



# ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026



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# 2025–2026 Annual Report

Pastor Scott Linscott, Lead Pastor

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” — Matthew 22:37–39, NIV*



When Scottish immigrants gathered in Westbrook in October of 1888, they built something they believed would outlast them. One hundred and thirty-seven years later, I am still a little amazed that we get to be the ones carrying that forward.

This is my 13th year at FBC, and I want to be honest with you: I didn’t choose this. Before my liver transplant in 2012, I was headed somewhere else entirely — a church plant in a storefront or warehouse in Gorham. Revitalization work wasn’t on my radar. Then God rearranged things, and here we are.

The researchers will tell you that new church plants survive long-term at a rate of about 50–60%. They’ll also tell you that turning around a struggling congregation succeeds only about 10–20% of the time. By those numbers, what God has done here is the harder miracle. I don’t say that to brag — I say it because I want us to walk into this new year with our eyes open to what we actually are: a church that was not supposed to make it, that keeps saying yes anyway.

That’s the thread running through everything in this report. The meals, the meetings, the park services, the accessibility upgrades, the grant applications, the sign we’re fighting to replace — all of it is the fruit of a community that has decided, year after year, to love its neighbors with no strings attached.

*I hope you read this and feel what I feel: gratitude, and a little holy stubbornness about what comes next.*

## Locally: Sharing Hope in Westbrook

We’ve continued meeting the needs of our unhoused neighbors, distributing tents, blankets, sleeping bags, and warm clothing in partnership with The Maine Hope Squad, whose work around mental health and suicide prevention we’re glad to support. Our Furniture Ministry continues serving refugee families and individuals starting over from scratch — providing the basics that most of us take for granted. Through our partnership with The Maine Locker Project, we’re addressing food insecurity with fresh produce, meats, and baked goods, supplemented by ongoing community drives for our own on-site food pantry. Every week, our building hosts two Narcotics

Anonymous meetings and one AA meeting, providing a safe, consistent space for people in recovery. Every month, we host a free community meal open to anyone who walks through the door, and all summer long we fire up the grill for free neighborhood cookouts.

***Across all of it, our neighbors have figured something out: when they come here, they will be loved and welcomed, no strings attached.***

This summer marks our sixth year worshiping in Riverbank Park, bringing the gospel into the public square every Sunday morning from Memorial Day Weekend through the end of September. The logistics are considerably more demanding than meeting indoors, but the opportunity to connect with people who might never walk through our doors makes it well worth the effort. Our team deserves real credit for the consistent work they put in each week to make it happen.

## **Teaching and Preaching**

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This past year covered a lot of ground in Scripture. Since April 2025, we spent four months in the miracles of Jesus, followed by more than a month learning how to exchange fear for faith. We revisited our FBC approach and philosophy, carved out time for gratitude, explored what it looks like to live like Jesus, and tackled some of the harder questions people are actually asking — all alongside our Christmas and Easter focus seasons.

As we head into this new year, I'm genuinely excited about where we're going. We're digging deep into what Jesus truly meant when he said that loving God and loving our neighbors is the most important commandment. It's not a simple topic, and I don't think Jesus intended it to be. My prayer is that what we learn on Sunday mornings keeps showing up in how we treat the people around us every day of the week — loving them and showing grace with no strings attached.

## **Facing Financial Pressure, Trusting God**

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Like most ministries right now, we're navigating the sustained pressure of inflation. Costs have risen across the board, and the Lord has provided, though it has been tight. Our Grants Team has been active on multiple fronts this year, pursuing funding for food insecurity programming, building accessibility upgrades, and digital sign replacement. A full summary of that work is included in the Grants Team report elsewhere in this packet.

## **Building Updates**

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Our HUD CDBG accessibility project reached several significant milestones this year, with key upgrades now complete. Some work remains in progress, and additional accessibility improvements may be within reach through existing grant funding. Full details are included in the Grants Team report.

## **Looking Ahead**

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As our city grows and changes, the question I keep returning to is this: What is the Lord preparing us for next? I don't know the full answer, but I know this much — God is faithful, His Church endures, and we get to be part of what He is doing.

When I look at our church family — people showing up and using their gifts across every area of ministry — I'm grateful to be part of a story that started long before any of us and will, I believe, continue long after. The work in this report is not a summary of programs. It's evidence that a 137-year-old church in Westbrook, Maine is still very much alive, still loving its neighbors, and still saying yes.

**Let's keep saying yes to God's call on our lives.**

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*With gratitude,*

**Pastor Scott Linscott**

Lead Pastor, FBC Westbrook

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## Leadership Report

Hello Church Family,

As I finish my second year on the church leadership team, and my first as the head of the leadership team, I am reflecting on how grateful I am to be a part of this church family. This body of people is awesome and over the last several years I have been so impressed with how our church serves our community and faithfully obeys God as we share our love for Jesus with the others that we come in contact with. I also continually see God's blessing as we have prayed over the past year for the needs we have in our church.

As we have struggled to feed people in our community, we have been given grants to fund our food ministry. During a tense time in the world where we had neighbors concerned about going out of their houses, I was blessed to see the outpouring of food for our Food Pantry. We have been able to build two ADA compliant bathrooms and are working toward finishing our downstairs bathroom. Also, as I write this, I have just learned that we have been blessed with a few grants that will cover our burned out sign that has been (and will continue to be) used to share events with our community. God is good!

This past year as head of the leadership team has been one of learning and growth for me. I do not take this role for granted and I am grateful to be trusted to help guide God's will for this church. The teacher in me introduced the team to a study of the John Maxwell book *Courageous Leadership* and we spent time doing a devotional time during our monthly team meetings. It was a great time to reflect on how to be Godly leaders, who will listen to those we are leading and reflect on what God will have us do. I pray that our team will continue to seek His will in the coming year and the years to come.

Blessings,

Roland Thibault

## 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes

FBC Westbrook Annual Meeting

June 8, 2025 11:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Scott Linscott, opened in prayer.

A total of 35 members present.

### **A motion was made to accept Chris St. Louis as Moderator.**

-Moved and seconded (Jake Groom, Ruth Webster).

-Motion passes unanimously.

### **A motion was made to accept the following new members by profession of faith.**

Adam Davis

Tom Deiley

Jerry Chastane

-Moved and seconded (Brad Bryant, Heidi Deiley).

-Motion passes unanimously.

### **A motion was made to appoint Shara Groom and Seth Benoit to the Leadership Board.**

-Moved and seconded (Jake Groom, Brad Bryant).

-Motion passes unanimously.

Annual reports-It was noted that there were a couple of errors and new members to be added.

Tom Sturgeon was not an official member.

Walter Braley was omitted.

We needed to add Tom Deiley and Jerry Chastane as new members

### **A motion was made to accept minutes of prior annual meeting as presented with**

### **the adjustments made to the clerks report in the Annual Report.**

-Moved and seconded (Deanna Kelley, Jake Groom).

-Motion passes unanimously.

### **Motion to accept the Clerks Report with changes noted above.**

-Moved and seconded (Dana Kelley, Chelsea Stephens).

-Motion passes unanimously.

The Leadership presented the ability for us to choose to freeze repayment of the loan from our Endowment during times of financial hardship. We ask the church body to give the Leadership Team the ability to freeze repayment in the situation where loan repayment is not able to be made without faulting on operational fixed costs.

### **A motion was made to give the Leadership Team the option to freeze repayment from our Endowment Fund if necessary.**

-Moved and seconded (Jake Groo, Todd Daley)

Further discussion.

-Motion passes unanimously.

### **A motion was made to accept all the church budgets as presented.**

-Moved and seconded (Jake Groom, Deanna Kelley)

-Motion passes unanimously

### **A motion was made to give the Pastor a 3% increase and to approve all other budget lines pertaining to wages.**

-Moved and seconded (Seth Benoit, Tom Deiley)

-Motion passes unanimously

**A motion was made to allow the Accountable Plan for Lead Pastor Scott Linscott to allow up to 51% of his salary to be allocated for housing allowance, per IRS regulations.**

- Moved and seconded (Deanna Kelley, Greg Jones).
- Motion passes unanimously.

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the annual meeting.**

-Moved and seconded (Jake Groom, Chelsea Stephens).

-Motion passes unanimously.

## Report of the Church Clerk

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2026, directly following the morning worship gathering, to vote on the upcoming Fiscal Year Budget 2026-2027.

Members left by Letter of Transfer	0
Members left by request	0
Official Members Deceased	0
Official Members joined by Letter of Transfer	2
Randy Sprinkle Lynn Sprinkle	
Official Members joined by Profession Of Faith	0
Official Members joined by Baptism Cheri Whiting	1
Active Members	75
Shut In	5
Inactive	0
Official Members attending regularly	70

Respectfully Submitted  
Debbie Cary  
Church Clerk



### THE CROSS

We are a Grace-saturated people who believe Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is enough. By giving His life, Jesus did all that was needed. It is not what we do but what Jesus did.



### CONNECTING BRIDGES

We believe in community and shared life. We strive to love God with everything and love others like we love ourselves. We are relational bridge builders.



### GROWTH

By following Jesus and living like Him, we see growth and change in our lives. We find purpose, meaning and direction and are able to better face life's challenges with confidence.

## 2024-2025 FBC Food Pantry Annual Report

This year, the FBC Food pantry continued to serve a diverse population of Westbrook community members, approximately 35 individuals and households, through combination of weekly open pantry hours, low-barrier produce distribution for the majority-immigrant congregation who shares our church building on Sunday afternoons, and newly this year, by delivering food to vulnerable community members.

During a period of heightened immigration enforcement in Maine, FBC Food Pantry leadership met with other food resource leaders in Westbrook to discuss concerns for access among food insecure immigrants in our community. This collaboration helped to secure additional resources for the FBC Pantry, including a \$1,000 infusion, and an influx of culturally appropriate foods for immigrants served by our pantry from The Locker Project. FBC developed updated Pantry protocols to increase trust and feelings of safety for all patrons. In addition, the FBC pantry worked with leadership in the immigrant-majority congregation who shares our building to organize food deliveries to congregants who did not feel safe leaving their homes to come to the church building, but who did feel safe sharing their personal information with our pantry volunteers due to our existing relationship built on service, respect, and shared faith.

This was made possible through the dedicated efforts of many; our pantry volunteers Jan Perry, Kim Walls, Victoria and Chris St.Louis: Debbie and Reg Cary, who continue to lead shopping and stocking, and through our partnership with The Locker Project, a local program that rescues and distributes 40,000 pounds of produce each month with a focus on children and families, who supplies and delivers our fresh produce and meat.

FBC Food pantry is also made possible due to the ongoing support of this congregation, who continuously donated their money, groceries, time, and support to the function and maintenance of this pantry.

## **Grants Team Report 2025–2026 FBC Westbrook**

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### **HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) — Building Accessibility Project**

This multi-phase project funded significant accessibility upgrades to our Main Street facility. Completed work includes two ADA-compliant restrooms on the first floor, a new front entry ramp, all-new exit lights, code-compliant emergency lighting, and ADA push-button front entry.

Two items remain unfinished. The restroom contractor vacated the job before completing the downstairs bathroom and shower, and the contracted electrician determined that replacing the building's recalled main power supply was outside his scope. Both items are being addressed, with David Holmes of BigBroCustoms taking on the restroom completion and a commercial electric company to be engaged for the power supply replacement.

Looking ahead, we are exploring whether our existing HUD ADA grant funding can support the addition of a lift from the Blue Room into the dining hall, replacing the current stairlift. Three contractor bids are currently being compiled.

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### **Food Insecurity Programming Grants**

We are currently awaiting decisions on pending grant applications intended to fund another year of food insecurity programming. These grants support our partnership with The Maine Locker Project and our on-site food pantry. We are praying for results and expecting news in the coming months.

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### **Digital Sign Replacement** — City of Westbrook Main Street Facade Improvement Grant

Our donated digital sign, which had served the church and community for eight to nine years, failed in November. Replacement cost is estimated at approximately \$30,000.

Approved: City of Westbrook Main Street Facade Improvement Grant — 50% of total replacement cost.

Approved: The Greenough Church Edifice Association Grant - \$10,000.00.

Approved: The Kingdom Fund - \$10,000.00.

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### **Summary of Grant Status**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Source</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Amount</b>
ADA Accessibility Upgrades	HUD CDBG	Funded/In Progress	<b>\$123,589</b>
Possible Lift Installation	HUD ADA Grant	Exploring Eligibility	TBD
Food Insecurity ODK & FBC PANTRY	Pending Applications Narragansett Number 1	Awaiting Decision	TBD
Digital Sign Replacement	City of Westbrook Main Street (after install complete)	Approved	<b>\$13,788</b>
Digital Sign Replacement	Two Additional Sources Kingdom Fund & GCEA	Awaiting Decision	TBD

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#### A Note on Additional Grant Activity

The projects summarized above represent grant work managed directly by the Grants Team. Additional grant funding sought and received in support of specific ministries — including food insecurity programming, community outreach, and facilities needs — is documented in the individual ministry reports included elsewhere in this packet. We encourage readers to review those reports for a complete picture of FBC Westbrook's grant activity for 2025–2026.

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Prepared by the FBC Westbrook Grants Team 2025–2026



Annual Report  
Building and Property  
FY Ending April 30, 2026

This year saw 2 major building projects completed as a result of a significant Federal Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The first was a complete up-dating of our building's emergency lighting and exit signage. Several new lights were added and exit signage was rewired to meet existing standard building codes locally as well as the State of Maine Fire Marshall Requirements.

The second major update was to install 2 Unisex ADA Compliant restrooms on the main floor. A reduction in the size of the Pastor's Office made this space available. Our church members and building users are delighted to have these rooms available and Sunday wait times are now significantly diminished.

A full renovation of the basement restroom with the addition of a shower is also in the planning stages.

Our old building is continually in need of up-dates and maintenance that outside grant funding often plays a major part in providing. The HUD Grant this year was pivotal in our accomplishments. Pastor Scott committed many, many hours and much effort in complying with the very challenging requirements recipients are subjected to in order to receive funding. Our members are truly grateful.

Interior signage was also added to allow new visitors the opportunity to more readily locate their area of interest.

On-Going Projects:

- Replacement of our electronic message board sign
- Addition of a VPL (Vertical Platform Lift) for wheelchair access to our lower level

Future needs and considerations:

- Window replacements
- Carpeting replacement
- Sanctuary repainting
- Bell Tower repairs
- Rain Gutters repaired
- Exterior Courtesy and Safety lighting

Respectfully Submitted,

**Gregg Jones**

Gregg Jones

Building and Property Supervisor

Leadership Team Member

# OPEN DOOR KITCHEN REPORT



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## Open Door Kitchen - Financial Report

*Prepared by: Steven Jones - Director of Open Door Kitchen*

*Fiscal Year 2025 (05/01/2025 through 04/30/2026)*

Beginning Balance		Ending Balance		
Saco Biddeford Savings Inst. 05/2025		\$1,382.66	Saco Biddeford Savings Inst. 04/2026	
			\$3,373.42	
Date	Food Cost	Supplies Cost	Headcount	Cost Per Meal
May 2025	\$609.84	\$66.69	207	\$2.95
June 2025	\$676.40	\$105.40	155	\$4.36
July 2025	\$321.07	\$0.00	187	\$1.72
August 2025	\$480.46	\$0.00	203	\$2.37
September 2025	\$73.84	\$0.00	225	\$0.33
October 2025	\$677.04	\$62.59	231	\$2.93
November 2025	\$757.53	\$88.31	270	\$2.81
December 2025	\$557.89	\$28.69	226	\$2.47
January 2026	\$675.39	\$406.95	230	\$2.94
February 2026	\$325.36	\$36.87	225	\$1.45
March 2026	\$1,339.26	\$325.26	290	\$4.62
April 2026	\$612.39	\$289.69	235	\$2.61
<b>FY 2025 Totals</b>	<b>\$7,106.47</b>	<b>\$1,410.45</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>\$3.17</b>

**First Baptist Church Westbrook Maine**

**FBC Westbrook Actual vs. Budgeted Expense**

**May 2025 through April 30,2026**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Pastors Wage	\$ 60,817.75	\$ 60,000.00
Social Security	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00
Retirement	\$ 8,918.00	\$ 8,232.00
Convention/Education	\$ 211.93	\$ 1,000.00
Prof Expenses	\$ 580.27	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 73,777.95</b>	<b>\$ 73,482.00</b>
Custodian Salary	\$ 12,638.50	\$ 11,037.00
Worship Music Salary	\$ 9,642.00	\$ 9,542.00
Office Salaries	\$ 6,730.00	\$ 6,630.00
Payroll Tax	\$ 5,089.27	\$ 4,500.00
Workers Comp Ins.	\$ 1,192.11	\$ 1,066.00
W/H ME PFML (new in 2025)	\$ 22.03	\$ -
<b>Employee Exp.</b>	<b>\$ 35,313.91</b>	<b>\$ 32,775.00</b>
Heating	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 10,250.00
Electrical	\$ 5,800.00	\$ 6,500.00
Water Sewer	\$ 1,161.67	\$ 1,250.00
Telephone Internet	\$ 2,676.59	\$ 2,700.00
Alarm	\$ 3,596.80	\$ 3,750.00

Property Ins.	\$ 5,674.08	\$ 9,515.00
Prop Ins. Deductible Savings	\$ 3,520.00	\$ -
<b>Fixed Expense</b>	<b>\$ 27,829.14</b>	<b>\$ 33,965.00</b>
Pastors Denomination	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Hospitality Exp	\$57.68	\$ 500.00
Facilities Exp	\$7,417.53	\$ 10,000.00
Worship Exp	\$3,174.77	\$ 3,000.00
Childrens Ministry Exp	\$619.23	\$ 1,000.00
Admin/Office Exp	\$1,457.80	\$ 2,000.00
Group Ministry Exp	\$323.16	\$ 850.00
Financial Expense	\$4,419.40	\$ 4,100.00
FBC Note Payable & Interest Exp	\$8,001.50	\$ 7,386.00
<b>Total Misc.</b>	<b>\$ 25,471.07</b>	<b>\$ 28,936.00</b>
Local Emergency Aid/Reaching Westbrook	\$4,971.49	\$ 8,500.00
Missions	\$0.00	\$ 500.00
Open Door Kitchen	\$7,622.86	\$ 1,000.00
FBC Food Pantry	\$2,751.52	\$ 4,000.00
CDBG Grant	\$35,642.33	\$ -
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>\$ 50,988.20</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 213,380.27</b>	<b>\$ 183,158.00</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Adam Davis  
Treasurer

## Cash Position April 30, 2026

### Saco & Biddeford Checking Account:

**General:** \$ (4,795.30)

### Designated Savings:

God's Peace \$ 1,534.03

Benevolence \$ 1,270.13

FBC Food Pantry \$ 3,930.48

Open Door Kitchen \$ 4,960.55

Easter \$ 829.00

Mission Project - Guatemala \$ 2,600.41

Sign Replacement \$ 200.00

**Total Designated Savings** \$ 15,324.60

**Total Cash** \$ 10,529.30

### Payables:

Note Payable FBC (5 year, \$30,000) \$ (17,717.18)

Respectfully  
Submitted,

Adam Davis

Treasurer

## FBC Westbrook Cash In Report

May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

### Giving:

Envelopes	\$	51,418.00	
Loose	\$	13,109.00	
On-Line	\$	67,322.43	
<b>Total (General) Giving</b>			\$ 131,849.43
Food Pantry Grant	\$	2,000.00	
ODK Grant	\$	10,000.00	
Greenough Fund	\$	6,000.00	
			\$ 18,000.00
<b>Total</b>			\$ 149,849.43

### Other Special Offerings/Designated Funds:

Thanksgiving	\$	370.00	
Christmas	\$	550.00	
Easter	\$	1,074.00	
Open Door Kitchen	\$	239.00	
Benevolence	\$	1,310.00	
FBC Food Pantry	\$	3,650.00	
AMG Sponsor Child	\$	65.00	
Pastoral Gifts	\$	700.00	
Building	\$	890.00	
Sign Replacement	\$	200.00	
Endowment 'Loan'	\$	6,600.00	
CDBG Grant	\$	35,370.77	
<b>Total</b>			\$ 51,018.77

**Misc. Reimbursements Received:**

Insurance & Other

\$ 60.00

**Total Deposits**

\$ 200,928.20

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Davis

Treasurer

# ENDOWMENTS

FBC 2025 Calender Year	Morgan Stanley Portfolio				
	Fellow Ship	H.M.M.F.	Endowment	Retirement	Adoption
1/01/2025	\$91,461.88	\$25,963.96	\$259,350.46	\$148,516.31	\$10,053.36
Withdrawals	-\$4,000.00	0.00	-\$16,500.00	0.00	0.00
Deposits	0.00	0.00	\$7,386.00	\$8,232.00	0.00
Mkt Activity 14.9% Gain	\$13,031.82	\$3,868.63	\$37,256.08	\$23,355.50	\$1,497.95
12/31/25	\$100,493.70	\$29,832.59	\$287,492.54	\$180,103.81	\$11,551.31

Total Value Portfolio 12/31/2025 \$609,473.95

Total Value Portfolio 04/30/2026 \$661,004.55

Spending Bal	Fellowship	H.M.M.F.	Endowment
04/30/2025	\$ 3,959.98	\$ 2,539.00	\$ -23,150.00
Spent	-\$4,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
Awards	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 12,500.00
Avail 5/01/26	\$ 2,959.98	\$ 3,539.00	-\$10,650.00

Respectfully Submitted  
Reg Cary  
Fund Manager

