

THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

October 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

I was asked to take a couple of minutes to talk about what this church means to me. Josh and I first came to FCC in January of 2014. We were newlyweds and it was important to me for us to find a church home as a couple. For longer than I care to admit, we were merely spectators – coming every few weeks, sitting in the pews and making absolutely ZERO moves to get more involved. We enjoyed the church, but didn't feel much connection to it.

One day, I was sitting in the Fellowship Hall with Lori Banks. We were chatting about the choir. I explained to her how much I missed being in a choir, but felt "weird" joining since I wasn't an official member. She assured me that didn't matter, and so the next Wednesday night I nervously showed up at rehearsal and the rest is history. Our choir is a special group. We are all different – in different stages of life with our own stories to tell, but let me tell you – I can honestly say – those folks are my family. Our rehearsals and time spent together can easily turn a bad day around, and I am always amazed at how small but mighty our choir is. This church brought the opportunity of music ministry back to my life and it truly fulfills a place deep inside me.

A little while after I joined the choir, Josh and I still weren't involved in much else. We decided we needed to change that, so we showed up to help with the fall festival. It was a long but absolutely amazing day. We went home that night and both felt called to join the next day. We both finally felt the sense of community that we had been searching for, and we would have missed it all had we not jumped in and gotten our feet wet.

Since that night, we have been given SO many more opportunities to serve God and others through this church. Josh was able to go on his first ever mission trip and I was so excited to see how he came back from that trip truly blessed by his experience there.

I will say, I know first-hand that it can be scary to truly open yourself up and to freely give of your time, talents, and even dollars, but had we not taken that step from being spectators on the sidelines to rolling up our sleeves and becoming fully engrossed in the work of this church, we would have missed out on the way this family cares about and loves us, as well as all of the many ways God moves in this place.

Marah Walker

Pledge cards and sealable envelopes are available in the narthex every Sunday through Oct 21. Please prayerfully consider yours and put it in the offering plate!



Sunday Oct 14

HOME COMING

Board Meeting Highlights

General Board Meeting Sept 9 2018

Present: Judy Owens, Kim Griffiths, Mary Steinbauer, Doris Briley, Wes Flake, Josh & Marah Walker, Chester Ellis, Paul Bryant, Al Joyner, Bert Smith, Donna Moore, Doug Barrow, Gina Langston, Joyce Albritton, Leslie & Amy Church, Velinda Moore, Miriam Lewis, Lou Ann & Horace Wiley, David Whitley, Julie Walker, Cindy Barrow, Dottie Bryant, Jean Suggs.

TRUSTEES: \$50,000 investment with Edward Jones from matured First Citizens CD. Committee budgets due at Oct 7 board meeting.

EDUCATION: Hometown Halloween Oct 31—bouncy house, hot dogs, etc and treats!

PROPERTY: Fellowship Hall carpet and chairs will be cleaned before Homecoming.

OUTREACH: CROP Walk Oct 21, 2 pm.

WORSHIP: clean-up day needed before Homecoming. Pulpit has been filled through Oct 21.

MEMBERSHIP: Regular Wednesday Night Suppers resume Sept 19. Sept 23—Family Fun at Little Creek Market; Oct 25—Brews and Brushes at Duck Rabbit.

STEWARDSHIP: 6 week campaign ending with Rejuvenation Sunday on Oct 21. Pledge cards/envelopes available every Sunday and Wednesday Night Supper

DWM: Covering the cost for Fellowship Hall chairs to be cleaned.

CMF: Oct meeting on Oct 14 to prepare for Homecoming.

OLD BUSINESS: Nominating Committee will be led by Velinda Moore.

Next Board Meeting—Oct 7

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Oct 7	Nancy Bradham	Oct 21	Kim Griffiths
Oct 14	John Ledford	Oct 28	Valerie Melvin

Message from the Board Chair, Judy Owens

Our church is in a season of interim, or rather, the interim of the interim. This is the intervening time between having said goodbye to Pastor Kevin and preparing to say hello to our next pastor. There is a beginning and end to this season. The question is: who will our church be during the interim? What tasks will we set out to undertake? What work will we do? How will we become great as defined by Jesus?

A season of interim for a church is full of risks and full of opportunity. Some risks include but are not limited to, a decline in attendance (I'll come back when we have a "real" minister); a challenge to keep the lights on and fund our missions (Stewardship); a disregard for the protocols established in how a church is governed, the desire of a few to take the church in a certain direction; to be the greatest without the involvement of all.

Opportunities include a season to ask questions out loud, to speak of our failures and our successes; to say what we are most afraid of during this interim time. In truth, this interim is a golden opportunity to discover what we, the church, the body of Christ, is being called to become as well as to do. This is hard work. It is a collective work that cannot be ignored if we want to be better than good.

This is a golden opportunity to strengthen our fellowship, mend fences that need fixing, and explore without fear what it means to be the church on the corner of South Main and West Church Streets in Farmville, NC.

If we want to be great, we must serve all. If we want to be a great church, we must find the places that are dark and shine a light. There is work to be done, there are people and places who are waiting to help and be helped. So let's get our hands dirty while we are on this path. Jesus will make known the vulnerable in our midst. Don't be surprised if ourselves are the most vulnerable during this interim season. So, let's take care of each other.

(Thanks to Cheryl Patterson for sharing her thoughts and words.)

In Our Prayers

Prayer needs:

Mabel Bowen, Ann Byrd, Marie Cowan, Cissy Deas, Jean Ellis, Annie Gurganus, Bobby Hodge, Jr., 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, Col. E. Patton Davis Jr, MD

Please notify an Elder of any changes.

Membership

Make plans to join us on Wednesday nights in October for supper. Cooking schedule is as follows:

October 3 - DWM

October 10 - Choir

October 17 - Covered Dish

October 24 - Membership

October 31- NO WNS - Come to help set up for Fall Festival or help with Hometown Halloween!

Make plans to come to Homecoming worship and lunch on October 14. We want to see each of you there!

Remember, Brews and Brushes will be October 25 at Duck Rabbit Brewery. If you want to join us for this time of fellowship, please purchase your ticket from the Farmville Arts Council website.

October Birthdays

Allen Joyner	Oct 2
B. J. Lawrence	Oct 2
Joyce Albritton	Oct 8
Jimmy Letchworth	Oct 8
Landen Lovic	Oct 11
Shirley Rhodes	Oct 13
Gina Langston	Oct 18
Harold Flanagan	Oct 19
Sara Ruth Flanagan	Oct 20
Chester Ray Norville	Oct 22
Mary Steinbauer	Oct 22
Dottie Bryant	Oct 23
Nancy Bradham	Oct 27
Jimmy Cowan	Oct 31

Thank you for the generous donation that helped to feed the staff of Sugg Bundy Elementary School. It was greatly appreciated!

kindest regards, Sugg Bundy PTA



Fri, Oct 5



Mon, Oct 22—Fri, Oct 26

Christians of the Hookerton District,

The mission team is currently working on their plans for their 2019. Plans to go to Nicaragua are sort of in a limbo state currently due to government unrest in the country. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, October 10th, at Farmville Christian Church to discuss their plans for the 2019. The mission team is inviting anyone from the Hookerton District to come and join them. In addition to meeting to discuss their plans for 2019, they have a guest to speak about conditions with the Nicaraguan government. Doug Orbaker who works with CEPAD will be visiting the mission team. If you would like to learn more about plans of the mission team for 2019 and current conditions in Nicaragua, please contact Farmville Christian Church by Monday, October 8th.

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!



**Coffee & Pastries
Every Sunday**

9:30am Fellowship Hall



**CROP Walk
Sun, Oct 21
2pm**

Rejuvenation!



Sunday Oct 21





Three amigos in red!

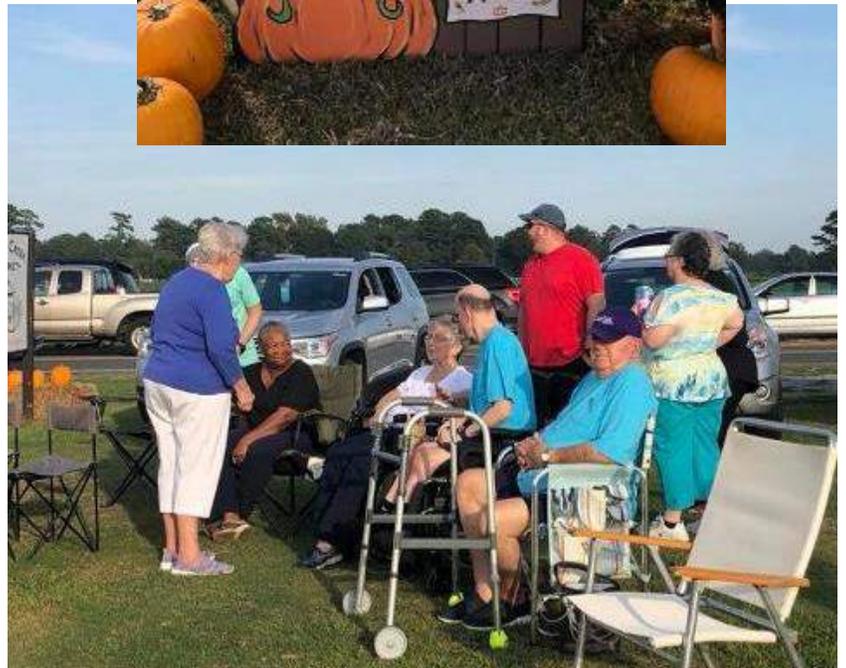
Dr. Doug Barrow and children's message

Lots of clean-up at Camp Caroline after Hurricane Florence





Family fun
at Little Creek Market



October Servants

Elders: Mary Steinbauer, HE; Judy Owens
Deacons: Paul Bryant, HD; Josh Walker, Marah Walker, Jessica Herring, John Baumgartner
Offering Trustee: Chester Ellis

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



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

October 3 - DWM
October 10 - Choir
October 17 - Covered Dish
October 24- Membership
October 31 - NO WNS (Prep/Hometown Halloween)

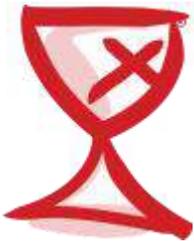
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Mission of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ Farmville, North Carolina

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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Sunday

Oct 14



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
OCT	1	2	3 9a Quilting Bees 6p Wed Night Sup DWM cooks 7p Choir practice	4	5 11a Soup Kitchen	6	
	7 <i>Nancy Bradham</i> 8a Elders mtg 5p DWM Exec. mtg 6p Ministry Teams 7p General Board mtg	8 10a DWM— church library 7p DWM— church library	9	10 6p Wed Night Sup Choir cooks 7p Choir practice	11	12	13
	14 8a CMF <i>Rev. John Ledford</i> HOMECOMING	15	16 9-11 FBM 7p Trustees mtg	17 6p Wed Night Sup COVERED DISH 7p Choir practice	18	19	20
	21 <i>Kim Griffiths</i> REJUVENATION SUNDAY 12-4 Fellowship Hall reserved 2p CROP Walk	22	23 6:30 Cub Scouts mtg	24 6p Wed Night Sup Membership 7p Choir practice	25	26	27
	MEALS on WHEELS 10/22-10/26						
	28 <i>Rev. Valerie Melvin</i>	29	30	31 5p HOMETOWN HALLOWEEN No Wed Night Supper	SUNDAYS 9:30 Coffee + Pastries 10a Sunday School 11a Worship		