jim Tysinger |
| Zach Cash | Todd Hutchinson | Allison Rankin | JoLynn Tysinger |
| Ashley Childs | Carolyn Kepley | Bill Rankin | Adam Wallace |
| Chris Childs | William Kepley | Brittany Rankin | Ashley Wallace |
| Layne Childs | Lauren Kluttz | Cheryl Shaw | Randy Wallace |
| Tim Childs | Phillip Kluttz | David Shaw | Derek Ware |
| Virginia Childs | Betty Koonts | Amy Shell | Derek Ware |
| Anderson Conrad | Mack Lancaster | Jeff Shell | Gayla Ware |
| Danny Cooper | Mary Ann Lancaster | Larry Shoaf | Brad Wilkes |
| Jeanette Cooper | Ashley Landes | Caleb Shumaker | Crystal Wilkes |
| Andrew Coppley | Rev. Ben Landes | Kelly Shumaker | Beverly Williams |
| Dana Coppley | Bernard Leonard | Arlita Smith | Joanie Williams |
| Jeph Coppley | Edwin Leonard | Teresa Spencer | Michelle Wyatt |
| Joe Coppley | Brent Lewis | Brian Spiller | Ray Wyatt |
| Linda Coppley | Danny Lewis | Colleen Spiller | Alicia Young |
| Jennifer Craver | Eric Lewis | Heather Stanley | Scott Young |
| Zac Craver | Nancy Lewis | John Stauffer | Jill Younts |
| | | | Sherrill Younts |

OUR VALUES

DISCIPLE-MAKING

We exist to make disciples.

AUTHENTICITY

We are real with God and one another.

COMPASSION

We bear one another's burdens.

WORLD MISSIONS

We are serious about fulfilling the Great Commission.

MULTI-GENERATIONAL MINISTRY

We serve, involve and empower all of God's people.



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