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ANNUAL REPORT of the First Presbyterian
Church of Baton Rouge Foundation



Foundation Mission

The mission of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation is to receive and manage gifts made to the Foundation endowment. The Foundation conservatively invests these funds to enhance the ministries of the church by providing support to our missionaries, seminary students, local ministries, church planting and campus upkeep. This support is over and beyond the operating budget funded by the Annual Stewardship Campaign.



The goal of the Trustees is to ignite a spirit of charitable giving and increase the assets of the Foundation to raise \$5 million in 5 years. This fundraising initiative will put the Foundation endowment over the \$10 million mark enabling us to enhance and grow our ministries and extend our reach in our community and beyond.

Letter from the Senior Pastor

Three Things to Like About the Foundation!

I'm enthusiastic about the work and the mission of our church Foundation. Here's why:

1) Great Leadership: The trustees of our Foundation bring deep dedication to Christ along with expert, prudent financial expertise. They include bankers, financial advisors, lawyers and business owners. They have a long history with our church and understand our mission. I trust them!

2) Missional Effect: We've done great things due to the income from our Foundation. We've supported students training to be ministers of the Word. We've purchased computers as part of our partnership with Buchanan School, and computers for STARS, the afterschool program conducted by our sister church, Abounding Love Ministries. We will soon be supporting the training of new church planters in our denomination.

3) Excellent Investment Strategy: The funds are well managed to produce income not only now but for the decades to come. Our investments are guarded against market fluctuations, and carefully watched to produce maximum benefit for current projects and the projects of the future.

As you read this report, you'll agree with me: there's a lot to like about FPC's Foundation.

Gerrit S. Dawson

A gift to the Foundation will support the endowment and the future of First Presbyterian Church. An endowment gift is powerful and one of the most important long-term investments a donor can make. Endowment gifts can affect more lives than would otherwise be touched by a donor's generosity, leaving a legacy that will sustain the financial future of First Presbyterian Church and provide long-term support for years to come.

How to Build a Legacy

Honor and Memorial Giving: By making a gift in your name or that of a loved one, you can create a lasting tribute.

Major and Planned Giving: Your gift, your legacy, will help grow our endowment and transform ministries extending our reach "deeper in Christ, further into the world."

Gifts take many forms. While cash gifts are most common, other forms of giving may offer donors significant benefits based on their particular goals and circumstances.

- Gifts through a will or trust
- A gift of retirement plan assets
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- A gift of life insurance

You Can Build a Legacy



Letter from the President

It is a privilege to share with you the activities of your Foundation.

This past year was challenging from an investment standpoint. Early in the year the popular indices were up, then down in late summer, tried to recover in the fall, and finished the year almost unchanged.

In 2015, the Foundation made available \$128,000 to the Session Income Allocation Committee (SIAC) which then made grants to individuals and organizations on behalf of First Presbyterian Church. At their first meeting of 2016, the Foundation Trustees allocated \$131,000 to the SIAC.

During 2015, an effort to educate our congregation about the Foundation was launched. You saw an excellent video which focused on the impact the Foundation is making on our Christian presence in this community and the world. A brochure educating the congregation about the purpose of the Foundation and highlighting its mission was produced last fall.

In the coming year you will continue to learn more about opportunities to support the Foundation, help us grow the funds, and support the vision to go “deeper in Christ, further into the world.”

John Crabtree



The Funds

Gifts to the Foundation are placed in either a general unrestricted fund called the Visionary Fund, or in one of several funds designated by the donor for specific programs. Earnings on the unrestricted fund are available to be spent for any program or project approved by the Session. Earnings on the specific funds are available to be spent only on the program designated by the original donor. The names and nature of the funds:

The Visionary Fund is the original, largest fund. Only earnings are used for programs and projects approved by the Session, beyond the Church budget.

The Dunham Chapel Maintenance Fund was established by a special gift. Earnings are used for its maintenance and the upkeep of its furnishings and equipment.

The Edward D. Grant Church Enrichment Fund makes it possible for the church to invite outstanding spiritual leaders to special events.

The Owen-Huff Pastors' Children Scholarship Fund provides tuition support for children of FPC pastors attending private Christian schools in grades 1-12.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund provides academic scholarships to member college students.

The Sanctuary Maintenance Fund provides for the maintenance of the church Sanctuary.

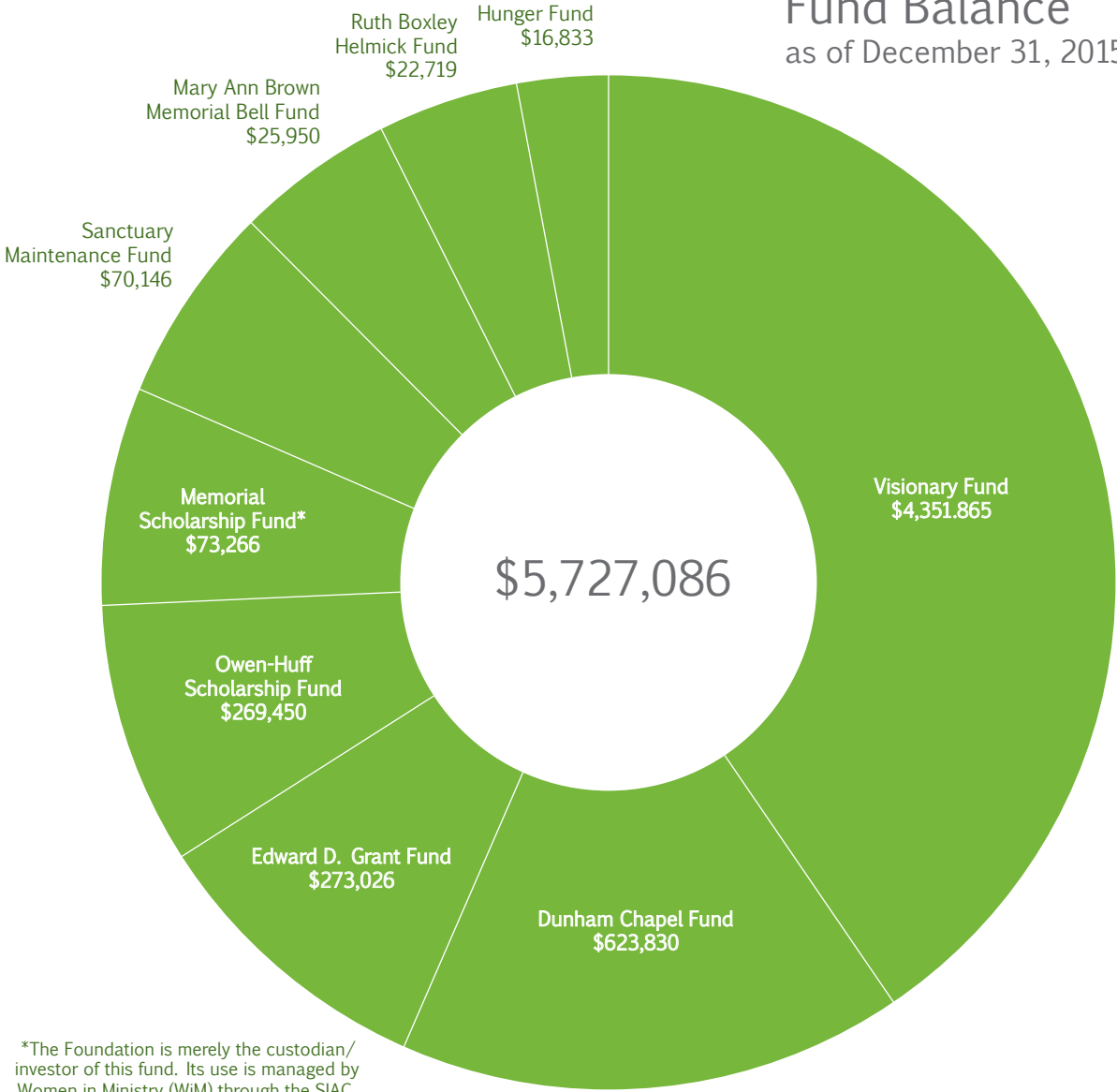
The Mary Ann Brown Bell Fund provides maintenance and repair of the Brown Memorial Bells.

The Ruth Boxley Helmick Fund provides ministry and religious education scholarships.

The Hunger Fund supports an integrated program of evangelism and the causes of hunger.

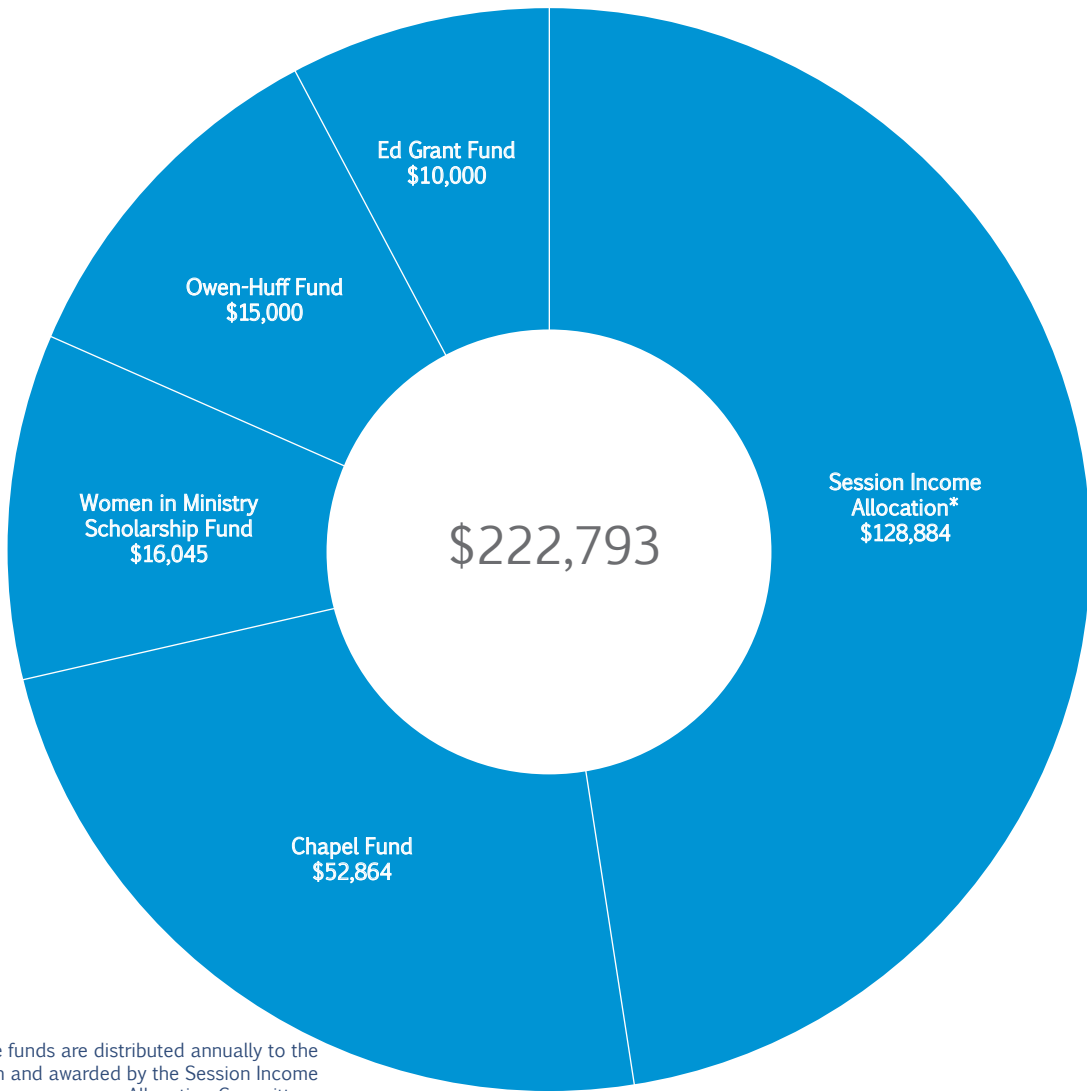
Fund Balance

as of December 31, 2015



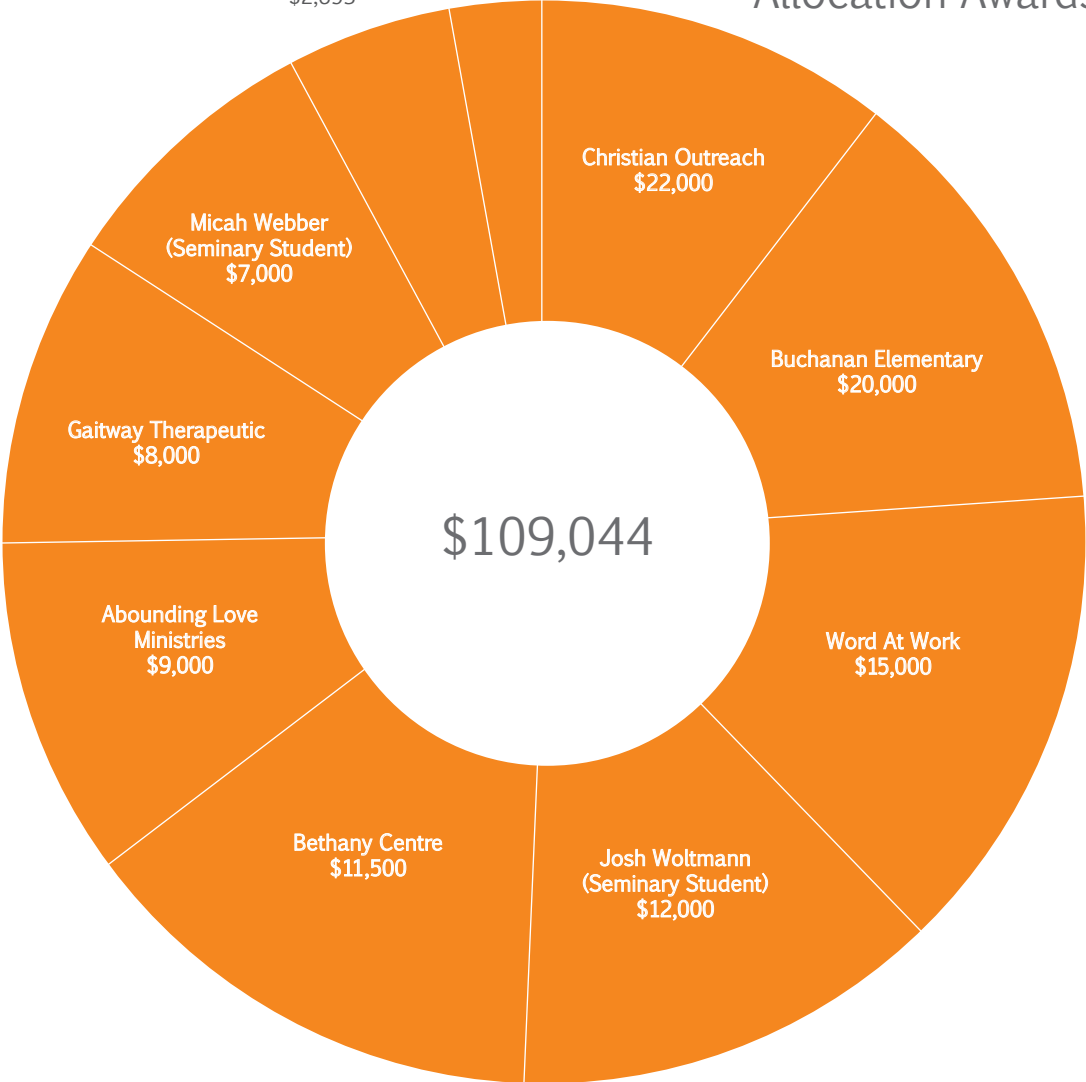
*The Foundation is merely the custodian/investor of this fund. Its use is managed by Women in Ministry (WiM) through the SIAC.

2015 Funds Distributed



*These funds are distributed annually to the church and awarded by the Session Income Allocation Committee.

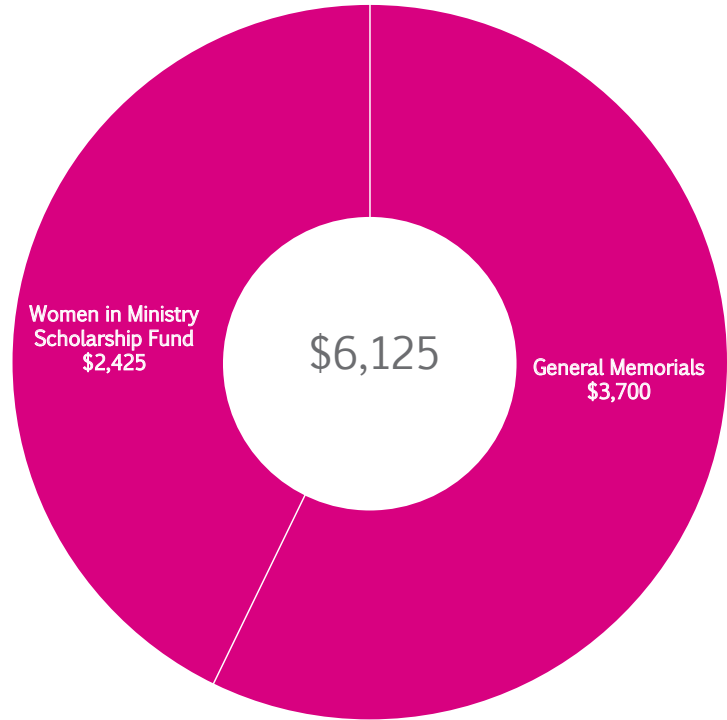
2015 Session Income Allocation Awards



2015 Memorial Donations



- Mark G. Abernethy**
- Sidney M. Blitzer Jr.**
- Winifred Gill**
- Marilyn Gladden**
- Nita Harris**
- Ainsley and Jason Lewis**
- Cynthia and Richard Morris**
- Jane Quinn**
- Donna M. Saurage**



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