

FCC Kids and Youth will be putting their upcoming “no school day” to good use! We will be spending the afternoon at the Regional Food Bank in OKC helping sort food items and pack them up for families in need to take home. On Sept. 23 any 3<sup>rd</sup> grader all the way up to High School senior can join us for some community service! We will meet at the church and leave at 12:30 p.m. and return for pickup at 5 in the church parking lot. Please make sure your child eats lunch before they arrive at the church. We need to know how many kids to RSVP for so please contact Staci Carey, Natalie Hardin, or the church office by Sept. 18 if your child plans to come! Adults are welcome as well!

**Parents: We are rescheduling Braums for Sept. 8 instead of the 1<sup>st</sup> for this month.**

**Candle Lighters Training:** On Sept. 8 right after church the new candle lighters and those returning children who would like a refresher will meet for a brief candle lighter training. If you can't make this date, then we will have a make-up training on Sept. 15 at 10 a.m.

## Support our FCC Students!

Fall fun means more than just sending kids back to school...get “all in” to the team spirit by joining your church family in support of our students! We encourage you to attend any possible community events especially when a church family member is participating. We have such active kids and would love to know your schedules whether they are in Guthrie or surrounding communities. Please have a copy of your schedule in the office or text it to Staci at 405-831-5509. Here's a few fall events that we know of involving our Guthrie youth: Jr. High Softball, Jr. High & High School Football, Jr. High and High School Cross Country, Jr. High & High School Band...

Mark your calendar for these “FCC Nights” in September.

Sat. Sept. 7 – Cross Country meet @ ?? (held beside Community church)  
Tuesday, Sept. 17 @ 5 p.m. – Jr. High Softball (softball fields behind GUES)  
Thursday, Sept. 26 @ 5:30 – Jr. High Football (Jelsma stadium)

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# The Tie That Binds First Christian Church

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sharing God's love by  
reaching out, touching lives  
and building relationships.

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### Ronnie's Report

#### Consulting

Over the last year I have been praying for guidance as to the vision of our church. While that may seem like an easy answer, it isn't as easy as it seems. We are called to make disciples but the way we do that is as varied as the number of people in our congregation. I floated the idea of getting a consultant to our elders and they agreed that it is something we should pursue and consider. A consultant can help us discover God's purpose and vision for us as they walk us through the process. They can help us identify growth areas and ways we can be healthier so that we can be more effective as we make disciples.

That being said, we want everyone to be part of the process and have a voice. So, our first meeting will be Sept. 15 at 3 p.m. at the church. If you have ever had any dealings with a consultant, we would love for you to come, as well as if you have any questions about having a consultant come in the next year.

On another note, we have started our free trial with a Bible study app, She Reads Truth/He Reads Truth. So far there is only one male signed up (that would be me). Come on guys! We can do better than that. Download the app and start reading God's word daily.

#### Book Study

Looking for your next book to read? Why not read one with your church family? Each month I will pick a book for us to read and then we will try something new by discussing it online. This month's book will be “Letters to the Church” by Francis Chan. Our Elders read this last year and it generated some good discussion. Get your copy and join us!



At FCC, we believe that Bible reading isn't just for small groups and Sundays – it's for every day in between. That's why we're excited to announce that we've partnered with She Reads Truth and He Reads Truth to give you a FREE Bible app subscription.

Follow these steps to reach the “She Reads Truth / He Reads Truth” app...

1. Download the *She Reads Truth* or *He Reads Truth* app on iOS. (And will be available on Android soon.)
2. Open the *She Reads Truth* or *He Reads Truth* app and go to “proceed without account.”
3. Click “Church Subscription.” If you don't have a *She Reads Truth* or *He Reads Truth* account, you'll need to create one here. It takes less than a minute!
4. On the Church Subscription screen, type in your six-digit access code, **2RWUN3**
5. Click “Submit” and start reading Truth!

We pray that this free app subscription will encourage and equip you to engage with God's Word every day!





**Our love and sympathy go to:** family of Margaret Hixon (services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in our Sanctuary); Alicia Carey and family in the death of her grandmother, Joyce Poupard. **Hospitalized at this time:** Richard Walter. **Preparing for surgery:** Brian Pierson, Alan Schroeder, Michelle Schroeder. **We pray for our church family:** Bonnie Reynolds, Dave Williams, Mike Carey, Clara Ketch, Mike Canning, June Patrick, Hank Hubbard and Ron Owen. **Our friends and family:** Cheryl Davis, Pam Billings, Mariann Carroll, Cletta Day, Donnie Koehler, Judy Ravenas, Mary Schaar, Caleb Morris, Janetta Hibbler, Dana Blackledge, Ron Weir, Debbie Fillmore, Judy Roetker, Mike Ivins, Stephanie Lowrance, Kayla Thetford and Les Steenveld. **Our military all over the world including:** Jonah Friese, Jared Ball, Justin Ball, Stetson Martin, Kenneth LeGrande, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, and Matt Byce.



<b>Sunday Worship</b>	161
<b>Sunday School</b>	12
<b>Communion to Shut-Ins</b>	3



8/25/2019
\$10,099
Year-To-Date Receipts: \$204,239
Year-To-Date Expenses: \$211,248

**Special Gifts for the Month of August:**

- Choir Fund**  
 In Memory of Velma Case  
 By Boyd & Linda Rice
- General Fund**  
 In Memory of Gaylee McCoy  
 By Rick & Sue Martin  
 Boyd & Linda Rice
- In Memory of Margaret Hixon  
 By Gleaners Class  
 Lawrence & Judy Coburn
- In Memory of Mary Jo McCoy  
 By Brad & Marilee Camerer
- In Memory of Eloise Owen  
 By Lawrence & Judy Coburn  
 Mike & Janie Carey  
 Tommy & Sharon Johnston  
 Mickey Weathers  
 Ron & Linda Wrede

- Bereavement Fund**  
 In Memory of Gaylee McCoy  
 By Mike & Gwen Gillett
- In Memory of Mary Stewart  
 By Rodney & Jane Stewart
- In Memory of Lloyd Cox  
 By Carl & Diane Biggs
- Memorial Fund**  
 In Memory of Gaylee McCoy  
 By Paul & Loral McCoy
- In Memory of Mary Stewart  
 By Rick & Susan Martin  
 Boyd & Linda Rice
- In Memory of Marissa Rhodes  
 By Carl & Diane Biggs
- In Memory of Mac & Orda Mae McNeil  
 By Carl & Diane Biggs



*thank you*

Thank you so much for the love and compassion you showed our family during the loss of our Mimi. The use of the building, the magnificent meal that was prepared and Karen's prayer before that meal. The cards and prayers were such a comfort for us. Ronnie did a great job and Jamie's singing was spot on. You will never know how much this church means to our family.

*In Christian love,  
 The Eloise Owen Family*

We collected 27 bottles of body wash and 22 deodorant for the August "Christmas Stocking" drive. We also had \$99 in donations to purchase more. Thank you for all your generous donations. See below for September's collection.



For the month of September, we are collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for our Christmas Stockings for the schools. You can bring your donation on Sundays in September or donate cash toward this month's collection.



# Keeping Up With Karen



We have some fresh new ideas coming your way as we head into Fall!

**LUNCH BUNCH**

I have been trying to think of ideas to continue to get our "Retired Fellowship" Group together, or just any of our 50-plus group out and about for fellowship. I recently remembered a fun thing we used to do at Good Shepherd Christian Church where I attended during college. We had a thing called "Lunch Bunch" once a month after church where we selected a restaurant and everyone who didn't have lunch plans could meet there to grab a bite to eat after the worship service. I know many of you probably just go home after church and eat by yourselves, so let's take some time to share around a dinner table, and possibly invite someone new out to lunch – especially if we have a visitor in worship!

Let's give "Lunch Bunch" a try on Sunday, Sept. 22 right after worship at Billy Sims BBQ. We would love to have you join us. I know some of you may have grandkids with you, and that's fine. The more the merrier! We can carpool or just meet us there around noon (depending on how long the preacher talks, ☺).

**ALL CHURCH PICNIC – WITH A TWIST!**

The first of which will happen at the end of September with a new twist on our All-Church Picnic. For those who like tradition, you can enjoy the picnic with your usual flair of fishing and potluck portions at Ellie and David Ball's home from 5-7 p.m. on Sept. 29. For those who want to add a little adventure – meet us at the church parking lot at 3:45 and get ready to mix it up with a "Road Rally!" What is a "Road Rally?" Probably better known as a Scavenger Hunt, this event will be a prelude to the picnic and will feature fun for all ages who want to play. We will need drivers, who will then take a team of players who will work to decode our clues and drive around town taking photos or finding objects to pick up at various locations before landing at our final destination – the church picnic. This hunt will be designed for children, youth and adults to be mixed into cars and we would like to be able to mix all ages/families in cars. For safety reasons – it is not a race! It's all about fun, creativity and enjoying fellowship!

If you could be a driver, we would love to get your name on our list. Otherwise, there isn't a sign-up other than to say, please come and join in the fun!

**ARE YOU A BAKER?**

We had so much fun at our last "Fill Your Freezer" event in August. I've had a suggestion to do a "Baking Class," that could teach everyone how to make homemade pie shells and breads. If you are a baker that knows how to make these things and could teach others, I need to hear from you! I would like to do one of these classes in October to let everyone get their holiday recipes in order!

Also, I would be happy to do another "Fill Your Freezer" event in September or October! Let me know if you are interested. I have some new recipes we could add or we could do more of the ones we already did. I would love to hear if you are interested!

*Karen*

# First Christian Church

# The Great Outdoors Kidventure

## Sept. 4 - Oct. 16 Every Wednesday

Ages 5 years thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade!  
School pick-up is available!  
Snack provided!  
(One-time \$10 donation appreciated)



### Volunteers needed!



Call Natalie Hardin (762-9330)  
TODAY to sign up!

### Singers Wanted

If you have a singing talent please share it with us!

We are seeking soloist, duets, quartets, etc. to sing special music on occasion during our Worship Services.

Please contact Caroline if you are interested: 405-206-0913

**Praise in the Park**  
A Community Event  
August 31, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Mineral Wells Park  
Food, Drinks and Worship  
Everyone is welcome!  
Hosted by Revival for Christ

# SEPTEMBER Birthdays of the Month

- 2- Jarrett McNulty
- 3- Ron Plagg
- 4- Coy Betchan  
Brittanie Ketch
- 6- Gena Warner
- 7- Jim Case
- 8- McKenzie Mays  
Jerry Yancey
- 9- Carol Field
- 10- Donovan Hardin
- 12- Justin Mays  
Paisley Pena  
Jackie Ross  
Landyn Wilder

- 14- Grayden Beeson  
Jamie Johnston  
Holly Kinkade  
Eli Plagg
- 15- Chloe McKaig  
Gary Weeks
- 17- Pat Ball  
Andy Hacker
- 18- Bob Powell
- 19- Linda Holtz
- 20- Karen Allen  
Luke Lyons
- 22- Esther Weir

- 24- Bella Benham  
Alex Griffin  
Hadley Henning
- 25- Josh Ball  
Hank Hubbard  
Verla Raines
- 26- Robert Purviance  
Mary Lou Welch
- 27- Clarence Allen  
Lesley Rodgers
- 28- Levi Betchan
- 29- Ethan Cotton  
Michelle Schroeder
- 30- Charles Ball  
Dalton Graybeal

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1- Scott & Kim Biggs
- 2- Robert & Michelle Gill
- 7- Jim & Deanna Case
- 11- Jerry & Karen Yancey
- 18- Bob & Shirley Powell
- 19- Lloyd & Caroline Roettger



- 22- Jed & Carissa Redman
- 23- John and Anita Riddle
- 25- Sammy & Joann LeGrande
- 26- Josh & Betsy Ball
- 27- Tommy & Amanda Zellers

Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated)

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
6 p.m. Youth

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>1</b> Daniel 9-10</p> <p><b>No Youth</b></p> <p>*Leave a homemade treat for your mail carrier.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Daniel 11-12</p> <p><b>Labor Day Office Closed</b> No Guthrie Public School</p> <p>*Gather all your loose change and donate it.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Ezra 1-2</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Pick up litter down your block.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Ezra 3-5</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure Kick-off! 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>*Wear a blue ribbon and talk to your kids about safety.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Ezra 6-7</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Send a thank you card or gift to the school librarian.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Ezra 8-10</p> <p><b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <p>*Donate to a local charity.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Nehemiah 1-3</p> <p>*Tape change on a vending machine..</p>
<p><b>8</b> Nehemiah 4-6</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Elder’s Meeting 9:30 a.m. – Kids &amp; Youth to Braums <b>Kids Worship Extra</b> 11:45 a.m. – Worship Team Meeting 6 – 8 p.m. – Choir Retreat @ the Roettger’s</p> <p>*Bake and deliver a coffee cake to someone..</p>	<p><b>9</b> Nehemiah 7-8</p> <p>*Plant flowers in your neighborhood.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Nehemiah 9-11</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Share a link to a free book your would recommend someone read.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Nehemiah 12-13</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 5:15 p.m. – Connections/Outreach 5:15 p.m. – H.S. Meet-n-eat @ Sonic 6 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>*Tell your siblings you love them.</p>	<p><b>12</b> 1 Chronicles 1-2</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>Show appreciation for a child in a military family.</p>	<p><b>13</b> 1 Chronicles 3-5</p> <p><b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <p>*Leave positive sticky notes in random places.</p>	<p><b>14</b> 1 Chronicles 6</p> <p>*Take someone out to lunch.</p>
<p><b>15</b> 1 Chronicles 7-8</p> <p>10 a.m. – Donut Fellowship Noon – Christian Ed. Team Meeting</p> <p>*Surprise your spouse with a date night.</p>	<p><b>16</b> 1 Chronicles 9-10</p> <p>*Donate copy paper to a local nonprofit office.</p>	<p><b>17</b> 1 Chronicles 11-12</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out 6 p.m. – Stewardship Meeting</p> <p>*Hand out copies of your favorite inspiring poem to others.</p>	<p><b>18</b> 1 Chronicles 13-15</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>*Do 3 things to reduce your ecological footprint.</p>	<p><b>19</b> 1 Chronicles 16-17</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Turn in all your plastic shopping bags for recycling.</p>	<p><b>20</b> 1 Chronicles 18-20</p> <p><b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <p>*Leave kind comments on social media, blogs, or comment cards.</p>	<p><b>21</b> 1 Chronicles 21-23</p> <p>*High five 5 people.</p>
<p><b>22</b> 1 Chronicles 24-25</p> <p><b>Kids Worship Extra</b> Noon – Lunch Bunch 8 to 10 – Youth (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade) Glow Swim @ Staci Carey’s</p> <p>*Invite someone to Easter brunch or dinner.</p>	<p><b>23</b> 1 Chronicles 26-27</p> <p>No Guthrie Public School Kids ages 8 and up to Food Bank</p> <p>*Sign up to be an organ donor.</p>	<p><b>24</b> 1 Chronicles 28-29</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out Monthly Newsletter Mailed</p> <p>*Plant a tree.</p>	<p><b>25</b> 2 Chronicles 1-4</p> <p>7:30 a.m. – See You At The Pole 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 5:15 p.m. – Jr. High Meet -n-Eat @ Sonic 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>*Thank volunteers for their service.</p>	<p><b>26</b> 2 Chronicles 5-7</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Bake zucchini bread for a friend or neighbor.</p>	<p><b>27</b> 2 Chronicles 8-10</p> <p><b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <p>*Surprise an administrative professional with a small gift or treat.</p>	<p><b>28</b> 2 Chronicles 11-14</p> <p>Compliment a married couple you admire on their relationship.</p>
<p><b>29</b> 2 Chronicles 15-18</p> <p>3:45 p.m. – Church Scavenger Hunt (meet at church parking lot) 5 p.m. –Church Picnic (potluck) @ Ellie and David Ball’s home</p> <p>*Tell someone why they are your personal superhero.</p>	<p><b>30</b> 2 Chronicles 19-21</p> <p>*Do some repairs for a neighbor in need.</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p>				