SEPTEMBER 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 September 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.

September 22, 2026: Regular Elder Meeting:

<u>Updates</u>

- The elders were updated about the plan for a new occupant at our transitional housing location.
- The elders were updated about the digital location of the revised constitution and bylaws that reflect the member-approved changes from August.
- The elders were reminded about the call for topics for 2027 constitution revisions.
- The elders were updated about modifications to the facilities use policies and procedures and were provided electronic links to the relevant documentation.
- The elders were updated on the plans to install a new digital sign and remove the current monument sign.
- The elders were updated on recent campus planting discussions.
- The elders were updated about the planned elder meeting schedule for the coming months.
- The elders approved two separate capital spending projects that had previously been approved by the members and two capital reallocation projects.
- The elders were updated on various monthly ministry metrics.

<u>Topics</u>

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

Non-Vocational Elder Roles: The timing of upcoming non-vocational elder sabbaticals was reviewed and discussed. Jim Duffey formally began his sabbatical in September. Bill Brinkman was voted to fill the Elder Vice Chair term that became open upon Jim's departure.

Roles, Responsibilities and Authority Structure in the Local Church – Elder Qualifications: The elders reviewed and commented on an updated draft (see previous notes). Various topics were discussed. The paper was affirmed, pending some smaller refinements.

Electronic Keys: The non-vocational elders were apprised about the new electronic key format and policy. Electronic keys were subsequently provided.

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 disciple and meet the needs of FCC - and specifically for the recent work being done to create more intentional opportunities for discipleship between men.
- Pray that our new building spaces will be effective in enabling our ultimate mission of making more and better disciples of Jesus.
- For God's wisdom and guidance as FCC contemplates what church planting via a campus planting model means in practice.
- 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, and Jan van Amerongen)