

THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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January 2019



“...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 General Minister

Hello Disciples,

I'm Terri Hord-Owens, your General Minister and President. For the past 16 months I have been traveling across the church in all of the US and Canada visiting with your congregations, your regional assemblies, our racial ethnic assemblies, the National Convocation, Oprah Hispana and NAPAD.

I want you to know what I have learned. I have seen the richness of the diversity of our Church. I have seen visible signs of hope, joy and plans for the future. I've seen all of you working in your local communities to serve the needs of those communities as you prepare to represent the gospel of Jesus Christ in mission and witness.

I'm reminded as I hope that part of our great legacy is to be a people of the book, to know and understand the scriptures, to be people of spiritual development, to know how to pray both as intercessory prayer partners and as also people who know when to be quiet, to be still and know that God is God. I want you to have the opportunity to see the fullness of who we are when we come together and one opportunity that you will have next July 2019 is to gather with us at the General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa.

It has given me such confidence that comes only from God to see your passion, your commitment to the work that we do together as followers of Jesus Christ. My very favorite scripture is Philippians 1:6 in which Paul expresses to the Church of Philippi his confidence in them. He says "I am confident of this, that the one who has begun a good work in you will complete it by the day of Jesus Christ." Church, I have confidence not only in us as Disciples, not only as you as Disciples but I have confidence that the God we are called to serve is not finished with us yet. I have confidence that us as Church Disciples, more importantly God has confidence in us, God has called us to this work and God has given us all that we need to continue to live out the gospel of Jesus Christ both collectively together in our churches and as witness to the world as to what the reign of God can look like.

Church we are approaching the season of Advent when hope, joy and peace and love and the presence of Christ are at the center of our gathering together. It's in this season that we must remind ourselves of this very confidence that God has given us. I hope that as we worship together and as you remind yourselves of the great gift that God has given in Jesus Christ that God still has confidence in us and that our work together is not finished. More importantly God is not finished.

May the peace, joy, love and hope of this Advent season be with you now and always. I look forward to seeing you all at the General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa in July 2019. God bless you and remember that God loves you and so do I.

Board Meeting Highlights

General Board Meeting Dec 16, 2018

Present: Judy Owens, Kim Griffiths, Josh & Marah Walker, Miriam Lewis, Doris Briley, Gina Langston, Christine Dempsey, Wes Flake, Bert Smith, Al Joyner, Chester Ellis, Lou Ann & Horace Wiley, Paul Bryant, Donna Moore, Phil Jones

MINISTER—Phil will be out of the office Jan 7—17 to attend a class in Texas.

TRUSTEES—\$1200 was given in assistance to a member, and \$2000 from the Nicaraguan Mission Fund to CEPAD.

WORSHIP—Candlelight service 12/24 7pm

MEMBERSHIP—change in Wed Night Supper charge—\$6/plate, \$24 max per family, no charge for under 5

Next Board Meeting—Jan 13



SPAGHETTI SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Support the Eagle Scout project
that's going to get that
playground built on our church
grounds!

SAT, JAN 19

More details coming soon!!

GIVING BACK

Why do we work so hard to make our Annual Fall Festival a success? This is why!

FCC MISSIONS from Outreach 2018—all funded by proceeds from the 2017 Fall Festival:

- \$1300 shared between 4 schools - North Pitt, HB Sugg, Sam Bundy and Falkland - to help with Christmas for their students in need
- \$225 for the Greene County foster care program Christmas
- \$1500 to continuing recovery from Hurricane Matthew
- \$3000 to Camp Caroline needs
- \$600 to the Soup Kitchen
- \$150 to CareNet Counseling
- \$2200 to Mission trips
- \$200 to Relay for Life
- \$300 to Erasing the Lines from The Refuge
- \$100 to Sugg Bundy PTA
- \$400 to Hurricane Florence buckets
- \$180 to school bags for Hurricane Florence students
- 10 bikes to kids at Falkland Elementary

Thanks to everyone who works so hard and to the community for the generous support! Just watch and see what Outreach 2019 will accomplish!

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.

In service to our country:

Jameson Cowan, Zach Murphy, Jake Nicholson

Please notify an Elder of any changes.



Fri, Jan 4

Membership

CHANGES for 2019!

Beginning in January, \$24 is the new family maximum per Wednesday night and children under 5 eat for no charge. (cooking schedule on back page)

The Farmville Community Thanksgiving Service raised \$1800! This money will be split between our 4 local schools to be used at their counselors' discretion to help students in need.

White Christmas brought \$679 on our tree! You voted to use this money to support Angel Tree. 25 families' kids will all have gifts under the tree from their incarcerated parent thanks to YOU!

Breakfast with Santa— over 200 served!! Net proceeds of \$576 went to our Ramp Ministry. Thank you for your support!

Quilting Bees

Can you sew a straight stitch? You should be a BEE! The Quilting Bees are looking for anyone who has basic sewing skills and wants to help with this amazing ministry.

2019 Board Members

TRUSTEES

2019
Chester Ellis
Joyce Albritton

2020
Doug Barrow

2021
Paul Bryant
Bert Smith

ELDERS

2019
Joyce Albritton
Mary Steinbauer
Lou Ann Wiley

2020
John Briley
Harold Flanagan
Judy Owens

2021
Miriam Lewis
Bert Smith

DEACONS

2019
Wes Flake
Gina Langston
Donna Moore
Josh Walker
Marah Walker
David Whitley

2020
Julie Walker
Jackie Bulpett
Amy Church
Leslie Church
Al Joyner
Velinda Moore

2021
Jessica Avery
Paul Bryant
Christine Dempsey
Jessica Herring
Jean Suggs
Horace Wiley

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

Judy Owens, Chairman
Lou Ann Wiley, Vice Chair
Kim Griffiths, Secretary
Marah Walker, Treasurer
Velinda Moore, Asst. Treasurer

ADDITIONAL BOARD

MEMBERS BY VIRTUE OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Memorials Chair – Linda Hodge

January Birthdays

Heather Irvin	Jan 1
Tammy Bridges	Jan 4
Skyla Marie Watson	Jan 4
Catherine Allen	Jan 8
Jeremy Joyner	Jan 12
Jack Albritton	Jan 14
C. Shane Miller	Jan 21
Angie Cowan	Jan 25
Mary Wesley Craft	Jan 25
Jeff Moore	Jan 28
Lee Andrews	Jan 30

January Anniversaries

Paul & Dottie Bryant Jan 3



Coffee & Pastries
Every Sunday
9:30am Fellowship Hall

2019 Ministry Teams

Property and Grounds

Chester Ellis, Co-Chair
Paul Bryant, Co-Chair
Al Joyner
Sallie Eason
Dave Pruette
Amy Church
Craig Herring

Christian Education

Mary Steinbauer, Chair
Julie Walker
Jessica Avery
Shirley Meeks
Jean Ellis
Jean Suggs
Suzanne Yester

Outreach

Gina Langston, Chair
Doug Barrow
Martha West
Amy Driver
Wayne Dempsey
Leslie Church
Beth Norville

Worship

Joyce Albritton, Co-Chair
Kim Griffiths, Co-Chair
Cindy Barrow
Dottie Bryant
Jackie Bulpett
Donna Moore
Suzanne Jones
BJ Lawrence

Membership/Evangelism

Marah Walker, Chair
Josh Walker
David Whitley
Velinda Moore
Christine Dempsey
Miriam Lewis
Wes Flake
Horace Wiley

Stewardship

Leslie Church, Chair
Marah Walker, Treasurer
Velinda Moore, Asst Treasurer
Bert Smith, Trustee
Judy Owens, Board Chair
Harold Flanagan
Cecil Walker

Pastoral Relations

Lou Ann Wiley, Chair (Vice-Chair Board)
Judy Owens (Chair-Board)
Paul Bryant (Trustee)
Miriam Lewis (Elder)
Josh Walker (Deacon)
Caroline Davis (Youth Rep)
_____ (Minister's Rep)

Memorials

Linda Hodge, Chair (2021)
Nancy Bradham (2021)
Judy Rouse (2019)
Julia Beamon (2020)
Suzanne Jones (2020)

Long-Range Planning

Doug Barrow, Chair
Jessica Avery
Marah Walker
Wes Flake
Jimmy Letchworth
Jeff Moore



Christmas Disciples!

Breakfast with Santa, Oyster & Shrimp Dinner, Handicap Ramp Building, Outreach in the community, Cookies & Caroling, White Christmas, Children's Christmas Carols, Candlelight Communion service...whew!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!





January Servants

Elders: Mary Steinbauer, HE; Judy Owens
Deacons: Julie Walker, HD; David Whitley,
Christine Dempsey, Wes Flake, Paul Bryant
Trustee: Paul Bryant

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

Church Staff

Rev. Philip Jones	Interim Minister revpjones@bellsouth.net
BJ Lawrence	Interim Director of Music music@fccfarmville.org
Penny McCreary	Pianist
Kim Griffiths	Church Administrator office@fccfarmville.org

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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

Feb 6 - Membership
Feb 13 - CMF
Feb 20 - Covered Dish
Feb 27 - DWM

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.

**Happy
Newyear**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 Office closed NO WED NIGHT SUPPER	3	4 11a Soup Kitchen	5
6	7	8	9 9a Quilting Bees 6 Wed Night Sup- per—CMF 7 Choir	10	11	12
13 8a Elders mtg 5p DWM Exec. mtg 6p Ministry Teams 7p General Board mtg	14 10 DWM— church library 7 DWM— church library	15 9-11 FBM 7p Trustees mtg	16 6p Wed Night Sup- per—COVERED DISH 6:30 Cabinet mtg 7p Choir	17	18	19 5p Spaghetti Supper for Eagle Scout project
20 8a CMF mtg	21	22 6:30 Cub Scouts	23 6 Wed Night Sup- per—DWM 7p Choir	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 6 Wed Night Sup- per—Choir 7 Choir	31	SUNDAYS 9:30 Coffee + Pastries 10a Sunday School 11a Worship	