



Do you have talent?! Do you like to eat chicken?! Do you like to help send kids to summer camp?! If your answer is yes to any of these questions, then you should make plans to attend the annual Chicken Feed, Dessert Auction, and Variety show! Plan to join us on Sunday, March 8 at 5 p.m. for dinner and for the show that will follow at 6:15 p.m. We will be accepting donations for the dinner and those donations will go toward our kids and youth camp fund. Campers and their families will work together to put on the event and in turn, earn their portion of the fundraiser's profits to go toward their camp costs. During the dinner and the first half of the variety show, we will have a delicious dessert silent auction; winners of the desserts will be announced during the variety show. So come hungry and ready to win a dessert at the auction! After the dinner, please plan to stick around to see all of the wonderful talents FCC kids and adults have to show you! It is going to be a fun night you won't want to miss and hopefully we are able to raise some money to help send the kids and youth to summer camp!

If you have a talent or some kind of entertainment and you'd like to participate in the show, we would love to include your gift of talent on stage! Please contact Staci Carey or Natalie Hardin and let us know what entertainment you will be adding to the evening! There is no talent too silly, too serious, too young, or too old to be in the show!

Summer Camp Info



Summer Camp is fast approaching! If you have a child or youth that might be interested in camp this summer, please contact Staci Carey, Natalie Hardin, or any of the church staff to help start getting them registered or to get more information about each camp. We will be doing one church-wide fundraiser to help offset some of the costs of camp, but your child or youth must participate in that fundraising event to be able to earn a portion of the proceeds so please get in contact with one of us to get you some more information! The church will also pay \$100 toward each camper who is active in our programming. The camp dates and prices are:

Chi Rho Camp is June 8-12 and is for kids who have completed 6-8th grade. Cost is \$340.

Junior Camp is June 15-19 and is for kids who have completed 4-5th grade. Cost is \$315.

Discovery Camp is June 19-21 and is for kids who have completed 2-3rd grade. Cost is \$185.

CYF Conference is June 22-26 and is for kids who have completed 9-11th grade. Cost is \$320.

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Pastor Says...



Lent begins next week and we have several things planned that will help you in your journey toward Easter. It is important for every Christian to observe Lent - the 40 days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday (not including Sundays-a little confusing I know). It's more than just a season to give something up. A brief explanation follows. Lent reminds us to turn back to God from the ways of the world. Lent is a time we pare down our excesses by giving things up. Lent reminds us of our humanity and mortality. Finally, Lent sobers us to prepare us for the celebration of Easter.

Lenten Schedule:

- We will have an Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. on Feb. 26. A good way to begin Lent.
- Our community Lenten Lunches will also begin February 26 (see schedule on next page). Please note we are not hosting a Lenten Lunch this year in order to allow other churches to participate, as we have a number of new churches getting involved in Ministerial Alliance. I will be speaking at the one on March 25, and we look forward to getting back into the rotation next year.
- We will have a Maundy Thursday service on April 9 at 6 p.m.
- Our prayer vigil will begin April 10 at 6 p.m. and run until 6 p.m. on April 11.

Pastor's Class for Upper Elementary Students

Is your student ready to learn more about what it means to be a lifelong follower of Jesus? Would they like to learn more about becoming a Christian, baptism and other things of our church? We call this opportunity the Pastor's Class as they will meet with Ronnie and Karen for two Wednesdays, March 25 and April 1 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. We will pick up from GUES, but will need children to sign up to attend and be picked up. If your younger child is interested please contact Ronnie or Karen.

Choir Director Update

I would like for you all to welcome our new interim choir director, Marla Belcher! Marla has graciously agreed to fill in for us over the next couple of months while we continue our search. As some of you may know, Marla has served with us previously and we are thankful to have her back. Choir will resume Wednesday, February 26 at 7pm. Please continue to pray for the search for a permanent choir director.

Mark your calendar: Vacation Bible School is July 13-17!

PRAY *it* FORWARD

We pray for the family of: Ron Owen. We pray for our church family: Alex Rios, Mike Canning, Robbie Helton, Crystal Vassar, Lesley Rodgers, Randy Ellis, Basil Belveal, Cynthia Baker, Dennis Lynch, Debbie Considine, Mike Carey, Dorothy Herbert and Sherry Canning. We pray for our friends and family: Family of Matt DeJonge, Anna Mary Maker, Moore High School students, Keith Gordon, Claude Gifford, Marc Simmons, Mike Ivins, Brenda Piland, Travis Nelson, Valerie Cotton, Sydney Kohpay, James Stowe, Geraldine Henderson, Caleb Morris, Nicholas Rice, Lucy Pridham, Jeremy Manley, James Stowe, Edna Heilman, Katheryn Webb Feken, Roberta Coleman, Kinsley Murri, Cathy Carter, Pam Billings, Judy Ravenas, Janetta Hibbler, Stephanie Lowrance, Kayla Thetford, and Les Steenveld. Our military all over the world including: Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Jared Ball, Justin Ball, Stetson Martin, Kenneth LeGrande, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, and Matt Byce.



**Worship
& Sunday School
Attendance**
2/16/2020

Sunday Worship	146
Sunday School	12
Communion to Shut-Ins	5

STEWARDSHIP *A Way of Life*

Weekly Receipts
2/16/2020
\$ 6,632

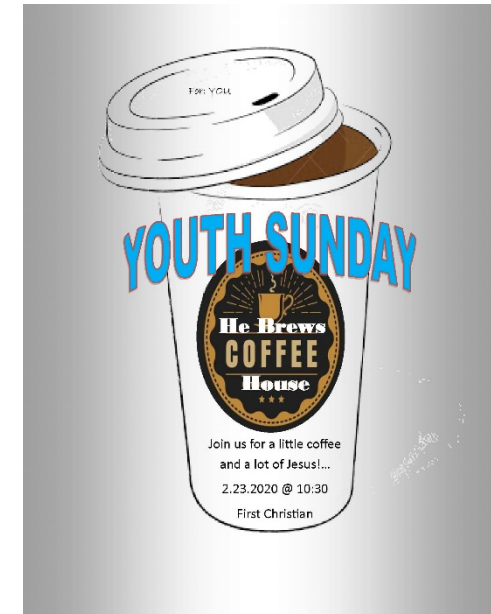
Year-To-Date Receipts: \$ 41,578
Year-To-Date Expenses: \$ 44,927

Special Gifts for the Month of February:

Bereavement Fund

In Memory of Betty Friese
By Richard & Victoria Shanahan
Kenny & Kathy Walter
Rhea & Carolyn Jones

In Memory of Ron Owen
By Anita Plummer-Owen
Joana & Albert Apprah
Charles & Kimberly Horsman



Join our faith community for these Lenten lunches and a brief message. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

- February 26 @ First Southern Baptist
Speaker: Bill Williams
- March 4 @ First Baptist Church
Speaker: Jacob Story
- March 11 @ Noble Ave. Baptist
Speaker: Andy Starnes
- March 18 @ Guthrie Christian
Speaker: TBD
- March 25 @ First United Presbyterian
Speaker: Ronnie Fields
- April 1 @ Community Church
Speaker: Greg Hudson
- April 8 @ First United Methodist
Speaker: Hersey Hammons

Keeping Up With Karen



We had a very productive Board Meeting on Wednesday night and covered a lot ground. If you've never been to an FCC Board Meeting they are opened to anyone who attends and we always encourage participation.

We have a lot of exciting things on the horizon at FCC and several of them are highlighted in today's newsletter, including the launch of a Capital Campaign to address some much needed repairs of our aging building; a Vision/Mission Strategy Plan (which I will write more about), and a myriad of upcoming activities as we head into the Lenten Season.

Concerning the "Vision/Mission Strategy," our Elders and Team Leaders have spent the past several months looking over various options of how we can best utilize the church's resources to get a better grip on who we are called to be as First Christian Church of Guthrie. We have looked at many options with everything from hiring consultants that cost \$30,000 to do-it-yourself kids that cost \$500. The ultimate goal is to come away with a variety of information – a Vision/Mission Statement, one that everyone understands as a calling and feels empowered by when they hear it and see it. Secondly, we want to identify gaps in our ministry and figure out how to address those based on our vision/mission. As part of this process, we want to find ways to excite those within our current congregation to deepen their faith and continue to invite and share their relationship with Christ with others. Finally, we want to develop more leaders and strengthen our staff through training so that we have the best tools and techniques to accomplish what God is calling us to do in this place and time.

What is the plan? We have purchased a "Vision/Mission/Discipleship Pipeline" Kit costing \$400. The cost of the kit was donated by an anonymous donor. This kit will guide us through a year-long process of evaluating who we are as a church.

Who will do this? We will put together a team of 9-12 people who are seen as leaders and are a good representation of the congregation to guide the "Pipeline" process. The target date for this will be to have them in place by April 2020. The group will meet four times Friday evening and Saturday mornings over the course of a year as well as other meetings as necessary. The meetings are open to anyone who would like to come and observe and listen in and we will post times and dates of those meetings.

Also, while this process is taking place, we will be hiring additional "coaching" from consultants who can guide us when we get "stuck" or just need further insight. The coaching costs \$100 per session and the goal is to have 12 sessions of coaching available (one per month) as we go through the Pipeline process. The Elders have already donated \$1,000 toward this effort.

In addition, the Board approved up to \$5,000 from our "Permanent Fund" for training over the course of 2020-2021. The trainings will be used for anyone within our church or staff that finds courses or retreats to attend that may be beneficial. For example, there is a conference in Kansas at the end of April that I am interested in attending on "Hospitality" and how we could do a better job of welcoming first-time visitors and doing follow-up. I am looking for a couple of people to attend that as well. So, conferences like that would fall under this umbrella.

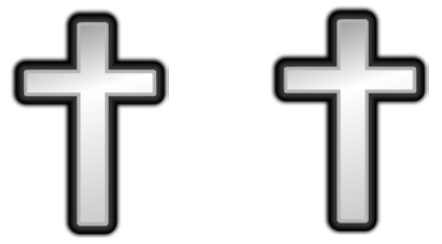
Finally, the last piece, which is down the road, would be a Leadership Pipeline Course by the Malphurs Group in 2022. This group would come on sight and do a training workshop with all of our leadership teams and Elders to identify how we grow our leadership base. It costs \$5,000 and will look for approval once we have successfully completed the 2020-2021 steps. I hope you are as excited as we are about this "Strategy Plan" for the future of FCC. As I said, we looked at a myriad of options from high end to low end and feel like we have put together a cost-effective plan with all the options we need and are getting the most for our money. Please be in prayer as we begin this journey and let us know any questions you have or thoughts. We want everyone to be a part of this process.

See you Sunday for Youth Sunday!

— Karen



Who wants to play BINGO? It's "Random Acts of Kindness" Week! We have Bingo cards available in the church office that have ideas of "Random Acts of Kindness." The Bingo cards are designed for kids and adults. Find a way to make a Bingo and bring your card to church on Sunday and we'll give you a prize. If you make a "blackout" and bring it to "Lucky Bingo" on March 25, you will be entered to win a copy of the new movie - "Mr. Roger's: It's A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." The best prize of all is blessing others and being a part of Random Acts of Kindness!



In memory of *Chloe McKaig* 1932-2020
In memory of *Ron Owen* 1948-2020

MOTHER'S DAY OUT NEWS

Mother's Day Out is getting ready for Summer and we are in need of a few Summer teachers for our school age, summer only kids. Summer session is June 9th through August 6th from 9-3. Teachers for this class need to be comfortable driving the church van and going on field trips. We are ALWAYS in need of subs year round! If you or anyone you know would be interested in subbing or working Summer on Tuesday's and Thursday's for \$8 an hour, you can come by the church or call 282-4080 and talk to Michelle. You will need to pass a background check, be able to walk up and downstairs, get down on the floor, and lift children.



Ladies Day Out



All adult women are invited to join us for our first Ladies Day Out of 2020! Mark your calendars for Saturday, Feb. 22. We will meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. to caravan to Chili's in Edmond.

Please call the church office at 282-4080 or e-mail the church office at fccguthrie@coxinet.net to sign up! We will need a final count of those planning to attend by **Wednesday, Feb. 19** at noon. Grab a friend and join us for a fun afternoon out with the girls!

Job Posting

Census Needs Workers

If you or someone you know is looking for some extra income the 2020 Census is looking for workers. You can text Oklahomajobs for more information or apply online at 2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS. There are immediate positions available in the field and office jobs starting at \$15/hour, plus mileage reimbursement. The hours are flexible and paid weekly. Workers will be needed through June. For more information, call 1-855-JOB-2020.



At our recent Board meeting, the Church Board approved a \$200,000 capital campaign to kick off in March. With the impending cost of a new roof and replacement of a boiler, as well as possible future air conditioning expenses, the Stewardship Committee recommended the campaign to be conducted over a three-year period. More details will be provided in the coming weeks. Please be in prayer for the campaign as we strive to ensure our building is maintained.

MARCH Birthdays of the Month

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| 1 – Brian Pierson
Jennifer Doll
Dennis Lynch | 10 – Jason Rice
Sam Porter | 21 – Tommy Johnston
Peggy Momsen
Gretchen Hanna
Leia Johnston |
| 2 – Ron Fields
George Dreessen
Catherine Turner | 12 – Mickey Mock
Shannon Doles | 24 – Kenneth Eyster
Robert Gill |
| 4 – Ron Wilder
Calee Lyons
Sharon Johnston | 15 – Avery Schroder
Ernesto Pena | 27 – Livi Johnston
TJ Wilson
Mitchell Biggs
Ty Biggs |
| 6 – Carolyn Kirschstein
7 – Debbie Hubbard
Brayden Pena | 16 – Holly Evers
18 – Lillian Stevens
Francie Krittenbrink
Tia Yancey | 28 – Emily Carpenter
Kim Crick |
| 8 – Joanna Thompson
Scott Biggs
Jean Scott Gauldin | 19 – Linda Tontz
Chloe Hood | 30 – Garrett Reece
Kacie Carey |
| | 20 – Mickey Eckley | 31 – Ken Wilkerson |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 6 – Jim & Jackie Ross | 14 – Jeff & Melanie Ball | 22 – Dane & Codi Canning
Chalk & Ashley Beeson |
| 10 – Todd & Sarah Wilder | 16 – Tommy & Lori Payne | |
| 12 – John & Emily Carpenter | 20 – Brian & Mindy Reece | |

Did Someone Say Lucky Bingo??

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Lucky Bingo will take place on Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner before Bingo at 5:30 - Bring the potluck or dessert of your choice! Bingo begins at 6 p.m.

We are now accepting donations for our Lucky Bingo prizes...if you would like to donate on behalf of a business or as an individual please notify Lesley Cotton (405) 535-4612 or Karen Allen (405) 615-2240. Prize ideas would be \$10 or \$5 gift cards to local restaurants or coffee shops (Braum's, Sonic, Hoboken, Subway, Ricks, Missy's etc.), candy bars and candy, anything green or you can always reach out to one of us for other ideas! This is always such a great event that provides wonderful fellowship and tremendous support from our congregation. If you have not yet attended one of FCC's Bingo nights please join us and ask yourself - "Do I feel Lucky?"



Get your act together!




Chicken Feed and "Talent" Show! – March 8

The "Chicken Feed" is always good! The "Talent" is sometimes amazing and other times "questionable" but it's always a good time! During the next few weeks be watching the "news and events" to win a ticket to be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card giveaway at the "Chicken Feed and Talent Show." All you have to do is name some of the people in our "Get Your Act Together" photos!

This group was known as the "B Sharps" when they performed in a Chicken Feed and Talent Show. Earn an entry for every person you can name in this photo.

The first five people to call the church office at 282-4080 or to e-mail karenkallen@cox.net with the right answer will get a ticket entered in the drawing for the \$25 gift card to be given away during the show! Must be present to win!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Deut 6-7 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Children to Braums (3 rd -6 th graders) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon – Worship Team Meeting 5:30 p.m. – Youth Meeting 6 p.m. – Financial Peace University	2 Deut 8-10 5:30 p.m. – Pastoral Relations Comm. Meeting	3 Deut 11-13 7 a.m. – Primary Election 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	4 Deut 14-16 11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ First Baptist Church 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure	5 Deut 17-20 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	6 Deut 21-23 5:30 p.m. – Youth “French Fry Frenzy” 	7 Deut 24-27	
8 Deut 28-29 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon – Financial Peace University 5 p.m. – Chicken Feed 6:15 p.m. – Talent Show DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	9 Deut 30-31	10 Deut 32-34 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out 11:30 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance	11 Joshua 1-4 11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ Noble Avenue Baptist 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure Party 6 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting followed by Elders Meeting	12 Joshua 5-8 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	13 Joshua 9-11	14 Joshua 12-15	
15 Joshua 16-18 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. – Donut Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service No Youth Meeting 	16 Joshua 19-21	17 Joshua 22-24 No Mother’s Day Out	18 Judges 1-2 11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ Guthrie Christian	19 Judges 3-5 No Mother’s Day Out	20 Judges 6-7	21 Judges 8-9  FCC Guthrie	
 SPRING BREAK							
22 Judges 10-12 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon – Youth Birthday Lunch Noon – Christian Ed Meeting 5:30 p.m. – Youth Meeting	23 Judges 13-15 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting & Lunch Noon – NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7 p.m. – Men’s Night @ Stables	24 Judges 16-18 Newsletter will be mailed 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	25 Judges 19-21 11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ First United Presbyterian 3:30 p.m. – Pastor’s Class 5:30 p.m. – Lucky Bingo & Potluck 	26 1 Samuel 1-3 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	27 1 Samuel 4-8	28 1 Samuel 9-12	
29 1 Samuel 13-14 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 5:30 p.m. – Youth Meeting	30 1 Samuel 15-17	31 1 Samuel 18-20 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	Coming up in April: FCC Hosts the Chamber Coffee – April 1 @ 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday – April 5 Maundy Thursday Service – April 9 @ 6 p.m. April 10 & 11 – Easter Prayer Vigil April 18 – 89ers Celebration & Youth Food Booth				Office: fccguthrie@coxinet.net Rev. Ronnie Fields: ronnie@coxinet.net Karen: Karenkallen@cox.net Shana: Shanabench@coxinet.net Natalie: nahardin@gmail.com Staci: carey.staci@yahoo.com Michelle: michelle.m.gill@live.com Sadie: sadieporter0@gmail.com Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com