REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 16, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Moderator Evan Pitts. Quorum was confirmed. This business session is being recorded to assist with meeting notes. An opening song and prayer followed. The agenda was reviewed with one change; Preschool and Nursery will be covered by Pastor Jesse Bryan during his report. Minutes from previous business session in May 2026 have been made available and motion to accept as written was presented. One change was recommended; currently reads "Sunday morning attendance is growing, averaging 170 and Sunday School has increased, leading to an award from the association". Recommended change should read "Sunday School attendance is growing, averaging 170, and Sunday Services have increased, leading to an award from the association". Motion made to accept minutes with change, seconded and approved.

Mike Metzler gave the attached Treasurer's report. Collections month to date are $61,704 and expenditures $58,285. Year to date we have approximately a $147,000 surplus. Music and office are slightly over. Office was slightly over due to software costs. Maintenance and repairs are over due to issues with the building getting older. We replaced two air conditioning units. Motion made and seconded and report accepted as presented.

The Clerk brought the following sixteen names forward for new membership: Wyatt and Casey Wishart, Kaylee Forron, Willow Forron, Israel Faul, Zarie Faul, Madeline Jablonski, Jason Sweat, Amanda Sweat, Logan Sweat, Ryleigh Sweat, Charleigh Sweat, Carson Sweat, Aleah Sweat, Mason Walter and Harold Raughley. Motion made to approve new members, seconded and accepted. Received one letter for Request of Transfer from Ray and Sherry Dyal to Fellowship Baptist Church in Lake City, Florida. Motion made to approve transfer, seconded and accepted.

STAFF AND MINISTRY REPORTS:
Jon Rappa: Worship Report. Worship, Tech and Creative teams are all working well. Social Media is increasing, analytics looking good. The Student Facebook page is up and running again. Instagram has a large following, Facebook is much lower but if you want to follow the students, join the Facebook Page. Lightning struck the building with damage to equipment and elevator. Equipment is up and running now, and we are working with our insurance adjuster. The 18–24-year-old Sunday School class is doing well and although small, they have had good discussion and fellowship. Thank you to Jacob Floyd and Ryan Murt who are leading this group.

Mason Walter: Student Director. In Sunday School, students are using Explore the Bible curriculum by Life Way. Wednesday nights this group during the summer has been studying

various religions and attendance has been good. This past Wednesday night student attendance was 50. Completed Service Project with Santa Fe students doing some landscaping to help freshen up the school. Hosted a Back To School Santa Fe first day breakfast and there is a party next Wednesday called "Anything But A Kickball Kickoff Event". Then they will return to study Acts, followed by Romans. At camp, we had thirty-one kids and six leaders, and we are already working on plans for next year. Provided office location, hours and contact information.

Jesse Bryan: Senior Pastor. Completed Promotion Sunday and things are going well. We now have a part-time nursery/preschool worker on board. Still looking for second nursery/preschool worker and for Children's Director position to be filled. Wednesday night adults are walking through the Apostle's Creed, Sunday morning worship service attendance during the summer slowed down, averaging between 200-250, but last Sunday was back up to 305 attendees. So far this year, we have had 30 people join the church and13 baptisms since January. The Adult Education wing renovations have been completed. Thank you to all those who worked long, hard hours on this project. Jon Rappa's pastoral ordination was in May, our church wide Family Game Night was done on July 1st, and our next church lunch is scheduled for October 25th. We are looking at doing our "Trunk or Treat" the same night as the City of Alachua Main Street Trick or Treat Event (October 31st). Operation Christmas Child here at FBCA is going to be a regional collection area. We will need a lot more help.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Nominating Committee- Glenn Bryan reporting for this committee made recommendations for the following individuals or following committees be voted on: Nominating would be Holly Banner, Petra McClenahan and Gonzalo Cara (being the new member of this team). Personnel would be Mike Sullivan, Kathryn Jones, Jacob Floyd, Rick Jablonski and Sarah Beck. New members rotating on to the personnel committee will be Rick Jablonski and Sarah Beck. Stewardship would be Jackie Helton, Ron Hewlette, Evan Pitts, Joe Raulerson, Sherry Cato (new member added) and Mike Metzler as treasurer. Building and Grounds remains Bruce Haguewood, Mike Raulerson, Glenn Bryan, Richard Bryan and Robert Erickson. Alice Bryan is stepping down from her Clerk position. Nominating committee is recommending Valerie Bauler.

Stewardship Committee – Mike Sullivan reporting for this committee informed everyone that the New Budget is published; we are about eleven percent up from last year. Reason - about two-thirds are for new hire, salary and benefits, and one-third is for general increase for cost of goods and services. Housekeeping, landscaping, and cost of supplies all

increased. Two air conditioners failed and a couple more may go and funds added for that. Right Now Media subscription was moved to Sunday School budget. For funds needed but not budgeted for, submit a request and it will be reviewed and taken out of another budget. The electronics impacted by the lightning strike will be submitted to the insurance company, we have a $5,000 deductible, and expenses will come out of general funds. Renovations are completed and paid for.

Personnel Committee – Last business meeting, four positions approved: two nursery workers, youth director and children's coordinator- two of these positions are filled. Met with staff and a need for improved communication was discussed. An example would be clarity between the differences of vocational, ministerial and pastoral responsibilities. They can mean different things to different people, so we are working through some clarification.

Building and Grounds Committee - Robert Erickson reported that two air conditioners replaced (clubhouse and kitchen). Elevator still out but working on it.

Deacons – Matt West reported the Deacon nominations are in process and requested prayer as selection process continues, interviews and discussions are taking place. Ideally they would like to present the nominations to the church by the end of the month. It will be a Special Called Meeting to be completed after both worship services. Question was asked about the quantity of deacons verses the number of church members as we are growing. Last time, we added a deacon and no need to add at large deacons at this time. Question concerning the earthquake in Colombia and our support. Nothing has been discussed at this point, however as we get more information as to what we can do, we will notify the church.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Budget approval- Even Pitts stated that since the budget came from the Stewardship committee, it has a motion and a second. All approved, none opposed. Budget approved. Nominating Committee, it has a motion and a second. Question asked- are there any proposed changes to our lightning rod structures, or how to protect the church in future lightning strikes? We currently have lightening protection on the church building. The lightning hit the Family Ministry Center and crossed over to the main church building. We are looking at various options and exploring the possibilities. If no other questions, we are looking for approval of those nominations made by the Nominating Committee. All approved, none opposed. Nominations approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Question was voiced concerning the lightning strike and expected cost. We have a claim number, and we have an invoice for the elevator board replacement of $6200, but they are looking into it and may find more damage. The damage must have an independent person certify that the damage was caused by lightning. The Fire Alarm System was also damaged, but we've already repaired it for just over $600. We paid in advance as we could not wait for adjusters, but all parts were kept for examination and certification. Right now, we are at $11,417 of damage. We have a $5000 deductible, so we'll pay that portion of it. It is still being looked at and examined. No other announcements.

The Team Status Reports have been made available and become a part of the business record as attached.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Evan Pitts, Moderator

Valerie Bauler, Clerk

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Bereavement Team

Bereavement: Our sympathy and heartfelt prayers were expressed to Lewis Irby and family in the passing of his wife and longtime member, Audrey Irby. Also, to Linda Brink in the loss of her husband Bob. And, to Donna Metzler and family in the recent loss of her dad, Lester Crawford.

Care Team

Our team has been busy this quarter. Several in our church have had surgery, had deaths in their families, and experienced life-changing events. Our team has continued to help in transportation, visitation, and prayer for our many in need.

Please do not hesitate in letting Pastor Jesse, Sandy Crane or myself be aware of any needs in our church. Our purpose is to help in caring for the needs in our congregation.

Community Outreach & Missions Team

Decorating

I Regular update of décor in Sanctuary building and FMC each month. Decorated entrances for Trunk or Treat event on October 31st.

Food Distribution Report

Food distributions are conducted by our team of volunteers on the second Saturday of each month. Items distributed to our clients are obtained from Bread of the Mighty Food Bank, located in Gainesville. Bread of the Mighty is affiliated with the Feeding Northeast Florida organization. Our team has conducted three distributions since our last report, the last being on October 10th. We served a total of 370 households and feed 697 people. This past Saturday we served 139 families and fed 697 souls. We greatly appreciate the continuing support for our program by our church members and the faithful volunteers who assist us at our distributions.

Greeters/Guest Ministry

We have nothing to report at this time.

Helps

Helps team had 7 projects:

Fixed some loose kitchen floor tiles for a member

Repaired a storm door latch for a member

Picked up and disposed of a water heater

Replaced 3 external doors for a members house

Installed grab handles for a member

Replaced 2 toilets

Fixed water softener connections.

All were for church members.

Hospitality

Keenagers

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child August 16, 2026 Report

On September 19th, twenty Project Leaders representing fourteen churches attended the Santa Fe River Team Project Leader Workshop at FBCA.

The M&Ms fundraiser was very successful. The funds raised supported the Children's Church students in packing 153 Gospel Opportunities.

On November 7th, ten participants from the FBCA Prayer Team and the Santa Fe River Team gathered at FBCA for the National Collection Week Prayer Meeting to pray over all aspects of the shoebox ministry.

FBCA will serve as a central drop-off site for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes from November 16–23.

Prayer Team

The Prayer Team held their Annual Prayer Walk on October 10. The Team prayed over every room of the church, the grounds surrounding the church and walked through the community around the church praying for our neighbors, friends, churches and businesses. It was a very uplifting event, and we truly thank God for this opportunity. Thanks to all of you who joined us. We really appreciate your support.

We also joined in the Trunk or Treat event and placed a Prayer Tent at the entrance of the parking lot. It was well received and many of those visiting the campus that day stopped by the tent for prayer. The

Prayer Team joined the Operation Christmas Child Team at their Prayer Event on November 7, where numerous prayers were offered for the collection and delivery of the shoe boxes.

Volunteers for the Prayer Room are always needed and welcomed. So, please sign up on the calendar that is in the church foyer for whatever service you wish to serve. Thanks and God bless.

The Good Cup

The Good Cup is looking for additional volunteers to serve.

We need 2-3 couples to serve once a month from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. The couple may be married or just friends who commit to serve at the same time.

The volunteers start the coffee urns brewing at 8:30 and prepare all snacks to be ready by 9:15 am. Coffee/food is served from 9:15 to 9:45 am. Then we need to cleanup and reset the service area for the next Sunday. Volunteers can delay cleanup until after Sunday School or later in the day if desired.

Please contact Evan Pitts at 352-562-5988 if you are interested.

Adult Sunday School & Small Groups

We continue to see visitors in our adult Sunday School classes and on Sunday mornings in worship. This has been particularly effective in the 8:30 service as members have invited guests to join them in Sunday School immediately following the service. Sunday School classes have been assisting with Membership 101 by working in a rotation to help serve and greet prospective members. Sunday School continues to be one of our most effective ministries for member care and connection.