

FOREST HILL CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Finance Committee and Council of Elders
Forest Hill Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Forest Hill Church (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Forest Hill Church as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Forest Hill Church and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the combined financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Forest Hill Church's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the combined financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Forest Hill Church's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Forest Hill Church's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

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Matthews, North Carolina

December 23, 2024

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

	September 30,	
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents, without donor restrictions	\$ 324,493	\$ 796,639
Cash and cash equivalents, with donor restrictions	40,011	78,887
Sales tax receivable	10,262	69,294
Prepaid expenses	31,887	11,226
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	406,653	956,046
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	69,916,358	69,750,607
Less accumulated depreciation	(35,029,443)	(32,774,491)
PROPERTY, NET	34,886,915	36,976,116
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 35,293,568	\$ 37,932,162
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	\$ 359,384	\$ 176,017
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	188,480	225,846
Accrued vacation payable	184,690	289,536
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	732,554	691,399
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NET ASSETS:		
Net assets without donor restrictions		
Property	34,886,915	36,976,116
Designated by Church Council	100,000	-
Undesignated	(465,912)	185,760
	34,521,003	37,161,876
Net assets with donor restrictions	40,011	78,887
TOTAL NET ASSETS	34,561,014	37,240,763
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 35,293,568	\$ 37,932,162

FOREST HILL CHURCH
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

	Year ended September 30, 2024	Year ended September 30, 2023
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$ 13,484,738	\$ 14,199,529
Preschool	694,826	538,185
Rental income	392,724	236,330
Loss on disposal of assets	(66,464)	-
Investment income	23,547	14,073
	14,529,371	14,988,117
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	435,816	1,288,123
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	14,965,187	16,276,240
EXPENSES		
Program services:		
Personnel	7,842,602	8,357,677
Church programs	1,234,234	1,301,246
Designated church programs	335,816	399,189
Benevolence	2,520,356	2,605,541
Building operations	1,408,329	1,273,898
Preschool	654,183	607,385
Depreciation	2,082,849	2,122,214
	16,078,369	16,667,150
Supporting services:		
Personnel	900,544	816,502
Building operations	130,828	117,884
Depreciation	193,489	196,387
Administration	302,830	459,292
	1,527,691	1,590,065
TOTAL EXPENSES	17,606,060	18,257,215
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(2,640,873)	(1,980,975)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
Contributions and program revenue	396,940	327,824
Net assets released from restrictions	(435,816)	(1,288,123)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	(38,876)	(960,299)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(2,679,749)	(2,941,274)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	37,240,763	40,182,037
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 34,561,014	\$ 37,240,763

FOREST HILL CHURCH
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

	Year ended September 30, 2024	Year ended September 30, 2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ (2,679,749)	\$ (2,941,274)
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	2,276,338	2,318,601
Changes in:		
Sales tax receivable	59,032	5,804
Prepaid expenses	(20,661)	6,887
Accounts payable	183,367	84,805
Accrued payroll and related liabilities	(37,366)	457
Accrued vacation payable	(104,846)	9,272
Net Cash Flows Used for Operating Activities	(323,885)	(515,448)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Disposal of property	141,464	-
Purchase of property	(328,601)	(628,107)
Net Cash Flows Used for Investing Activities	(187,137)	(628,107)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Issuance of long-term debt	-	-
Payment of long-term debt	-	-
Net Cash Flows Provided by Financing Activities	-	-
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(511,022)	(1,143,555)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		
	875,526	2,019,081
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		
	\$ 364,504	\$ 875,526

No interest was paid during the years ended September 30, 2024 or 2023.

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1. Nature of Operations

Church

Forest Hill Church (the "Church") was incorporated in August 1986, and has multiple locations in the greater Charlotte, North Carolina area. The purpose of the Church is to reach and see people transformed by the Power of the Holy Spirit into fully devoted servants of Jesus. The Church is supported primarily by voluntary contributions from individuals.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to any donor-imposed stipulations. Gifts of land, buildings and equipment are recorded as support without donor restrictions unless explicit donor restrictions specify how the donated assets must be used. Net assets designated by Church Council represent funds designated by the Church for specific purposes. However, these funds have not been restricted by donors and are available for any purpose at the Church's discretion.

Net assets with donor restrictions - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met either by actions of the Church and/or the passage of time.

Promises to give

Unconditional promises to give are recorded at the time the promise to give is received by the Church. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Intentions to give are not recognized because the intentions do not represent a legally enforceable pledge. At year-end, the Church had no promises to give.

Donated services and goods

Donated services are reported as contributions when the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) would be purchased if they had not been provided by contribution, require specialized skills, and are provided by individuals possessing those skills. Donated equipment or materials, if significant, are included in support at fair value. During the year, the Church recorded no contributed services.

In addition, many individuals volunteer their time and perform a variety of tasks that assist the Church with specific assistance programs and various assignments. No amounts have been reflected in the financial statements for these contributions as the contributions are either insignificant or do not meet the criteria for recognition under generally accepted accounting principles.

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Other support

Contributions of marketable securities are generally sold upon receipt. Donations of motor vehicles are either utilized in operations or sold upon receipt. Donated real property, equipment, or materials, if significant, are included in support at fair value. During the year, no contributed equipment was received.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, cash in interest-bearing and non-interest-bearing checking accounts, and money funds.

Sales tax receivable

The balance of sales tax receivable on September 30, 2024 and 2023 consists of North Carolina sales tax paid that will be refunded. The balance is presented at net realizable value and is expected to be collected in the subsequent year.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost if purchased or fair value at date of receipt if donated, subject to a \$500 capitalization policy. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which is assumed to be forty years for buildings and three to ten years for equipment and is computed on the straight-line method with no estimated salvage values. The costs of major improvements are capitalized while the costs of maintenance and repairs, which do not improve or extend the useful life of the respective asset, are expensed when incurred. The cost and accumulated depreciation of property and equipment are eliminated from the accounts upon disposal and any resulting gain or loss is included in the changes in net assets in the period during which the disposition occurred.

Functional allocation of expenses

Expenses are allocated to program services, management and general, and fund raising based on management's estimates of time spent and various allocation methods appropriate to the type of expense.

Income tax status

The Church is exempt from Federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) with respect to their exempt function income. The Church is not classified as a private foundation as defined by Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Generally accepted accounting procedures require an organization to recognize a tax benefit or expense from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The Church has no uncertain tax positions as of September 30, 2024.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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New Accounting Standards

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), which supersedes existing guidance for accounting for leases under Topic 840, Leases. The FASB also subsequently issued additional ASUs, which amend and clarify Topic 842. Implementation of this pronouncement is effective for years beginning after December 15, 2021. The most significant change in the new leasing guidance is the requirement to recognize right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities for operating leases on the statement of financial position. The Church has considered this new pronouncement and has determined that it has no leases subject to this standard.

3. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment used by the Church in its operations consists of the following on September 30, 2024 and 2023:

	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2023
Land, buildings, and improvements	\$ 55,568,845	\$ 55,458,249
Furniture, fixtures, and computer equipment	14,179,123	14,128,968
Transportation equipment	168,390	163,390
Total	69,916,358	69,750,607
Less accumulated depreciation	(35,029,443)	(32,774,491)
 TOTAL	 \$ 34,886,915	 \$ 36,976,116

Depreciation expense was \$2,276,338 and \$2,318,601 for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

4. Net Assets

Net assets without donor restrictions

Funds that have been set aside by the Church for a purpose other than normal operations, but are not donor-restricted, consist of \$100,000 on September 30, 2024 and \$-0- on September 30, 2023.

Net assets with donor restrictions

Funds that have been received by the Church for a particular purpose or period of time that have remaining restrictions on September 30, 2024 and 2023 are detailed as follows:

	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2023
Missions	\$ 30,000	\$ 22,114
All others	10,011	56,773
TOTAL	\$ 40,011	\$ 78,887

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5. Retirement Plan

The Church maintains a retirement savings account, as described in Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b), for the benefit of its employees. Employees can make pre-tax and post-tax contributions to the plan based on limits set by applicable tax law. The Church made contributions of \$351,918 to the plan during the year ended September 30, 2024 and \$380,437 during the year ended September 30, 2023.

6. Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

	September 30, 2024	September 30, 2023
Financial assets, at year end	\$ 374,766	\$ 944,820
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to: Subject to appropriation and satisfaction of donor restrictions	(40,011)	(78,887)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general Expenditures within one year	\$ 334,755	\$ 865,933

The Church has \$334,755 of financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet cash needs for general operating expenditures, consisting of cash and cash equivalents of \$324,493 and sales tax receivable of \$10,262.

7. Commitments

The Church has entered into an agreement with the Morrison Branch of the Young Men’s Christian Association (“YMCA”) of Greater Charlotte whereby it has expanded its current facility. Under this agreement, the Church fully funded the additional functional space, which is owned and operated by the YMCA. In return, the Church uses the facility primarily for Sunday morning worship services and office space for the exclusive use of Forest Hill staff.

Included in the agreement with the Morrison Branch of the YMCA of Greater Charlotte is a quarterly fee calculation comprised of utilities, insurance, taxes, housekeeping, maintenance, room and floor set-up/tear-down costs, and capital repairs and replacement costs. This fee will fluctuate based on actual costs each quarter and will be paid throughout the forty-year term. Expenses incurred were \$147,981 for the year ended September 30, 2024 and \$156,538 for the year ended September 30, 2023.

In November 2020, the Church entered into an agreement with Movement Resources for the use of property located in East Charlotte, North Carolina to be used for church services. Terms of the agreement provide for a donation in the amount of \$3,500,000 to be used for planned improvements to the property to prepare it for use by the church. Terms of the agreement provide for no monthly rent. Terms provide for use of the property for twenty years and then the Church can extend the agreement for four-consecutive five-year periods, each with no additional rent. This amount has been capitalized and is reflected in land, buildings and improvements at September 30, 2024 and 2023. In November 2024 the Church determined to discontinue church services at the East Charlotte location and to sublet the property to an Hispanic church.

8. Concentrations of Credit Risk

Cash in excess of insured limits

The Church regularly maintains cash balances in excess of FDIC insured limits. On September 30, 2024, the

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uninsured balance of cash was \$56,045. However, management believes that the risk related to the account is minimal due to the credit worthiness of the financial institutions.

Geographic area

The Church by its nature operates in a small geographic area and is therefore subject to changes in the local economy.

9. Functional Expenses

The Church's activities are focused in three functional areas. Program services represent the primary focus of the Church's activities. Supporting services are fundraising activities and general and administrative activities. The costs of the various programs and other activities for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 are summarized on a functional basis below. Certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services benefited.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Program services	\$16,078,369	\$16,667,150
Supporting services		
Fundraising	152,769	159,007
General and administrative	<u>1,374,922</u>	<u>1,431,058</u>
Total supporting services	<u>1,527,691</u>	<u>1,590,065</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$17,606,060</u>	 <u>\$18,257,215</u>

11. Subsequent Events

The Church has evaluated subsequent events from the date of the statement of financial position through December 23, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. During this period, other than the closing of the church services for the East Charlotte location noted in Note 7 above, no material recognizable subsequent events were identified.