

FCC Connection



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Morgan's Moment

It's easy to become accustomed to the presence of those we care about in our lives. We often recognize these relationships as gifts from heaven and acknowledge how fortunate we are that our paths have crossed with these individuals. However, we also can become so comfortable in these relationships that we sometimes unintentionally take them for granted. Until – that is – something changes.

For more than 20 years, First Christian Church has benefited from having B.J. Lawrence as part of our music program. For more than half of that time, he has officially been our "Interim" Minister of Music. I put the "Interim" in quotation marks because it is a bit of a misnomer, as he has had that title for over a half decade now. And yet, the time has now come to share that B.J.'s service on our church staff – a valued colleague we have become accustomed to – is coming to an end.

A few Sundays ago, B.J. handed me a letter indicating that he is resigning his position as Minister of Music. Although he has greatly enjoyed his work here, he has decided that it is time for his life to transition to the next phase. While I am saddened to lose B.J. as a partner in ministry here at FCC, I know this is a good decision for him. I know from experience that working two jobs can be taxing, and over time it can drain a person's energy and vitality. It is important for B.J. to embrace this opportunity to rest and refocus his energy. As you know, he is blessed with multiple gifts and graces, and I'm confident he will find new ways to share his talents as he continues to live and serve in Farmville.

The good news is that B.J. has assured me he is not leaving First Christian Church. He insists that FCC is "his church home," and so, he will continue to be a part of our community of faith. That is definitely a good thing.

B.J.'s last day as our Minister of Music is April 30. In the meantime, we will be planning and organizing an appropriate way to say thank you to one among us that we have grown accustomed to, and whom we never want to take for granted.

Grace and peace and offertory solos,
Morgan



FCC had a group of hard workers make the trip to Christmount Mar 23-28th to help with on-going recovery from Helene.

Chester Ellis, Doug Barrow, Al Joyner, and Lori Joyner put in some serious work in the mountains! A damaged sloped concrete pad was removed and replaced with a much safer and functional ramp.

Thank you all so much for your hard work and dedication!

Board Meeting Highlights—March 9, 2025

Present: Kim Griffiths, Judy Owens, Bert Smith, Tammy Matis, Mark Matis, Joyce Albritton, Mary Steinbauer, Jean Suggs, Julie Walker, Al Joyner, Christine Dempsey, Wes Flake

TRUSTEES: An audit was done for December 2024 and the closing reports for 2024. No discrepancies.

EVANGELISM/HOSPITALITY: the team is viewing an 8-part video series on welcoming guests and expanding our entry point. They will report on that when the series is finished.

WORSHIP: BJ Lawrence has resigned as Music Director effective April 30, 2025. FCC will host the Easter Sunrise Service on April 20 at 6:30am.

CMF: ALL are welcome to attend the CMF breakfasts on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 8am. CMF hosted the Scouts Pinewood Derby. \$109 was raised for Outreach at the event. CMF cooked pancakes and sausage for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

OLD BUSINESS: Fall Festival steering committee has decided that based on anticipated participants, the Fall Festival can no longer host all its events in a single day. There will be a yard sale May 17, a take-out dinner on Nov 1, and a Country Store and Christmas Boutique open during the Taste of Farmville (Dec 4) and again the next day (Dec 5).

NEW BUSINESS: FCC has been approached about renting some of our building space for a new church/non-profit, Presence Pioneers Inc, dba The Greenhouse. Bert Smith, Chester Ellis, Joyce Albritton, Morgan Daughety, Judy Owens and Kim Griffiths are on the steering committee to look into the feasibility of this kind of nesting relationship.

Morgan and Judy Owens have been in discussion about changing the General Board meetings to every other month, with called meetings as necessary.

DWM

The DWM will once again set up on Saturday, April 26 at the Dogwood Festival. We will start accepting donations of needed items by Sunday April 13. A list of items needed are:

- 12 pks of canned sodas- Coke/Pepsi, Mt Dew, Sprite, Sparkling water
- Box of individual size bags of chips
- Lg package of napkins
- Box of Snack size zip lock baggies
- Box of Sandwich zip lock bags
- Baked goods: cakes to be sliced, cookies, brownies, tarts

Do Not bring in until Friday if possible.

We also need volunteers to help out early Saturday morning with setup and assist in the booth during the day. We start at 7:00 am and wrap it up at 4:00 that afternoon. Bring a lawn chair and join us at the booth.

If you have any questions, reach out to Christine Dempsey or Mary Steinbauer.

Outreach

Rolling along in 2025!

50 plates were served at the Outreach Kitchen in March and April. THANK YOU to everyone who helps us with this mission.

Even with a glitch in our food boxes getting delivered to us, we still cleared them all out—125 boxes and 250# of cheese! The patience it took from the volunteers and the clients was great proof of just how much this food is needed.

On May 17, we start our 'new' Fall (All Year Long) Festival. There will be a yard sale at the church from 7:30-12:30. FCC will have a tent with yard sale donations and there will also be other vendors selling items. Big shopping! You can bring your donations for the sale to the church beginning May 12.

Outreach is looking into the possibility of adding a large refrigerator for our food outreach program. We have access to a grant that would let us purchase one, so we're exploring that opportunity.

Ripe For Revival will be at our church at noon on May 4th with some dairy, eggs, produce and meats that aren't normally on the weekly "pay what you can" bus. Purchasing from them during this "Pay It Forward" event means you get some great locally sourced fresh items AND you're supporting the Ripe For Revival program that offers other items during the week on a "pay what you can" basis. So save your Sunday dinner shopping for May 4th!

In Our Prayers

Concerns: *Tammy Matis, Dave Pruette, Maury Verzier, Bert Smith, Harold Flanagan, Bobby Hodge, Jr*

Homebound: *Mabel Bowen, Doris Briley, Marie Cowan, Harold Flanagan, Janie Joyner, Shirley Meeks, Beth Norville, Nancy Quinerly, Ruth Taylor*

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

Please notify an Elder of any changes.

April/May Birthdays

Wayne Dempsey	Apr 4
Mark Matis	Apr 30
John Redden Lewis	May 4
Noah Knox	May 5
Sallie Eason	May 11
Suzanne Davis	May 19
Sean Verzier	May 25
Johnny J. Briley	May 30

OUR VISION

To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

— *Micah 6:8*

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Who We Are

We're a diverse group of Christ-followers across the United States and Canada. We worship in old sanctuaries, living rooms, coffee shops, and online. We love sharing a meal together. We're called to do justice. We read and wrestle with the Bible. We believe God loves the whole world, you included. We're doing our best to follow Jesus and we've made a commitment to work toward being an anti-racist church. We're glad you're here. www.disciples.org



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Memphis, Tennessee
July 12 - 15, 2025



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 13

PALM SUNDAY

Monday, April 14

12p Lent Lunch at Farmville Methodist Church w/ Rev Rocky Stone

Tuesday, April 15

12 Lent Lunch at Farmville Presbyterian Church w/ Rev Daniel Pantoja

Wednesday, April 16

12 Lent Lunch at First Baptist Church w/ Rev. Morgan Daughety

Thursday, April 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Friday, April 18

GOOD FRIDAY

7 Tenebrae Service of Shadows at First Christian Church

Saturday, April 19

HOLY SATURDAY

Sunday, April 20

EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 Sunrise Service at First Christian Church w/ Rev. Graham Byrum



DOGWOOD FESTIVAL RAFFLE
\$1/ticket
Contact:
Mary Steinbauer



The Christian Church (DOC) in North Carolina
Bishop Valerie Melvin, Regional Minister

177TH REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Saturday, June 21, 2025

"MANY TEXTURES, ONE TAPESTRY"

<p><i>Keynote Speaker</i></p>  <p><i>Rev. Dr. Janae Pitts-Murdock</i></p>	<p>HOSTED AT First Christian Church 2320 Country Club Rd Winston-Salem, NC 27104</p>	<p><i>Regional Minister</i></p>  <p><i>Bishop Valerie Melvin</i></p>
<p><i>CORA-Co-Chair</i></p>  <p><i>Rev. Abby Catoe</i></p>	<p>Register Today!</p>  <p>www.ncdisciples.org</p>	<p><i>CORA-Co-Chair</i></p>  <p><i>Sis. Rhondra Fleming</i></p>

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April Servants

Elders: Donna Moore HE, Christine Dempsey

Deacons: Jackie Bulpett HD, Marah Walker, Suzanne Jones

Counters: Bert Smith, Donna Moore

May Servants

Elders: Bert Smith HE, John Briley

Deacons: Jean Suggs HD, Julie Walker, Tammy Matis

Counters: Miriam Lewis, Bert Smith

Community Outreach Kitchen

Mon, May 5

can you help?

WED Apr 23
WED May 28
CSFP Food Boxes
Volunteers!
Please be at the
church by 9:30



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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Regular Office Hours:

9 am—4 pm, Mon—Thurs, 9am—1pm Fri

Also by appointment.

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First Christian Church Sponsored

COMMUNITY YARD SALE



Sat, May 17

7:30 - 12:30



3776 S. Main St (behind the church)

Proceeds benefit our outreach programs!

If interested in a space to sell your items,
contact Christine at 252-378-4881.
Limited number of spaces available.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 Cub Scouts	2 4 Food bag prep	3 9:30 Senior food bags go out 6:30 Lent Bible Study at Coleen Starling's	4 9-12 Rooted Homeschool—2nd floor	5
6 11 Worship 2 Den meetings x 2	7 11 Comm. Outreach Kitchen	8	9 4 Food bag prep	10 9:30 Senior food bags go out	11 9-12 Rooted Homeschool—2nd floor 6:30 Lent Bible Study at Coleen Starling's	12
13 PALM SUNDAY 11 Worship 	14 12 Lent Lunch @ FMC w/ Rev Stone	15 9-11 FBM 12 Lent Lunch @ FPC w/ Rev Pan-toja	16 12 Lent Lunch @ FBC w/ Rev Daughety 4 Food bag prep	17 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9:30 Senior food bags go out	18 GOOD FRIDAY Office closed 7 Tenebrae service at FCC	19 HOLY SATURDAY
20 EASTER 6:30 Sunrise service @ FCC w/ Rev Bynum 11 Worship 12 Easter Egg Hunt 1-8 Fellowship Hall reserved—The Greenhouse	21 EASTER MONDAY Office closed 	22 6:30 Fellowship Hall—Cub Scouts	23 9:30 CSFP Food Box Distribution 4 Food bag prep	24 9:30 Senior food bags go out Dogwood Festival 4-24—4/27 Town Common	25 9-12 Rooted Homeschool—2nd floor	26 10-4 DWM @ Dogwood Festival
27 10 Community Worship @ Dogwood Festival—Town Common Gazebo	28 6 Theology on Tap	29	30		<h1>April</h1>	

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May				1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 9:30 Senior food bags go out	2 9-12 Rooted Homeschool—2nd floor	3
4 11 Worship 12-1:30 Ripe for Revival's Pay It Forward bus at FCC 2 Den mtgs x 2	5 11 Comm. Outreach Kitchen	6	7 4 Food bags prep	8 9:30 Senior food bags go out	9 9-12 Rooted Homeschool—2nd floor	10
11 MOTHER'S DAY 11 Worship	12 5:30 Fellowship Hall—Am. Legion	13	14 4 Food bags prep	15 9:30 Senior food bags go out	16 9-12 Rooted Homeschool—2nd floor	17
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