



FCC LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date – October 12, 2025

Attendees: Andy Askew, Donna Braddy, Paul Gillespie, Pastor David Harrison Jr., Nola Mann, Adelina Vega, Sydney Angel

Call Meeting called to order (Pastor David Harrison)

Prayer (Pastor Harrison)

Began with prayer of gratitude and guidance for the team and church.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The September meeting minutes were approved (motion by Paul, seconded by Nola)

Property Report

- AED mounted on the wall.
- Plans to replace the outside light fixture using the existing LED fixture from the previous purchase. No cost incurred. Installation pending recovery.

Treasurer's Report

- At the end of nine months, our bottom line shows that we are over \$21,000.00 short of break-even. The primary reason for the jump in our deficit was paying the second half of the church property insurance, which was \$10,282.00. On the income side, we have built into the budget, taking \$23,500.00 from our restricted accounts to balance for the year. None of this has been moved, but if 9 months' worth — totaling \$17,125.00 — had been moved, we would only be about \$4500.00 short of break-even.
- In September, an additional \$645.00 was contributed to our Capital Campaign Fund, bringing our total to \$20,560.00 towards our \$25,000.00 goal.

Elders' Report

- **Elder Mike**
We continue to thank God for Elder Mike's ongoing recovery following his successful heart transplant. His strength and faith remain an inspiration to us all. He will soon undergo a follow-up surgery to address additional health concerns, and we ask the congregation to continue keeping him in prayer. Even through this season, Elder Mike has stayed connected with members, offering words of encouragement and spiritual support whenever possible.
- **Elder Manea Sanders**
We are excited to welcome Elder Manea Sanders to the Elder Team! She joins us as our newest elder and has recently completed onboarding at her new job. With that transition now complete, we will schedule a time for our elders to meet soon. Elder Manea brings a heart for service, compassion, and people, along with a spirit of excellence, to this vital leadership role.
- **Elder Team Update**
As we continue to move forward, our Elder Team remains devoted to prayer, unity, and faithful service to the body of Christ. Each elder continues to uphold our mission of care, connections, and spiritual oversight for our congregations. Please continue to pray for them as we serve together in this next season of ministry.

Deacon Report

- Continuing usual duties. Erica Settle is to be trained to assist leadership. Training not yet held. Discussion about meeting with deacons and greeters after church; Pastor to send email and Constant Contact announcement.

Christian Action & Outreach

- **New Communion** – We are receiving complete Thanksgiving boxes being donated by Mountaire Farms in Statesville. The total quantity has yet to be determined and will be shared between New Communion and Smiley's Sweets. These will be distributed on Saturday, November 22.
- **Backpack** – This past week we completed our 4th week of distributing weekend food bags to students at Easton Elementary. We have averaged between 120 and 125 per week.
- **Crop Walk** – The annual walk takes place on Sunday afternoon, October 19, walking about 1-1/3 miles from Corpening Plaza down through Old Salem and back. Currently, we have 9 walkers signed up and a total of \$1,060.00 donated. Last year's Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Walk raised a total of \$100,820., which was our 4th largest total, and placed us 8th in the country.
- **Children's Sabbath** – The congregation is working to fill the boat, located in the front of the sanctuary, with a list of items needed, available on our website or in the weekly newsletter, which will then be given to the Piedmont Chapter of Newborns In Need.

Youth and Children's Ministry

- No major updates. No teen worship next Sunday due to Crop Walk. Claudia is covering the 3rd Sundays in October and November. Attendance fluctuates between 0–10 children. Continuing to prep lessons for up to 12 children each week.

New Business

- **Upcoming Events**
No fall event planned. New Members Class to be scheduled soon, open to new and prospective members. Christmas Eve Service: Wednesday, December 24. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (60th year) hosted at UU Fellowship, 4055 Robinhood Road. Awaiting flyer approval from Rev. Kayla.
- **Building Use & Property Care**
Pastor plans December meeting with all outside groups using church property to address damage and cleanliness. Items reported: stained carpet, broken chairs, bent folding chairs. Discussion of adding on-site evening building monitor in 2026 budget.
- **Outside Requests Received**
Declined requests: using the church for high school (2027), a townhome project for homelessness, and basketball use in the old gym.
- **Facility Rental**
Taylor Hall rental approved for February (reunion party). Group will pay full rental price. A suggestion was made to have staff on-site during the event.
- **Building Oversight Discussion**
Consider future staff for evening monitoring due to limited security camera coverage. Referenced past member Walter Pruitt's similar role.
- **Halloween Treats**
Approved to provide candy for children on Sunday, October 26. Estimate 20 bags. Extras may be used later.

Closing

- Pastor Harrison encouraged leaders to communicate if they plan to step down at year-end. Expressed gratitude for continued service.

Meeting Adjournment

Closed with a prayer for the church, leadership, and guidance.

Next Meeting – 11/16/2025

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Angela McKenna for Pastor David Harrison Jr.