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"To be a Spirit-gifted, Christ-commissioned community where every person is invited and accepted while being transformed and made whole by God's love."

Dear Church Family,

Where has this year gone! Here we are in September, school has started, the stores have had Halloween merchandise out for what seems like months, and before we know it, we'll be preparing to celebrate Christmas.

I appreciate each of you that have stuck with us through a trying time for our church. Together, we will get through it and be stronger for it. Our committees have stepped up and gone above and beyond to ensure First Christian Church is taken care of and taking care of our church family.

Worship Committee has done a great job in lining up pastors and, with the support of our Membership Committee, has planned several special Sunday events. And let's not forget our Chancel Choir that work hard to provide inspiring music every Sunday!

Our Membership Committee has not missed a beat in holding fun activities for us all to enjoy. In addition to their much-anticipated apple jack and butter bean sales that provide funds to support FCC. Membership has done an excellent job of organizing food and gatherings in support of families in their time of need and grieving.

Our youth are our future. The Education Committee has done an outstanding job of making sure they're effectively reaching the young people in our church. They have studied each chapter of the Bible and talked about the meaning of Baptism and salvation. I can't say enough about how important this is. These lessons will stay with these kids throughout their lives.

Outreach is always busy! If they aren't putting backpacks together for our local school children, they're putting a meal together to feed those in need. They organize opportunities for honoring or remembering our loved ones on Mother's Day, Father's Day, and other times during the year. They represent FCC at the Ministers' Council of Education meetings, and so much more.

The Property Committee keeps everything working and updated. Stewardship Committee crunches the numbers to ensure each committee has the funds needed to do all that they do and our staff get paid. The Memorial Committee receives and acknowledges donations made in honor or memory of someone.

Very soon, we will be electing committee chairpersons, deacons, deaconess', elders, and trustees. Please be in prayer for those serving and consider opportunities for you to serve. All the committees welcome extra hands to help, and any time that you have to give. If you feel led to serve in any capacity, please let me or any of our committee members know of your interest. Thank you in advance for your support in whatever way you provide it.

God bless you!

Teresa Lassiter, Church Moderator

August 2026 Board Meeting Report

First Christian Church of Elizabeth City
Official Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall with prayer by Teresa Lassiter, Moderator.

Attendance: Present: 13 board members.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were presented and approved.

Reports-

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Portia Copeland, presented the financial reports and they were approved as presented.

Worship Committee Report: The committee met on July 19. The pulpit supply schedule has been secured through the end of the year. Ashley Lamb will be the guest speaker for Senior Sunday on August 16, and Paula will follow up regarding decorations. George Overman and Barry, along with his family, will be welcomed on August 30 for an Overman Family Sunday, with Membership providing heavy hors d'oeuvres immediately following the service. Norma is coordinating historical information for Homecoming and will replace Tammy for that service. A traditional worship service is being planned for Thanksgiving/Christ the King Sunday. The church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday, November 28, at 6:00 p.m. The committee will begin planning Advent at its September meeting and will not meet in August. Presented by Keith Sawyer.

Education Committee Report: No report.

Membership Committee Report: On July 24, 19 adults and 1 child attended Bingo Night, netting $131 in profit; all prizes were donated. The next Bingo Night is August 22 at 6:00 p.m. The committee served the family of Mary Ann White Scott with cookies, tea, lemonade, and water after the memorial service on August 1, with an estimated 125-140 people served. Lunch will be provided for the Senior Citizens Recognition service on Sunday, August 16, in the Fellowship Hall. Heavy refreshments will also be provided after the worship service featuring the Overman Family on Sunday, August 30. Presented by Portia Copeland, Chair.

Outreach Committee: Outreach sponsored meals for 60 Pasquotank County band members during band camp on July 29. The committee attended the Ministers Council for Education on July 15 and reviewed the coming school-year calendar, with more information to be shared as the year progresses. The report also noted Friendship Meals on August 10. The school supply drive is in progress and will end August 10, and lunch will be served on August 29. Presented by Joy Rhodes and Melodi Robbins, Co-Chairs.

Stewardship Committee: No report.

Property Committee: Tom Sawyer presented the committee report concerning repair and lighting needs. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to obtain an electrician's estimate for the Fellowship classroom and to replace fixtures in the entire hallway.

Memorial Committee: Jean Etheridge reported 9 memorials.

Special Committee Reports-

Elders: No report. Presented by Teresa Moore, Head Elder.

Deacons: No report.

Deaconess: No report presented. Teresa Moore, Head Deaconess.

CMF: Eight men attended the June meeting. Good food was served. Claudio, Julian's son-in-law, presented the program. The next meeting is August 20. Presented by J.P. Rich, President.

CWF: CWF will meet on August 6 at 12:00 p.m. and continue its Bible study on Abigail, second half. All ladies of the church are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship. Presented by Portia Copeland, President.

Search Committee: Teresa Lassiter reported that the committee is working on selecting a possible interim pastor.

Unfinished Business: Portia Copeland reminded all committee chairs to work on their budgets for 2027 so they will be ready by October.

New Business: Teresa Lassiter is working on Nominating Committee members. Nina Gregory reported that the chandelier in the balcony is out. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to return to the original restroom signage. Teresa Lassiter mentioned Christmas caroling and asked the Board to think about it. There is some confusion between posted church activities and the church directory ads in the newspaper; Portia Copeland will check into it.

Adjournment: With no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended in a closing prayer by Julian Copeland.

Ashley James, Secretary

Note: *Please remember that this edition of the board report is from the date of the meeting. Please refer to the church calendar to verify event details as they may have changed.*

Finance Report

Questions? Contact Treasurer,
Portia Copeland, 252-335-4447

July 2026

Monthly Budget	$ 16,042
Budget Income	$ 13,343
Budget Shortage	$ 2,699
Expenses:	$ 1,468
Designated Income	$ 893
Designated Bills:	$ 663
Attendance:	
June *(**5** Sundays)*	42 avg
Children	4 avg
Sunday School	11 avg

September Birthdays

02	Emily Gordon	15	Heidi Riddick
04	Jimmy Cahoon	18	Paula Wall
04	Justin Pipkin	20	Gail Hobbs
05	Melodi Robbins	21	Tina Castellow
06	Justin Bright	22	Corky Bundy
08	Louise Berry	22	James Spivey
10	Stevie Forbes	24	Kimberly Carter
11	Ann Cox	26	Sandra Riggs
11	Lily Lassiter		

Serving in September

Elders: Joe Lassiter, Teresa Lassiter

Deacons: Kacey Weatherly, Sandra Riggs, Tommy James, Bettie Duncan, Jeff Lassiter

Deaconess: Bettie Duncan, Helga & Franziska Spruill

Greeters:
06 Steve & Chrissy Forbes
13 Kacey Weatherly
20 Jeff & Teresa Moore
27 Arlene & Larry Bruce

September Anniversaries

07 Tom & Martha White
21 Paul & Marie Miller
28 Jason & Kristin Lassiter

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to the family and friends of **Howard Flowers** who passed away on August 6th, 2026, and **Rev. Charles McKenzie** who passed away on August 9th, 2026

Gifts Given in Memoriam

In Memory of Cecil Speight
Jean Etheridge

In Memory of Gene Scott
Gayle McPherson

In Memory of Mary Ann Scott
Garland Anderson & Family
LaClaire Anderson
Carlton & Louise Berry
Terry Cherry
Julian & Portia Copeland
Jean Etheridge
June Gibbs
Pete & Kathy Gray
Tommy & Norma James
Phil & Sophia Martel
Norman & Patsy Meads
J.P. & Carol Rich
Nancy Tatum & Family
George Thomas
Phi Mu Sister of UNC Chapel Hill

Altar Flowers

September 6 — The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Grover and Mrs. Gentry Copeland. Also in memory of Mr. Rufus and Mrs. Virginia White, by Mr. and Mrs. Julian Copeland.

September 13 — The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of W.E. "Mutt" and Margaret A. Scott by Nina S. Gregory and family.

September 20 — The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dennis Basnight by his wife Catherine Basnight and family.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Mary Ellison by her sister Melodi Robbins.

September 27 — The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Beals, Hilda Schanding and Joey Oller and in memory of Stella Gallop on the occasion of her birthday by Janet Oller.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of W.E. "Gene" and Mary Ann Scott by Nina S. Gregory and family.