

AUGUST ELDER UPDATE

Dear Faith Community Church,

Your Board of Elders desires to inform you of our recent activities and request your prayer for us as we collectively pursue our Spirit-led mission of making more and better disciples of Jesus Christ. Below is a summary of our August activities. If you desire to learn more about a given subject, please don't hesitate to contact a pastor or elder. Thank you for your interest and desire as we seek to help thousands more experience Jesus in a gospel inspired life.

August 12, 2025: Regular Elder Meeting:

Updates

- The elders were updated on the building expansion project. Overall, the project is going well and is remaining within the expected budget.
- Prayer and Groundbreaking Plan: The elders were advised that a walk through and prayer event is being planned for the future children's wing once it can be safely toured. The event will follow one of our upcoming Sunday worship gatherings.
- The elders were reminded of the planned Annual Meeting (8/17) that will be held in the evening and followed by a prayer and worship service. They were also reminded about the plan for a Special Business meeting (9/7) to vote upon the call of the proposed Lead Pastors.
- The elders were informed about Fall programming in regard to space sharing between various ministries, particularly on Wednesday nights. The elders continue to be very thankful for the diligent efforts and creativity that was needed to enable this plan.
- The elders were updated on various monthly metrics regarding attendance, finances, and the Reach campaign.
- The elders were updated about the on-boarding process for Lucas Williams who recently accepted our open Student Ministries Director position.

Topics

Prayer: The elders discussed various needs and situations and spent time in prayer for our church.

Community Outreach Funding Authorization: The elders approved a special request (not budgeted) to support what has recently been an annual lunch event hosted for Hudson High School. This year's lunch event is well-timed with the hiring of the Student Ministries Director.

Annual Business Meeting Presentation: The elders discussed and affirmed the agenda and proposed content for the Annual Business Meeting.

Video Surveillance Policy: The elders were informed about the subject policy proposal and the needs it is intended to cover. The elders were asked to read the policy in full and be prepared to discuss it at a future meeting.

Missions Approach: The elders were informed about proposed changes to FCC's Missions Philosophy document and FCC's Missions Support Rubric. The elders were asked to review the proposed changes and direct questions and concerns to our recently appointed Missions Directors.

Caring for Pastor's Wives Initiative: The elders were updated on recent efforts regarding the subject. A specific proposal was brought to the elders and intended to help better enable marriage enrichment for our pastors and their wives. The elders affirmed the approach. Several specific questions regarding certain details still need to be addressed and are planned for discussion at a future meeting.

Constitution, By-laws, Leadership Changes Timeline Update: The elders were updated on the overall timeline regarding various member meetings and topics that are being planned.

August 26, 2025: Regular Elder Meeting: This meeting was cancelled given the relatively light agenda and various travel/vacation schedules.

How you can pray us:

- In thankfulness to God for his continued and faithful provisions to FCC and his work in drawing many more to join with us.
- For God's wisdom and guidance as we continue to implement various changes in the roles of our pastors and that unity in our body will be maintained.
- For God's guidance and wisdom as we work towards a discipleship approach that meets the needs of FCC.
- For God's guidance and wisdom as we contemplate how to best shepherd, via a diaconate structure, those who call FCC home. We earnestly desire to do this well while being a church of our size.
- For the unity of our body as we experience a number of changes that our present growth and our recently commenced building project is bringing about. Pray for safety for the workers involved in the building project and for our staff and volunteers as they work diligently to faithfully serve the increasing number of people who are calling FCC home during this season of disrupted spaces.
- For God's wisdom and guidance as FCC contemplates what church planting via a campus planting model means in practice.
- For our next generation ministry and our newly hired ministry director as he begins his work with our middle school and high school students and their families and that his move to FCC proceeds well for him and his family. Pray that their home in North Carolina will sell soon.

- For God’s wisdom, guidance, and unity for the elder board as we continue to contemplate and discern many matters of importance, including our continued discussions concerning roles, responsibilities, and authority within the local church and specifically how it applies to our context at FCC.
- For God’s wisdom and guidance as we continue implementing our plans to accommodate and enhance the growth that FCC has been experiencing – specifically our efforts to conduct ministry effectively during the construction phase of our on-going building project.
- For peace and reconciliation.

In Love and Peace,

Gregg Bennett – Chairman of the Elders on behalf of your Elder Board:

(Gregg Bennett, John Blum, Bill Brinkman, Jim Duffey, Dan Fosterling, Jon Gross, Eric Lent, Tim Porter, Tim Prince, Pat Stream, Tim Studt, and Jan van Amerongen)