

MARCH 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 March 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.

March 24, 2026: Regular Elder Meeting:

Updates

- The elders were updated on the building expansion project. Overall, the project is going well and staying within the expected budget. The contingency budget continues to be spent lower while opportunities for possible needs is diminishing. June is the expected completion date.
- The elders were updated about recent efforts regarding campus planting as well as activities regarding the local Converge LEAD team.
- The elders were updated on various elder-related activities concerning the drafting of a Roles, Responsibilities and Authority Structure in the Local Church initiative. An initial subsection draft has been provided for review.
- The elders were informed that the recently approved short term missions funds have been donated.
- The elders were informed about opportunities for prayer.
- The elders were updated about the most recent membership class that has just begun.
- The elders were updated on various metrics regarding activities in February.
- The elders approved a reallocation of previously approved capital spending to enable new and improved sound treatments for the new Refuge room.

Topics

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

Vision Script Update: The elders were updated and subsequently affirmed some wording changes that were made to the subject to better articulate the planned direction for the church.

Budget Planning: The elders reviewed and approved a planned spending target for the 2026/27 fiscal year. This number will be utilized for the on-going budget development process.

Sense of the Elders – Elder Meeting Schedule: The elders were informed that the current need for having two business-related elder meetings per month is no longer necessary. Various

options about how to use our regularly scheduled meeting times were discussed and will continue at a future meeting.

Sense of the Elders – ‘delegated Elders’: The elders discussed our current method of utilizing delegated Elders as provided by FCC’s constitution. It was agreed that this topic needs further consideration and various activities will be pursued.

Constitution Updates: Per earlier Elder Notes, the board has previously agreed that various aspects of FCC’s constitution will be proposed for revision on an annual basis to the membership. Further revisions for this year’s possible updates were introduced and will be subject to further review.

Sense of the Elders: Roles, Responsibilities, and Authority Structure in the Local Church – Diaconate Subsection: The subject subsection was introduced. The elders were requested to review the proposed draft and be prepared to discuss it at our next meeting.

How you can pray for 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 FCC contemplates what church planting via a campus planting model means in practice.
- For God’s guidance and wisdom as we contemplate how to best develop a discipleship initiative to meet the needs of FCC and specifically for the recent men’s discipleship activities.
- 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 building project is bringing about. Pray 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. Pray that as our new spaces open that they will better enable our mission of making more and better disciples of Jesus.
- 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
- For God’s wisdom and guidance as we begin to discern possible non-vocational elder candidates.

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)