

# The Christian Caller

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## Morgan's Moment



*"...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



**"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."**

My recent experience is that the last couple of months have resulted in the acceptance of a new state of things. The COVID-19 virus has, for about six months now, affected everything we do. And it seems to me that we have finally succumbed to a new standard for operating daily in the world. Wearing masks and distancing is becoming second nature behavior for us now. Trips to the grocery store where everyone is wearing a mask seem a bit more ordinary. I have now become accustomed to talking with people who have a covering over their mouth and nose.

As a result, I've noticed several things: 1) I listen more closely to what is being said since muffled words are a bit more difficult to hear, 2) I am more likely to notice the color of someone's eyes, 3) people who are wearing a mask look more normal than those who are not.

Moreover, the significant takeaway from all this is that I have learned that my own preferences are mostly the result of what I get used to. Slowly, but surely, I am acclimating myself to the changes that COVID has wrought. I adjust to change, either on purpose or unwittingly. A case in point is, there was a time, many years ago now, when a pick-up truck with four doors looked strange and out of place. These days, a truck with only two doors is the "odd duck."

I'm sure all of us have had the experience of transitioning a food or drink into our diet, with surprising results. For instance, I've heard more than one person say, "Well, years ago I drank regular soft drinks, but then I started drinking diet drinks, and now a regular soft drink is much too sweet for my taste."

I've always lived in North Carolina, and I've always rather liked the weather here. And, I have heard people say, "Well, I moved here from [Florida/Arizona/Montana] and I didn't think I would like the change in climate. But now that I have lived here for [two/three/six years], I don't think I want to go back."

Sometimes one thing is better than another. And, sometimes, what we like is based on nothing more than what we have experienced as normal. Cases in point – I drive a truck with four doors (and wouldn't think of having only two), I like my tea unsweetened (straight, no artificial sweetener), and I think the weather in North Carolina is far superior to the weather in any other place in the world. (Okay, full disclosure – I have never lived anywhere else, but I will stand by that statement anyway.)

But here is the main point – all of us are affected by the world around us, and in more ways than we imagine. What is done to us has far more impact than what is said to us. Actions speak louder than words. I think it was Henri Nouwen who said, "We don't think our way into a new kind of living. We live our way into a new kind of thinking."

This virus is going to do what it is going to do. But I don't think we should allow it to stop us from living. We may have to live differently, (e.g. staying home more, wearing masks, handwashing, distancing, bubble groups, etc.) but we don't have to stop. In fact, it may be more important than ever for us to pay attention to what the world around us is telling us. Someone smarter than me once said, "Never waste a crisis." Surely, there are some things we can learn from this one.

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Going forward, perhaps we should resolve to pay attention – listening carefully to what people are saying to us, noticing the color of their eyes – and focusing just a bit on someone other than ourselves. I will if you will.

Grace and peace and new normal,

Morgan



WE ARE  
**Meals On Wheels**  
*So no senior goes hungry.*

+  
=  
**meeting people  
where they are**

Our collaboration with Meals on Wheels to provide much needed assistance to seniors recently received help through a \$1,300.00 grant from the office of Week of Compassion of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). WoC is providing grants in response to the COVID crisis to congregations who are providing food related ministry to address needs caused or exacerbated by the coronavirus crisis. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world.

## Board Meeting Highlights Sept 13, 2020

Present: Judy Owens, Kim Griffiths, Lou Ann Wiley, Horace Wiley, Marah Walker, Josh Walker, Julie Walker, Mary Steinbauer, Christine Dempsey, Wes Flake, Bert Smith, Al Joyner, Chester Ellis, Donna Moore, Miriam Lewis, Joyce Albritton, Doug Barrow, Jean Suggs, Velinda Moore, David Whitley. Also Morgan Daughety.

**TRUSTEES:** Committees have their 2021 Budget worksheets.

**EDUCATION:** planning a fall get-together for church youth

**OUTREACH:** Outreach is supporting Regional Office, Camp Caroline, Meals on Wheels, CareNet and sponsoring a Farmville person on the Meals on Wheels waiting list.

**MEMBERSHIP:** dropping off member gifts this weekend

**STEWARDSHIP:** waiting for the last of the pledge cards to come in

**DWM:** Resuming Executive and hopefully group meetings in October

**NEW BUSINESS:** In lieu of the cancelled Fall Festival, we will be having a Brunswick Stew fundraiser for the Meals on Wheels food bags. Volunteers are needed!

**HOMECOMING—**Oct 11 will be a virtual event with submitted stories, videos and photos online

**CROP Walk—**Oct 18

**Next General Board meeting—**Oct 11

*Please contact the office for a complete copy of the minutes*

## In Our Prayers

**Prayer needs:** Catherine Allen, James Blalock, Jimmy Cowan, Gene Eason, Harold Flanagan, Shirley Meeks, Myrtle Sugg, Connie Wooten

**Homebound:** Mabel Bowen, Ann Byrd, Marie Cowan, Jean Ellis, Annie Gurganus, Janie Joyner, Joyce Letchworth, Joan Smith

**In service to our country:** David Groseclose, Jake Nicholson

## Consecration Sunday

### Comments from Stewardship Committee

The committee wants to thank all our members for their commitment to the life and mission of our church, our community and the world. We want to give a special thanks to our former interim minister, David Mallory, for his participation in our Stewardship Campaign this year. His message on Consecration Sunday was wonderful and inspirational. While we do not have the final results as of this newsletter, we hope his words motivated each and everyone to give to the glory of God and his mission here at First Christian Church.

In the event, you have not made your pledge, it can still be included in our 2021 campaign. Please contact Kim at the church office.

*Bert, Joyce, Judy, Marah, Velinda and Morgan*

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## Are you watching?

We're glad so many of you are tuning in to watch our virtual worship services online!

### DID YOU KNOW

there are so many other resources available on our website? We do our best to keep the site updated and full of relevant and helpful content.

You should take a look!

## Oct Birthdays

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



Dear FCC,

Thank you all so very much for everything your church family did for us when Camilla Murphrey passed.

The food was wonderful and we were so appreciative!

And thank you to Rev Morgan for all of his help with planning and with the service.

*In Christ, the Murphrey family*

Your special ways and generous heart make a beautiful difference. Thank you so much.

Just a thank you to everyone from the church who helped me to celebrate my 101st birthday. Truly a blessed day.

God bless each and every one.

All my love, *Annie Gurganus*

Blessings to our church family.

We are well for two young folks. Coleman and Ginger's families are well. I still miss all of you very much and enjoy Sunday services. I continue to be homesick for flat country and family in the east. The mountains are beautiful and the climate has helped Coleman's health immensely and that is why Granny Clampet came to the hills kicking and screaming. We have accepted that we are in need of care at this point in our lives. Thank you for your prayers.

Love in Christ, *Miriam Bailey*

## WE'RE WALKING!



**We might be spaced a little further apart, but we're walking!**

**Oct 18 2pm  
Town Gazebo**



## Homecoming-help!!

Homecoming may be a little different this year, but that doesn't mean we aren't celebrating!

Please submit your favorite memories of life at First Christian Church: past homecomings, gatherings, life events (like a baptism or wedding).

Your memories can be stories, photos or even video! We'll post them here and we can share each other's fondest FCC memories. You may email, mail, drop off, or bring items by the office to be photographed or scanned. We'll make it all work.

Let's make this a Homecoming to remember!

If you are..

an Elder, a Deacon, a Trustee,  
a committee chair

## You are a BOARD MEMBER

Please remember to keep the 2nd Sunday evening of the month reserved for your Ministry Team meetings and General Board meeting. THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU to be present at board meetings in order to conduct its business!

### Church Staff

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Julia Beamon	Nursery Attendant

## October Servants

**Elders:** Josh Walker, HE; Lou Ann Wiley  
**Deacons:** Paul Bryant, HD; Horace Wiley, Marah Walker, Jessica Herring, Jean Suggs  
**Trustee:** Doug Barrow

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

### 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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We'll celebrate during our online service.  
**Sunday, Oct 4      Join us!**