

The Christian Caller

Morgan's Moment

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Things change. Most anything we can name, these days, has changed a great deal in a short time, including many of the words we use regularly. One such case is the word "streaming."

There was a time when we would use that word in a sentence to describe something liquid that we can touch. Like, for instance, "Tears were streaming down his face," or "After that downpour of rain, water was streaming through the street." I recently realized that more recently, when I hear the word "streaming," water and tears are not what I think of; rather, I think of data. For instance, "My wife and I like watching movies that are streaming on Paramount Plus."

I looked it up in the dictionary today. The first definition that came up in my Webster app was this: "the act, the process, or an instance of streaming data." No mention of water. Boy, do things change!

So now, I told you all that to tell you this. The theme this year for FCC's Living Our Faith season is going to be "streaming the holy." In other words, we will be thinking of ourselves as instruments, computers, tablets, or fiberoptic cables for streaming the holy into the world.

We'll be considering faith stories and teachings from the Bible, including the account in the third chapter of Exodus, in which God says to Moses, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." Is it possible our running shoes and Moses's sandals have something in common? What does it mean to stand on holy ground?

In the seventh chapter of John's gospel, Jesus says, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." So, those of us who subscribe to Paramount Plus or Netflix or Peacock or Disney are not the first to stream. Believers have been streaming something Jesus called "living water" for about two millennia.

Jesus suggested that we all have the ability to do this, and so, perhaps now is a good time to consider the holy in and around us. And, if the source of it – the knowledge of God in Jesus Christ – is unlimited, then maybe now is a good time for us to consider how we might increase our bandwidth.

I look forward to exploring these mysteries with you during the months of August and September.

Grace & peace & livestreaming,
Morgan



Education

First Christian Church of Farmville is hosting the first ever Back to School Bash community event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, on the corner of Main Street and Church Street in Farmville. During the event, the church will be accepting school supply donations to be given to H.B. Sugg/Sam D. Bundy elementary schools located in Farmville.

The Back to School Bash will also feature a parent resource fair with more than 10 agencies in the county offering information about support resources to caregivers. There will be activities for the kids and free food while supplies last and Bertson's Ice Cream truck will be parked at the location to sell ice cream. "The leaders and members of FCC are excited about bringing together so many organizations and resources, to support our community children and families," said Melinda Sampson, who spearheaded this event and serves as Chair of the FCC Christian Education Ministry Team.

To learn more about the Back to School Bash, visit: <https://fb.me/e/3wRx1sDcK> or contact Melinda Sampson, Back to School Bash Chair at 252-717-4961 or melindsampsontoh@gmail.com.

Board Meeting Highlights

July 10, 2022

Present: Kim Griffiths, Jean Suggs, Donna Moore, John Briley, Susan Smith, Al Joyner, Melinda Sampson, Chester Ellis, Mary Steinbauer, Julie Walker, Christine Dempsey, Marah Walker, David Whitley, Josh Walker, Lou Ann Wiley, Wes Flake, Bert Smith, Joyce Albritton. Also: Morgan Daughety

TRUSTEES: The church was approached by a group looking to rent a space for a private school, but the Trustees decided the arrangement would not be a good fit for FCC.

EDUCATION: Movie Day in the basement July 24. Back to School Bash (community wide) on Sat Aug 27. Kids, bouncy castle, food, community resources, FPD, ice cream truck and more!

PROPERTY: Special thanks to Wes Flake, Al Joyner and Paul Bryant for their hard work on the courtyard lights and landscaping.

MEMBERSHIP: Consecration Celebration on Sept 18, and birthday bash for all members 80+ yrs old (luncheon). Regular Wed Night Suppers resume in Sept.

WORSHIP: In touch with local vendor to discuss creating a chalice set for use during worship service.

STEWARDSHIP: This year's theme—"Living the Faith: Recovering the Holy"

NEW BUSINESS: Special thanks to Wes Flake for his dedication to the Soup Kitchen and to Sabrina Bolden for her faithful help!

Next General Board meeting: Aug 14, 2022

Full copy of the minutes available by contacting church office

In Our Prayers

Concerns: *Miriam & Grady Bailey, Beth Sumerlin, Nancy Quinerly, Jackson Wilkie, Mary Steinbauer*

Homebound: *Mabel Bowen, Marie Cowan, Annie Gurganus, Janie Joyner, Shirley Meeks, Myrtle Sugg, Ruth Taylor*

In service to our country:
David Groseclose, Jake Nicholson

Please notify an Elder of any changes.

Save the Date

September 18, 2022
Consecration Lunch and
Birthday Sunday

September 18 will be an especially joyful day in the life of our church. On that day, we will be finalizing our "Living our Faith" season. This year we will be considering what it means that we are standing on holy ground. Additionally, on that same day, we will have a special birthday celebration. So, please hold the date, and plan to be here at First Christian Church Farmville, where only good things happen!

Outreach

This July we distributed 85+ food boxes, 170+ pounds of cheese, 85 bags of groceries! We're still collecting fans to help out with this summer of eternal HEAT.



On Thursday, July 28th, FCC fed the Erasing the Lines youth from The Refuge camp. Breakfast was served by the CMF and dinner was served by DWM. Many thanks to the cooks and everyone who helped!

Wes is busy in the Soup Kitchen every 1st Monday of the month. He would welcome your help! He's there from about 11-1:30.



August Birthdays

Susan Smith	Aug 4
Horace Wiley	Aug 12
Mathin Ange	Aug 13
Milo Ferrell	Aug 16
Judy R Rouse	Aug 24
Annie Gurganus	Aug 26
Morgan Daughety	Aug 30

August Anniversaries

John K & Sarah Briley	Aug 5
Allen & Mary Steinbauer	Aug 8
Doug & Cindy Barrow	Aug 9
Grady & Miriam Bailey	Aug 14
Frank & Nancy Bradham	Aug 25
Al & Lori Joyner	Aug 29

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August Servants

Elders: Bert Smith HE; Christine Dempsey

Deacons: Beth Sumerlin HD; David Whitley,
Horace Wiley, Jackie Bulpett, Jean Suggs

Counting: Joyce Albritton, Josh Walker

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.



**Mon, Aug 1
can you help?**

WED Aug 24
CSFP Food Boxes
Volunteers!
Please be at the
church by 9:30



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11 Soup Kitchen	2	3	4 Food bags	5	6
7 11a Worship	8	9	10 12p Sounds of Summer @ Wilson FCC	11 Food bags	12	13
14 8:30 Elders mtg 11a Worship 5p DWM Exec mtg 6 Ministry Teams mtgs 7 General Board mtg	15 10 DWM—Beth Norville's home 5:30 Fellow Hall reserved 7p DWM—church library	16 9-11 FBM 7p Trustees mtg	17 6 Covered Dish	18 Food bags	19	20
21 8a CMF mtg 11a Worship	22	23	24 9:30 Food Box distribution 12p Sounds of Summer @ Wilson FCC	25 Food bags	26	27 11-2 Back to School Bash
28 11a Worship	29	30	31		August	