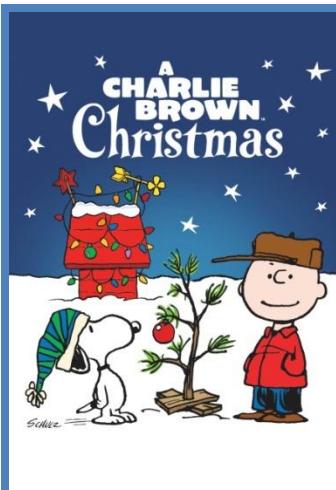


Hanging of the Greens is this Sunday morning! (Dec. 2nd) We would like the kids to help be a part of the service! Please meet us in the Narthex at 10:15 so we can gather and show the kids how they will be helping.



Our Children's Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

We will have a "Tasting Party" following the program with a special guest the children will enjoy seeing! We are asking for everyone to bring snack foods or desserts for the party. This is a special time to fellowship with the children of our church and show them how much we appreciate the work they put into our Christmas program each year! Please bring a treat and join us!!



Join us for this fun family event! We will watch a movie, eat some snacks and make a craft! Something fun for everyone!
Dec. 16
5 p.m.



Kids 3rd grade thru high school will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday Dec. 2, to go to Braums for breakfast.

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Greetings church! I am so thankful for the response to our last sermon series, Feeling Blue. I had so many people reach out to tell me how helpful the messages were for them. So many of our congregation struggle with depression and it is helpful to give a voice and help with understanding of such issues. And because we have had such a deep and heavy topic over the last few weeks, we will be shifting gears going into Advent. Our new series will be "*Christmas at the Movies*." Can we find God's truth in the Christmas movies we love so much, like *Christmas Story*, *The Grinch*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*? Join us this holiday season to find out. Remember we are better together. See you soon!



Christmas Eve Services Exciting New Times!

5 p.m. – Worship Service for All Ages –
including carols, candlelight communion, scripture and message.

9 to 10 p.m. – Come and Go Service – come and spend time at your own pace and listen to music, read scripture, and take communion and light a candle as we celebrate time remembering the night when Christ was born.

Adopt a School Child this Christmas!

We will once again be doing our annual Stocking Drive for Guthrie Public Schools. Sacks will be available Dec. 2, but you can start shopping now for a school-aged child. Most stockings include a toy, hygiene items, socks, underwear, hats/gloves, etc. Happy shopping!





Prayer Request

Hospitalized at this time: Keith Young and Vicki Hopkins. Preparing for surgery: Sadie Porter. We pray for our church family: Sherry Canning, John Shore, Margaret Hixon, Ada Belle Elder, Don Yost, Bill Cunningham, and Ron Owen. Our friends and family: the family of Oscar Berryman, Ryan and Claire Piersol, Nick and Ashley Kretzschmar, David Lockler, Sam Shore, Valerie Cotton, Nancy Howell, Tina Jordan, Mark Davis, David Hansen, Raelynn Yurick, Tara Lynn, Mary Jo McCoy, John Eddings, Marci Kelley, Stephanie Lowrance, Liberty Crick, Jerry Williams, Kayla Thetford, Houston Sneed, Les Steenveld, and Marissa Rhodes. Our military all over the world including: Matt Gore, Dylan Hall, Garrett Canning, TJ Wilson, Brent Walton and Matt Byce.



Worship & Sunday School Attendance

Sunday Worship	164
Sunday School	19

Communion to Shut-Ins	9
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STEWARDSHIP A Way of Life

Weekly Receipts

11/25/2018
\$4,891

Year-To-Date Receipts: \$273,586
Year-To-Date Expenses: \$292,714

Thank you so much for making appreciation packages for your partnered school and making the teachers' day a little brighter. We appreciate what you do for this community!

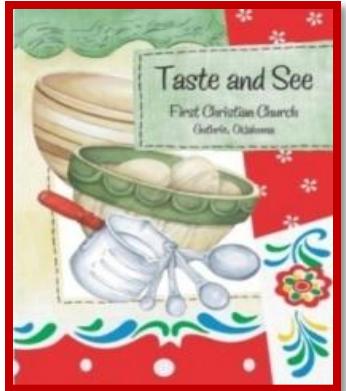
Guthrie Chamber of Commerce

Congregational Meeting

Dec. 16

Following worship

We will be voting on the 2019 budget proposal.



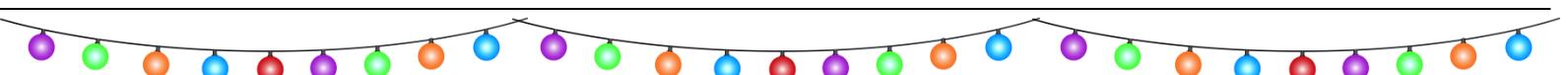
Cookbooks make great Christmas gifts!

Cookbooks are here! Come to the church office or buy yours on Sunday in the Narthex. We will be selling our cookbooks throughout the holiday season. You may purchase them for \$20 each or 2 for \$30. These make great gifts!

Diapers (and baby food) for Jesus



We are collecting packages of diapers and various baby foods for *The Hands of Jesus* and *God's Food Bank*. You may bring your donations during the month of December and place them under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Thank you!



Christmas Lights Tour!

It's time for the Retired Fellowship Christmas Light's Tour! This year, we will stay a little closer to home with a trek to Edmond and Kingfisher. We will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 at the church. We will eat dinner at Interurban Edmond and then travel to a Nativity Scene put on by the Boy's Ranch Town near Arcadia. We will make our way back through Edmond and catch some lights on our way to the Miranda Family Lights; before finishing in Kingfisher.

Karen Allen will need to make reservations at Interurban and have enough drivers for vans, so please call the church office at 282-4080 and let us know you plan to go by Wednesday, Dec. 5. You can also e-mail Karen at karenkallen@cox.net to make reservations.

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Keeping Up With Karen



#allin That's our new favorite phrase for FCC and it has been evident in so many areas lately! We hope you saw us at the Christmas Parade on Saturday. Special thanks to Lesley and Jason Cotton for rounding up everything and everyone for the float. Also, thanks to Bill Bowles for lending his truck and trailer. We appreciate all the children who helped make our nativity and the choir who provided music, as well as Zach Allen for providing our tailgate signage. Our goal as we move through December and into 2019 is to take every opportunity to be a church INVolved and INvested in what is going on in and around our community and draw others closer to Christ through those activities.

I hope everyone has seriously considered their pledges and commitment cards for 2019. I know our Stewardship Drive is technically over but we fell a little more than 30 pledges short of our goal of 100 pledges. You may not realize it, but we use these pledges to help create a budget for 2019 for the church. And without the estimates of giving, we will be looking at different areas of ministry that may need trimming in order to stay within a balanced budget.

FCC has so many wonderful ministries and we know that God has amazing plans for 2019 for us, so we are hopeful to continue those at the level we are, or even greater in 2019. Giving isn't about funding a budget but rather a matter of the heart and what God has blessed you with, and returning a portion to Him so that He can allow us to do even greater things. If you haven't had a chance to jot down a giving plan for 2019, even if it's \$5 a week or \$50 a week or more, I'd encourage you to pray about it and then e-mail the "estimate" to Shana Bench (our Church Administrator) at shanabench@coxnet.net or drop a note in the mail to the church at FCC, 402 E. Noble. All estimates are confidential and Shana works diligently to put together our budget with our team leaders and on Dec. 12 we will meet in a Board meeting to determine where we are with pledges versus estimated budget to make a plan for 2019. If you can't financially contribute right now, please just let us know that you plan to pray or will faithfully donate your time and talents in 2019. Part of being "ALL IN" for 2019 means we all participate in some way.

One of our goals for 2019 is to find a way for every person to participate! We'd love to see 100% participation in some activity throughout the year. Likewise, we need to grow as a church family. Inviting friends, family and those we've missed will make us more effective to do God's work.

Last week, following the parade, I noticed a post on some of the pictures of our church float and in the description were the words, "I love my church!" I thought to myself, that was a great description and one that would cause me to want to be a part of something exciting going on. It's a line I believe I will start using when I post pictures as well. I do "love my church" and want to continue to be faithful to the call of Christ in Guthrie, OK and beyond.

We have so many exciting things planned for December and I hope you will be here to celebrate Christmas with us. I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday as we kick off Advent with the lighting of the candle of "Hope!" What are you hoping for this Christmas season? *Karen*



2018
Christmas Parade!



Ministry Opportunities for the week

TUESDAY, November 27

8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

WEDNESDAY, November 28

3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Practice

7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 29

8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

10 a.m. – Advent Decorating

SUNDAY, December 2

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. – Kids (3rd grade and up) and Youth to Braums

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

11:45 a.m. – Gleaners Christmas Lunch

DECEMBER Birthdays of the Month

1- LaHonda Ball
 Betty Hamilton
 Betsy Ball
 Tammy Severson
 4- Chalk Beeson
 Keith Young
 Darl Doles
 5- Robert Dewart
 6- Maxine Ball
 Teresa Russell
 Dan Russell
 7- Juanita Plagg
 Frances Macrory
 8- Josh Russell
 9- Lawrence Coburn
 Abigail Johnston

11- Jackson Walters
 12- Gracelyn Hubbard
 Lakyn Smith
 Jane Weeks
 Kathryn McGee
 13- Charles Phillips
 Natalie Russell
 14- Callen Hardin
 Kim Greer
 15- Easton Plagg
 Dale Frey
 16- Mekaila Carey
 Alexis Severson
 Lori Payne
 Neely Carey
 17- Carol Allen
 Janet Roulston

18- Jason Walters
 Kim Betchan
 Alan Schroeder
 20- Doug Powell
 21- Tanner Ball
 - Hollie Mitchell
 23- Krista Smith
 24- Joann LeGrande
 Kristen Benham
 25- Deannie Young
 Sophia Hood
 27- Denise Shoun
 Tyler Davison
 Tommy Payne
 29- Cynthia Baker
 30- Kyndal Carey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

4- Justin & Lindsay Mays
 6- Ryan & Julie Wiss
 7- Hank & Debbie Hubbard
 14- Jim & Terri McNulty
 17- David & Ellie Ball
 Kelly & Debbie Considine
 22- Ron & Anita Owen
 24- Eldon & Shirley Waner



26- Larry & Nancy Stinchcomb
 Josh & Cynthia Russell
 27- Bob & Sharon Davis
 28- Charles & Maxine Ball
 29- Andrew & Natalie Hardin
 30- Nick & Kaylee Abbott
 31- Bill & Jessica McLain
 Nick & Shana Bench

Thank you to everyone who participated in writing blessings for our "Blessing Tree."

We can look at the list below and see how very blessed we are....
 •Thankful that God provides for our needs

•Thankful for a family who accepts and loves me when I had no family.

•I Love Livi

•Thankful for my home and husband.

•Life, family and friends.

•I am thankful for friends, family, my church and Jesus Christ my savior.

•Thankful for family and church.

•The opportunities of life.

•Thankful for the word of God in the Bible.

•Thankful for a loving family.

•My mommy and daddy.

•Love, life, laughter.

•I am thankful that I can still live alone.

•Thankful for God, family, friends and good health. Also Ronnie and Karen and families.

•Thankful for my garden bounty.

•Our 9 healthy grandkids and one great-grandchild on the way.

•I am thankful for the proof that God answers prayers.

•I am thankful for our wonderful country.

•My precious family, especially my patient and kind husband of 53 years.

•Blessed to be a member of FCC and to live in the USA.

•For one of my mom's recipes being added to the cookbook.

•The love and support of my church family and the good health I treasure.

•Answered prayers.

•The joy I see on my children's faces.

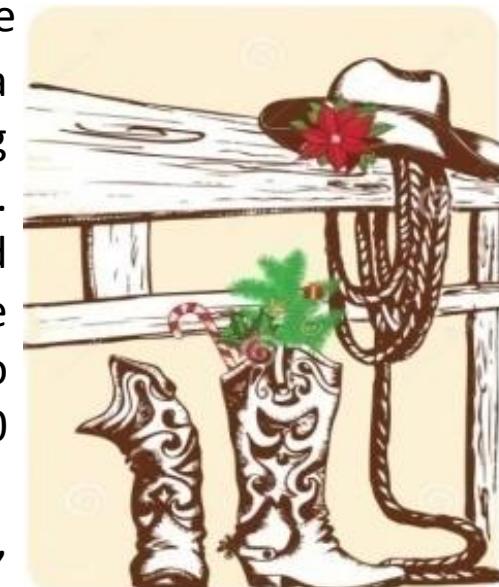
•My job and the people I work with.



Christmas in the Country

"Christmas in the Country" is set for Saturday, Dec. 8 at 9:30 a.m. This is our 2nd Annual Women's Event, which is being held at Janie Carey's home, and will feature a "Taste and See" event. This year, we will be featuring three holiday food demonstrations that are perfect for parties or ideas to make as gifts for friends and family. Come and learn how to make a "Pumpkin Roll," "Christmas Blessings Mix," a "Chocolate Pomegranate Candy" and "3,2,1 Mug Cake, as well as some other quick holiday gift ideas. We will have some holiday snacks and drinks and spend some time enjoying fellowship together. We will meet at the church at 9:10 a.m. to caravan to the Carey's home or you can meet us there at 9:30 a.m. We will return by 11 a.m.

Janie Carey's address is: 5175 W. County Rd. 75, Guthrie.



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for each day in December!

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2 Ezekiel 42-44; 1 John 1 Hanging of the Greens Stocking Pick-up 9:30 a.m. – 3 rd thru H.S. kids to Braums 11:45 a.m. – Gleaners Class Christmas lunch *Make cards for nursing home residents.	3 Ezekiel 45-46; 1 John 2 *Make someone laugh.	4 Ezekiel 47-48; 1 John 3 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out *Donate some books to the library.	5 Daniel 1-2; 1 John 4 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Practice *Introduce yourself to someone new.	6 Daniel 3-4; 1 John 5 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out *Make a card for a school staff member.	7 Daniel 5-7; 2 John 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Lights Tour *Hug someone.	1 Ezekiel 40-41; 2 Peter 3 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 6 p.m. Youth *Pick up litter in your neighborhood.
9 Daniel 11-12; Jude 11:45 a.m. – Christmas Program Practice 6:30 p.m. – Children's Christmas Program followed by Tasting Party *Mail a postcard to a friend or family member.	10 Hosea 1-4; Revelation 1 *Let someone get in line ahead of you at the store.	11 Hosea 5-8; Revelation 2 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out *Donate some toys to charity.	12 Hosea 9-11; Revelation 3 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Wrap-up Party 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Board Meeting 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal *Call a friend just to talk.	13 Hosea 12-14; Revelation 4 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out *Send an encouraging note or card to someone who may be struggling.	14 Joel; Revelation 5 *Thank someone for making a difference.	15 Amos 1-3; Revelation 6 10:30 a.m. – Cantata Rehearsal *Donate loose change.
16 Amos 4-6; Revelation 7 10 a.m. – Donuts and Juice 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Cantata 11:45 a.m. – Angel Tree Shopping 5 p.m. – Charlie Brown Family Christmas (movie, snack and craft) *Clean up a mess you didn't make.	17 Amos 7-9; Revelation 8 *Hold the door for someone.	18 Obadiah; Revelation 9 Newsletter mailed 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out *Donate a bag of clothes.	19 Jonah; Revelation 10 *Say something positive on your Facebook page.	20 Micah 1-3; Revelation 11 NO Mother's Day Out 6 p.m. – Staff Christmas Party *Bake cookies for your neighbor.	21 Micah 4-5; Revelation 12 *Smile at everyone you see today.	22 Micah 6-7; Revelation 13 *Feed the birds.
23 Nahum; Revelation 14 *Call a long-distance relative.	24 Habakkuk; Revelation 15 Christmas Eve 5 p.m. – Family Service 9 to 10 p.m. – Come and Go Service *Give thank-you notes for your Christmas gifts.	25 Zephaniah; Revelation 16 Merry Christmas! Office Closed *Pay for someone's meal or toll who is in line behind you.	26 Haggai; Revelation 17 Office Closed *Tell a stranger to have a nice day.	27 Zechariah 1-4; Revelation 18 NO Mother's Day Out *Make a monetary donation to your favorite charity.	28 Zechariah 5-8; Revelation 19 *Sweep sidewalks or shovel snow for a neighbor.	29 Zechariah 9-12; Revelation 20 *Make a list of everyone you're thankful for.
30 Zechariah 13-14; Revelation 21 10 a.m. – Breakfast and Worship in Reception Hall *Write a thank you note to someone who helped you.	31 Malachi; Revelation 22 *Compliment someone.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Please be sure all end-of-year gifts are to the church office or postmarked by Dec. 31st 2018. Contribution statements will be mailed by January 31, 2019. **2019 Pre-dated Offering Envelopes are available at the Welcome Center. Get yours today!</p> </div>				