

THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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pastor's corner

September 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



The Book of Jeremiah describes a changing culture. It's a book where the persona of the prophet looms as large as the events it describes. Jeremiah is the prophet of hope after ruin. Jeremiah is tasked to let the people know about the impending chaos and wreckage but they, being comfortable in Judah, condemn him and he gets nothing but flack. Because they have forgotten who provided their security Judah is destroyed and many inhabit-

ants are exiled to Babylon. Judah becomes a wasteland.

The book goes on describing the wreckage with visual prophecies and metaphors like the potter's vessel, rebukes and a lot of good quips and blurbs are used to explain dramatic storylines. In summary, the story is about mapping out a path of hope through wreckage. It addresses a dispirited community living under the shadow of the empire. The book ventures to make a number of claims while playing out like a theatrical masterpiece.

It declares 1) that God reigns and is involved in the world; that no realm or structure lies outside the purview of God's sovereignty; 2) that divine sovereignty is manifest both in judgement and salvation, in tearing down idolatrous systems as well as creating newness and hope; 3) that God's sovereignty does not nullify human responsibility; 4) that God holds all people, especially those claiming to be God's people, responsible for their actions; and 5) the acts of exploitation, oppression, idolatry and hubris will be held responsible to God

Beyond these however, Jeremiah is “guerilla theater,” a text of resistance that reimages institutional systems and reframes social realities. It reenacts the fall and rise of Judah as well as the defeat of geopolitical power and structures responsible for Judah's mistreatment. It attempts to convince Jewish refugees in Babylon that economic-military domination is not the final word and that God is a fearless advocate for those devastated by war and exile. Effectively, Jeremiah is a liturgical act that creates a particular world in sheer contrast to “other worlds” where absolute power, autonomy and exploitation reign.

We all can be a part of this divine future with hope if we, as one body of Christ, do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among us deceive us, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream and if we remember who our potter really is.

Peace,

Kevin

Board Meeting Highlights

General Board Meeting Aug 12, 2018

Present: Judy Owens, Kim Griffiths, Mary Steinbauer, Doris Briley, BJ Lawrence, Wes Flake, Josh & Marah Walker, Chester Ellis, Paul Bryant, Al Joyner, Bert Smith, Donna Moore, Doug Barrow, Gina Langston, Joyce Albritton, Leslie & Amy Church. Kevin Deibert, Sallie Eason, Jean Suggs.

TRUSTEES: Welcome to Joyce Albritton who will be fulfilling the term vacated by Mike Marengo.

OUTREACH: Served 48 youth for breakfast and 58 for supper when The Refuge group was working in Farmville. Donations made to Sugg Bundy PTA and Farmville Soup Kitchen.

MEMBERSHIP: Regular Wednesday Night Suppers resume Sept 12. Looking for program ideas!

DWM: There will be raffle tickets available for a basket and quilt (created by Shirley Meeks) to support Woman-to-Woman. Dishwasher is ready to be used! Other updates are being considered. DWM is purchasing 2 porch rocking chairs for Camp Caroline.

CMF: Church breakfast Sept 16.

OLD BUSINESS: CMF & Property & Grounds will be working with the Playground committee, and Eagle Scouts have requested a partnership as well. Contact Amy Church to help.

1 Elder and 2 non-Elders still needed for the Nominating Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: Joyce Albritton and Marah Walker volunteered to head up the Fall Festival on Nov 3.

October's monthly meetings normally on the 2nd Sunday of the month will INSTEAD by on Oct 7 in order to avoid conflict with Homecoming on Oct 14.

Discussion about the committee procedure that is in place: ideas are developed in committee, details worked out and then presented to the board. Membership (Wes Flake) is in charge of the sign. Communication and adherence to committee procedure is crucial.

Next Board Meeting—Sept 9



CROP Walk

Sun, Oct 21

2pm



Sunday Oct 14



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, family of Dave Davis.

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

Get ready for our regular Wednesday night suppers to resume their normal schedule beginning September 12!

The cooking schedule is as follows:

September 12- Membership

September 19- Covered Dish

September 26- CMF

October 3 - DWM

October 10 - Choir

October 17 - Covered Dish

October 24- Membership

October 31 - NO WNS (Fall Festival Prep/ Hometown Halloween)

Go ahead and mark your calendars now for our annual Homecoming service and lunch which will be held on October 14!

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!

September Birthdays

Cecil Walker	Sept 1
Eunice Davis	Sept 4
Frank Bradham	Sept 8
Benjamin Albritton	Sept 9
Mike Marengo	Sept 9
Danelle Heath	Sept 10
Paul Bryant	Sept 13
Butch Heath	Sept 16
Emily Turner	Sept 17
John K Briley	Sept 21
Al Joyner	Sept 21
Ann Byrd	Sept 23
Myrtle Sugg	Sept 23



STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for providing my camp experience. Camp Caroline is like a second home to me and has been a safe place for me to grow. I am always happy to go and represent First Christian Church in a positive way.

This year I talked with the camp staff and my plan is to work as a counselor for Camp Caroline next summer to give back to others the gifts I have been given.

Sincerely , Nora Church

Dearest Fellow Christians -

On behalf of our family we thank you from the bottom of our humble hearts for the condolence basket of plants and fresh flowers.

God is with us always.

Fondly,
Mike & Vicky Schulten
Anita Deibert
Pastor Kevin Deibert

September Anniversaries

Billy & Brenda Lovic	Sept 3
Jackie & Tom Bulpett	Sept 15

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AT THE VERY FIRST MEN'S RETREAT



Fri, Sept 7



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!



Mon, Sept 24—Fri, Sept 28



Coffee & Pastries
Every Sunday
9:30am Fellowship Hall

September Servants

Elders: Miriam Lewis, HE; John Briley
Deacons: Jackie Bulpett, HD; Christine Dempsey,
David Whitley, Wes Flake, Julie Walker
Offering Trustee: Bert Smith

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



Church Staff

Rev. Kevin Deibert	Senior Minister pastor@fccfarmville.org
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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

HOMECOMING

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>Sept</h1>		SUNDAYS 9:30 Coffee & Pastries 10a Sunday School 11a Worship				1
2	3 LABOR DAY Office closed	4 6:30 Women's Bible Study	5 9a Quilting Bees	6	7 11a Soup Kitchen	8
9 8a Elders mtg 5p DWM Exec. mtg 6p Ministry Teams 7p General Board mtg	10 10a DWM—church library 7p DWM—church library	11	12 6p Wed Night Supper Membership 7p Choir practice	13	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Kim Out - 9/14—9/17</div>	15
16 8:30—10 Churchwide Breakfast 3-5 DWM in Fellowship Hall <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Kim Out - 9/14—9/17</div>	17	18 9-11 FBM 7p Trustees mtg	19 6p Wed Night Supper COVERED DISH 7p Choir practice	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 6p Wed Night Supper CMF 7p Choir practice	27	28	29
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">MEALS on WHEELS 9/24—9/28</div>						
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