



# First Baptist Church

January 31, 2022

Dear Church Family,

The past couple of years have been challenging for everyone due to the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, we have seen God's blessing on our church in many ways. One of those ways is through our finances.

Our church staff kept our expenses down in 2021, while our church family gave in ways beyond what we ever could have expected. The Lord blessed every bit of it, and we closed the year with a surplus of over \$1 Million. Our finance committee recently met with our senior staff to determine the allocation of those surplus funds.

The first 10 percent will act as a "tithe" for our church as we distribute \$102,717 to missions. Second, we have allocated \$223,725 towards an urgent need to replace our sound boards in the sanctuary and television production room. Finally, we have totally paid off our church's mortgage debt of \$700,725. We give God all the glory for this unprecedented situation as we begin a new year!

We are encouraged in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not grow weary in doing good." God is at work here at First Baptist Church, and we are so excited to see what he will do as we follow him faithfully in 2022.

Enclosed is a record of your financial giving last year. Thank you so much for your generosity! If you have any questions, please contact Gloria Duncan at 803-343-8582 or Rhonda Jackson at 803-343-8563.

God Bless,

Buster Whitlock  
Minister of Administration