

THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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pastor's corner

August 2018



“...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

Matthew 22:36-39
NKJV



Whatever you do, don't panic.

The world today seems like panic central. When working overseas our mantra was *whatever you do don't panic. It gets worse if we panic.* So today in what seems to be panic central, could it possibly get worse if we panic more? Sure it can. It always can get worse.

That's another thing people seem to be saying a lot of today, "it can always get worse." What happened to getting better? It can get better can't it? When we become stuck in past comparisons, we begin to doubt anything can get better. When did the past become our goal anyway? Why make anything *again*? Let's make something new and only the future is new.

Isaiah 43 says, "Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history." The prophet continues in the next verse, "Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?" I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness." Would we even recognize forward progress anymore I wonder or would it be so strange we run back into the past? Do we even know how to move into something new?

Sometimes I think if we looked into the mirror today and saw the same old faces looking back at us, seeing only the past, how sad we would be with nothing to look forward to and only looking at things we've already seen and done. There isn't any life in making anything *again*. That's like putting life on an assembly line and cranking out products. The past is lifeless.

But if we turn the other cheek toward the future today and move beyond the veils of the past as 2 Corinthians says, "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." Looking forward is a movement of our spirit toward God. Because God is always up ahead, leading us into new holy frontiers, new divine places and sacred spaces.

So of course the past creates panic. We panic because we already know how the story ends and it wasn't good. We're dealing with the bad ending today. But the future creates anxiety also. Anxiety of the unknown but, as Christians we should look forward to the unknown with excitement. The unknown is like the mystery of God who told the psalmist, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

So let's move forward and exhort one another to do the same. The future is the place we look forward to. The past, well, we already know that story. It needs to be rewritten. If the future scares you a little bit. God will instruct us, God will teach us, God will counsel us and never lose sight of us. So whatever we do, let's not panic. Let's boldly go where we haven't been before.

With Love, Kevin

Board Meeting Highlights

General Board Meeting July 8, 2018

Present: Judy Owens, Jessica Avery, Kim Griffiths, Mary Steinbauer, Doris Briley, BJ Lawrence, Wes Flake, David Whitley, Josh & Marah Walker, Lou Ann Wiley, Chester Ellis, Paul Bryant, Al Joyner, Bert Smith, Velinda Moore, John K Briley, Donna Moore. Kevin Deibert, Dottie Bryant, Sallie Eason, Jean Suggs.

TREASURER: Reminder that giving must continue even during summer when you're on vacation.

OUTREACH: We are collecting food for Benevolent Ministries. Non-perishables or money donations are both accepted. July 30—we'll be serving breakfast and supper in the Fellowship Hall to the youth from Erasing the Lines that are staying at The Refuge.

WORSHIP: BJ Lawrence is now our Interim Music Minister, and Penny McCreary is our organist. Lou Ann Wiley is now the Worship Committee chairperson.

MEMBERSHIP: Indoor Picnic on Aug 5 following worship service—asking for desserts, especially members with ice cream makers to make some and bring to share. Community-wide Covered Dish Aug 15.

MINISTER REPORT: Women's Bible Study continues on Wed nights at 6:30. House of Judah members joined our community covered dish in June. FBM raised over \$10,000 at the golf tournament. Congregational Viability Study is underway with group leaders asked to meet with their groups to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: The nominating committee will be appointed in August. See Judy Owens if you are interested.

Next Board Meeting—Aug 12

DWM

At our June 16 General Meeting, we installed new officers for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 service years:

President: Mary Steinbauer

Vice President: Gina Langston

Secretary: Julie Walker

Treasure: Christine Dempsey

Worship/Study: Donna Moore

Service Co-Directors: Gina Langston and Christine Dempsey

The dishwasher is installed as of July 17! Training on using the dishwasher was given July 19. We look forward to its use and the paper/plastic use this will save!

Anyone with personal dishes in the kitchen is asked to please remove them. The DWM will be cleaning out the kitchen in August.

Christine Dempsey, DWM President



TUES, AUG 7 6-10
TOWN COMMON

In Our Prayers

Prayer needs:

Mabel Bowen, Larue Brinson, Ann Byrd, Marie Cowan, Cissy Deas, Jean Ellis, Annie Gurganus, Bobby Hodge Sr, Janie Joyner, Betty Lewis, Joyce Letchworth, Camilla Murphrey, Beth Norville, Joan Smith, Myrtle Sugg

In service to our country:

Jameson Cowan, Glen McDustrell, Zach Murphy, Jake Nicholson, Col. E. Patton Davis Jr, MD

Please notify an Elder of any changes.

Membership

Please join us for an indoor cookout on August 5 immediately after morning worship. The Membership Committee is providing hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the sides. We are asking for your help with homemade ice cream for dessert! If you are able, please bring a freezer of your favorite homemade ice cream.

We will have another Community Covered Dish on August 15. Please bring a little extra food to share with others!



Fri, Aug 3

INDOOR PICNIC
Sun Aug 5 12pm
Bring a dessert—
especially if you
do homemade
ice cream!!



Popsicles on Main St ♦ FBM Food Shelf shopping
Bishop Valerie Melvin—new Regional Minister
Camp Caroline





Farewell to Timothy Price!
 Happy Birthday to Bobby Hodge, Jr!
 CMF ramp building
 Dishwasher!
 Ainsley's Angels and DWM-donated racing chair



August Birthdays

Madeline Craft	Aug 1
Susan Smith	Aug 4
Harry H. Albritton Jr	Aug 5
Horace Wiley	Aug 12
Tracy Deibert	Aug 15
Judy R Rouse	Aug 24
Annie Gurganus	Aug 26
Emily Murphy	Aug 27
Amy Church	Aug 28
Billy D. Lovic	Aug 29



To the Ladies of First Christian Church,
Thank you so much for the special prayer blanket that was given to us while Allen was in the hospital.

And also thank you to Ms. Miriam for the sweet visit, kind words and hug. It means so much to me. Thank you, everyone!

Love, Karen Corbett + family

Outreach



FCC is in charge of the Soup Kitchen every first Friday of each month. We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers to help with cooking and serving—especially serving! We start setting/heating up at 11 and the kitchen closes at 1pm. Please consider volunteering. You get to work with some really great people!

August Anniversaries

John K & Sarah Briley	Aug 5
Allen & Mary Steinbauer	Aug 8
Doug & Cindy Barrow	Aug 9
Harry & Lesley Albritton	Aug 10
Frank & Nancy Bradham	Aug 25



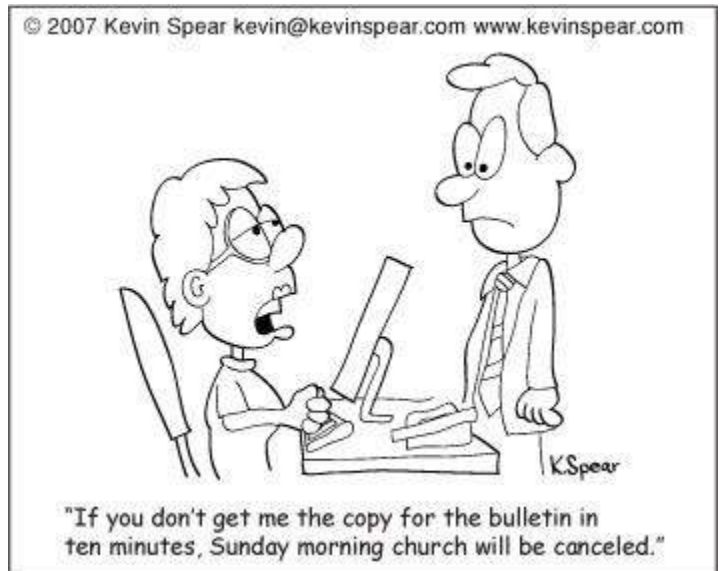
Coffee & Pastries
Every Sunday
9:30am Fellowship Hall

GIVING MADE EASY

Your bank will do the work for you! Just sign up with your bank's 'auto pay' feature, and your bank will mail a check to FCC on a regular schedule—whether it's weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or something else.

You get to be sure that even if you have to miss a Sunday or even if you left your checkbook at home this week, your giving goes on and your church can continue its work.

More and more of our members are using this hassle-free method to keep up with their giving. Check it out!



WE ARE
Meals On Wheels
So no senior goes hungry.

Mon, Aug 27—Fri, Aug 31



June Servants

Elders: Doris Briley, HE; Lou Ann Wiley
Deacons: Leslie Church HD; Amy Church, Velinda Moore, Horace Wiley, Jessica Avery
Offering Trustee: Joyce Albritton

If you are unable to serve, please contact someone to take your place.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Aug 15—COMMUNITY COVERED DISH
Sept 12—Wed Night Suppers Resume

Church Staff

Rev. Kevin Deibert	Senior Minister pastor@fccfarmville.org
BJ Lawrence	Interim Director of Music music@fccfarmville.org
Penny McCreary	Pianist
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Mission of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ Farmville, North Carolina

It is the mission of First Christian Church (DOC) of Farmville, NC to provide an environment where all who come can learn, fellowship, worship, and grow spiritually closer to God. We will fulfill our greater obligation to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by being of service to the members of our community and to the world. Our efforts will be done in the name of Jesus Christ.



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FOOD DRIVE

Farmville Benevolent Ministries

FCC is collecting non-perishable food for the food shelf! Bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall OR leave a donation and we'll do the shopping for you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<h1>AUG</h1>	SUNDAYS 9:30 Coffee & Pastries 10a Sunday School 11a Worship		1 7 Choir practice	2	3 11 Soup Kitchen	4 7a Woodside Auction	
	5 12 Congregational mtg 12 Indoor Church Picnic	6	7 6-10 Nat'l Night Out—Town Common	8 7 Choir practice	9	10 11	
	12 8a Elders mtg 5p DWM Exec. mtg 6p Ministry Teams 7p General Board mtg	13 10 DWM—church library 7 DWM—church library	14	15 6 Community Covered Dish 7 Choir practice	16	17	18
	19 8a CMF mtg	20	21 9-11 FBM 7 Trustees mtg	22 7 Choir practice	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29 7 Choir practice	30	31	
MEALS on WHEELS 8/27—8/31							