

# THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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December 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

## from our interim pastor

Next week we will celebrate our one-month anniversary as congregation and interim pastor. I have enjoyed our brief time together, and look forward to the next few months envisioning and planning the brightest of all possible futures for First Christian, Farmville.

As your interim minister I understand my role to be to assist the congregation in four important areas. Each requires additional conversation and detail but briefly they are:

- 1) To aid the congregation in claiming and owning its history.
- 2) To determine or restate our core mission and purpose as a church.
- 3) To explore existing and emerging patterns of congregational leadership.
- 4) To determine our five (5) most important goals with action-plans and time-lines for accomplishing each.

No doubt the overriding goal during the next few months is also to secure a full-time resident pastor for the congregation by January 1, 2020. To that task your search committee is already hard at work.

My "Terms of Call" as your Interim is to be in Farmville each Wednesday and Sunday. I will also be available one additional day as needed for special events (e.g. festivals, weddings, funerals, special worship services, etc.).

If you need me other than these days please contact Kim at (252- 753-3179 or office@fccfarmville.org) in the church office and she will text or call me directly.

Again, I look forward to our upcoming time together during this important time in the life of First Christian, Farmville.

Yours in Christ,

**Pastor Phil**



From left to right: Phil, Hannah (Minnie), Cathy, Zach (& Ashe)



8:30-10 Dec 16 by CMF  
Everyone invited!  
**BREAKFAST**

## Board Meeting Highlights

### General Board Meeting Nov 11, 2018

Present: Jessica Avery, Kim Griffiths, Joyce Albritton, Chester Ellis, Al Joyner, Paul Bryant, Josh & Marah Walker, Wes Flake, Mary Steinbauer, Lou An Wiley, Velinda Moore, Miriam Lewis, Donna Moore, Christine Dempsey, David Whitley, BJ Lawrence, Doug Barrow, Doris Briley. Phil Jones, Cindy Barrow, Dottie Bryant.

**PROPERTY & GROUNDS:** Motion passed to approve the purchase of a new office copier for \$4,274.55.

**OUTREACH:** Breakfast with Santa Dec 8, 8-10. Thank you for help with the school bags for hurricane victims!

**WORSHIP:** Dec 16—Choir Cantata, Candlelight Service Dec 24 at 7pm. Reminder to Elders and Deacons to leave name badges at church during the week.

**MEMBERSHIP:** In order to make sure our shut-ins who request Wed night meals get their dinners, the person who is taking the money each Wed night is asked to make sure those meals get delivered. Dec 12— White Christmas, Dec 19—Cookies & Caroling

**DWM:** Woodside Auction proceeds were \$350—to be donated to Camp Caroline's recover and a matching amount to Week of Compassion for Hurricane Florence relief. DWM will also make a \$500 donation to CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ).

**CMF:** Churchwide breakfast is Dec 16, 8:30-10

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** approved for presentation to the congregation: 2 Trustees – Paul Bryant, Bert Smith; 2 Elders – Miriam Lewis, Bert Smith; 6 Deacons – Jessica Herring, Christine Dempsey, Paul Bryant, Horace Wiley, Jessica Avery, Jean Sugg; Officers of the Board – Judy Owens - Chair, Lou Ann Wiley - Vice Chair, Marah Walker – Treasurer, Velinda Moore – Vice Treasurer, Kim Griffiths – secretary.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Fall Festival net proceeds so far: \$15,367.40. Motion passed to allocate entire amount to 2019 Outreach budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The 2019 Budget will be voted on at the congregational meeting on Nov 25.

Trustees approved Eagle Scouts request to use \$6000 of the Playground fund for construction with the remaining balance to be used for maintenance.

**Next Board Meeting—Dec 9**

## Membership

Make plans to join us for White Christmas on December 12 during Wednesday night supper where we will be collecting money to then collectively decide a cause to donate it to. Also, we will be going Christmas caroling on December 19 after supper. If you are able, it is a wonderful experience to share Christmas carols with our homebound members. Hot chocolate and refreshments will be provided for those who attend.

## CMF

CMF met Sunday Nov. 18 and enjoyed a breakfast of pancakes, cook-to-order eggs, grits, biscuits and fruit. Following breakfast we held out monthly business meeting. CMF bought a propane griddle to use for special events such as Breakfast With Santa, Church-wide breakfast and other meal events. On Saturday Dec. 1 there will be a handicap ramp build. Prebuild on the afternoon of Friday Nov. 30; meet at the church on Saturday for breakfast and then on to the build site. Saturday Dec. 8 CMF will be cooking for Breakfast With Santa. Sunday Dec. 16 CMF will host church-wide breakfast. There will be steamed oysters and shrimp tentatively scheduled for Tuesday Dec. 11. If you wish to come please let Paul Bryant, Chester Ellis, Al Joyner or Wes Flake know how many in your party so we can determine how many bushels of oysters to buy. Price to be determined later. Thanks to Bobby Hodge for donating a large steam pot to CMF.

## In Our Prayers

### Prayer needs:

Mabel Bowen, 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, Gina Langston family, Penny McCreary

### In service to our country:

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

Please notify an Elder of any changes.



**Fri, Dec 7**

## December Birthdays

Laura Bardin	Dec 2
Lynn McDustrell	Dec 7
Jessica Herring	Dec 18
Bruce Dail Sr.	Dec 21
Jerry Flanagan	Dec 21
Phillip Irvin	Dec 24
Michelle Irvin	Dec 26
Kim Griffiths	Dec 31

## December Anniversaries

Bert & Susan Smith	Dec 6
Mike & Kathryn Marengo	Dec 9
Phillip & Heather Irvin	Dec 28





Fall Festival Dinner



Little Disciples



Community Thanksgiving Service—full house!

## December Servants

**Elders:** Lou Ann Wiley, HE; Doris Briley  
**Deacons:** Jessica Avery, HD; Velinda Moore, Horace Wiley, Wes Flake, Julie Walker  
**Trustee:** Doug Barrow

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



### Church Staff

Rev. Philip Jones	Interim Minister <a href="mailto:revpjones@bellsouth.net">revpjones@bellsouth.net</a>
BJ Lawrence	Interim Director of Music <a href="mailto:music@fccfarmville.org">music@fccfarmville.org</a>
Penny McCreary	Pianist
Kim Griffiths	Church Administrator <a href="mailto:office@fccfarmville.org">office@fccfarmville.org</a>

Church Office: (252) 753-3179

Regular Office Hours:

9 am—3 pm, Mon—Thurs, 9am—12pm Fri

Also by appointment.

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Dec 5: Choir  
December 12: Membership  
December 19: Covered Dish  
Dec 26: NO WNS

Jan 2: NO WNS  
Jan 9: CMF  
Jan 16: Covered Dish  
Jan 23: DWM  
Jan 30: Choir

### 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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## Merry Christmas!

Sat, Dec 8 8-10a	Breakfast with Santa
Wed, Dec 12 6:30p	White Christmas
Sat, Dec 15 10-12p	DWM Christmas Brunch
Sun, Dec 16 8:30-10 11am	Church Breakfast Choir's Cantata
Wed, Dec 19 6:30p	Cookies & Caroling
Mon, Dec 24 7pm	Candlelight Service



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 9a Quilting Bees 6p Wed Night Sup choir cooks 7p Choir practice	6	7 11a Soup Kitchen	8 8-10 Breakfast w Santa 10:30 Parade 12-6 Salvation Ar- my @ Food Lion
9 8a Elders mtg 5p DWM Exec. mtg 6p Ministry Teams 7p General Board mtg	10	11	12 6p Wed Night Sup Membership cooks 7p Choir practice	13	14	15 10-12 DWM Christmas Brunch
16 8:30-10 Churchwide Breakfast 11a Choir Cantata	17	18 9-11 FBM 7p Trustees mtg	19 6p Wed Night Sup COVERED DISH 7p Choir practice	20	21	22
23	24 7p Candlelight Service	25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>	26 NO WED NIGHT SUPPER	27	28	29
30 12-4 Fellowship Hall reserved	31 OFFICE CLOSED	<b>SUNDAYS</b> 9:30 Coffee + Pastries 10a Sunday School 11a Worship			<b>DEC</b>	