

OCTOBER 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 October 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.

October 14, 2025: Regular Elder Meeting:

Updates

- The elders were updated on the building expansion project. Overall, the project is going well, albeit taking longer than planned. It remains within the expected budget.
- The elders were updated on recent discussions regarding campus planting opportunities.
- The elders were updated on various elder-related activities concerning the drafting of a Roles, Responsibilities, and Authority Structure in the Local Church initiative.
- The elders were updated about an upcoming elders and wives fellowship evening.
- The elders were updated about opportunities to serve on Christmas Eve.
- The elders were updated on Safety Team development efforts.
- The elders were informed that the open Kids Ministry associate position has been filled.
- The elders were updated on pastoral licensing efforts.
- The elders were updated on various monthly metrics regarding attendance, finances, and the Reach campaign.

Topics

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

Video Surveillance Policy: The elders approved the previously discussed policy language regarding the subject.

Sense of the Elders – Intellectual Property for Pastors: A sense of the elders' discussion was held regarding the subject. Certain questions were raised and briefly discussed. The elders are to review a proposed draft for our next meeting.

Statement of God and Salvation: Some small changes and clarifying revisions to the subject paper were discussed. The proposed changes were approved.

Roles Responsibility and Authority Structure in the Local Church (RR&A) - Diaconate Sub-team

Update: The elders were updated on the direction the subject sub-team is proposing regarding diaconate efforts at FCC. Several questions were asked. No significant concerns were raised. The proposed direction was affirmed. The sub-team will next draft formal language and bring it to the elders for review and discussion.

October 28, 2025: Regular Elder Meeting: This meeting was cancelled given the lack of pressing issues and a light agenda.

How you can pray us:

- In thankfulness to God for his continued and faithful provisions to FCC and his work in drawing many more in joining with us.
- For God's guidance and wisdom as we contemplate how to best develop a discipleship initiative to meet the needs of FCC.
- For God's guidance and wisdom as we continue efforts to shepherd those who call FCC home, in part, via a pilot diaconate. 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 student ministry effort here. Pray that the previous house in North Carolina would 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 peace and unity.

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)