

FCC **KIDS & Youth** Ministries

Attention 3rd - 12th graders: **Breakfast @ Braums this Sunday!**

CORRECTION: Breakfast from Braums this Sunday!

Find out how to get your Braums breakfast during your Zoom time this week (must be on call to place your order! Deliveries will be made Sunday morning)



Vacation Bible School Updates

Everyone involved with Children's Ministry at FCC is really looking forward to the time when we can all be together and get to spend some time with the kids! It looks like we will get to do just that at this summer's VBS! We are still very much praying, planning, and preparing to have VBS in person, at the church, just as we do every summer. And just like every other year in the past, we need lots of volunteers to help make that happen! If you are available to help with VBS this year, please let our directors, Kacie and Mekaila Carey know by sending them an email at kacie.carey@yahoo.com or mekaila.carey@yahoo.com or give either of them a call. You can also contact Natalie Hardin or the church office to let us know you would like to help with VBS. We are looking for adults to help lead the crews of kids to their stations around the church. Any youth age kids are always welcome to come lend a helping hand too!

VBS this year is July 13-17th from 9am to noon each day. It is a fun, active, hands-on time to learn about how Jesus' power pulls us through! Any 4 year old through 6th grade kids can attend. Registration for VBS kids will open up at a later date so be watching for that information over the next few weeks! If you would like to send a \$5-\$10 donation to help offset VBS costs, donations can be made online through the FCC church website. We are unable to accept donated items at this point so please contribute only monetary donations this year. We know that budgets may be tighter than usual this year and are doing our absolute best to be discerning with any donations that are made to VBS. We have some specific purchases that are pretty important to the week; those being the large bible buddy posters (cost is \$33.00) and the large fabric backdrop for the stage (cost is \$93.00). If you would like to sponsor either of these items or are interested in sponsoring other items for VBS please get in touch with the directors or Natalie.

Children & Youth Chats this week:

- High School Youth – Wedn. @ 8 p.m.
- 3rd – 6th graders – Thurs. @ 2 p.m.
- Jr. High Youth – Fri. @ 4 p.m.
- All Youth – Sun. @ 8 p.m.

All kids are invited to join Ms. Natalie Sundays @ 9:30 a.m. on our Facebook group – Kids @ FCC Guthrie

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An Update from Pastor Ronnie

Greetings my friends! It seems like forever since I have gotten to see and visit with you. And honestly, I cannot wait to see you in person! But we have to do so in a safe manner. The leadership of the church has had ongoing about when we can meet safely again. We have set our first worship back in the sanctuary for May 31. This just happens to be Pentecost-the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. What better day to come back together?



We know that other churches will begin meeting before us. We understand your desire to come together. We feel the same way. Your health and safety are of our utmost concern. The later date allows us more time to monitor the situation and plan accordingly. The last thing we want is to have someone come to church and get sick.

We will continue to give details and precautions as we get closer to May 31. Thank you for your patience and continued support of the ministries of First Christian Guthrie.

One last thing, thank you to everyone who contributed and gave to my polar plunge for the roof donations. They were much appreciated and I can't believe we raised over \$1,700! That is so great! Thank you so much for your generosity!



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Text **JOIN** to 405-467-2450

Offering Opportunities:
 Give Online at www.fccguthrie.org
 or mail in your gift to:
 402 East Noble Ave

American Red Cross

Blood Drive Logan County

First Christian Church Guthrie/Fellowship Hall
 402 East Noble Avenue
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**Friday, May 15, 2020
 12:00 PM to 6:00 pm**

To schedule your appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Guthrie

Photo I.D. required Rapid Pass-save lives in less time! Learn more at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass



We remember with love & sympathy: The Family of Phil Beman

Hospitalized at this time: Linda Cameron (Mercy Rehab)

We pray for our church family: Patsy Crick, Betty Hamilton, Robert Dewart, JoAnn LeGrande, Mike Canning, Crystal Vassar, Lesley Rodgers, Basil Belveal, Dave Williams, Debbie Considine, Mike Carey, Dorothy Herbert, Sherry Canning.

We pray for our friends and family members: Mike Willbanks, Jessica Seamans Underwood and family, Family of Martin Weeks, Brad Benefield, Katie & John Palmer, L.E. "Hooter" Brewer, Mary Coffin, Family of Marilyn Branch, Jerry Williams, Deborah Dean, Paul & Evelyn Bourne, Brandi Carry, Rod Richardson, Norman Myers, Darryl Sinclair, Keith Gordon, Marc Simmons, Brenda Piland, Valerie Cotton, Sydney Kohpay, James Stowe, Geraldine Henderson, Lucy Pridham, Jeremy Manley, Katheryn Webb Feken, Roberta Coleman, Kinsley Murri, Cathy Carter, Pam Billings, Judy Ravenas, Janetta Hibbler, Stephanie Wagner Lowrance, Kayla Thetford

We pray for our military: Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, Matt Byce, Cody Ingram



We understand that this is an unusual and difficult time for many in our congregation. However, your faithfulness to your financial gifts to the church has been amazing! Our online giving has

increased over the past 6 weeks and many of you consistently mail your offering check to the office each week. Your commitment does not go unnoticed and the Stewardship Team appreciates you!

In order to ensure that our financial situation does not decline during the time that we are apart, the Trustees and Board authorized the application for the Paycheck Protection Program loan through the Small Business Administration. FCC made our application on April 3 and received approval and funds on April 9. This loan allows us to continue paying our Staff, Nursery Workers and Mother's Day Out teachers for an 8 week period. At the end of the loan, we will apply for the loan to be turned into a grant.

In addition to your faithful giving to the general budget, the support for our Capital Campaign has been fantastic. If you recall, this is a 3-year Campaign to replenish funds used to replace the roof over the Sanctuary and Reception Hall, as well as raise needed funds to replace the 35+ year old boiler in the very near future. You can pledge to this campaign at any time. We are excited that our first "out-of-the-box" fundraiser, the Pastor's Polar Plunge, raised over \$1,700. Thank you for your continued support!

Your FCC Stewardship Team

Help us update the database!

If you have changed your email address, do not use your home phone anymore, have a new cell phone number, have moved, etc, please send an email to the church office (fccguthrie@coxinet.net). We want to be sure we have the most current information as we find new ways to communicate during these unusual times.

Keeping Up With Karen



It's fair to say when we last published the newsletter, I would have never anticipated that we wouldn't be back in our sanctuary yet and still looking at the possibility at several more weeks before we return. Likewise, we have found a temporary "new normal" for meetings online and communicating while "social distancing." It's not a "new normal" I enjoy but nonetheless one we have slowly adapted to and after the initial shock wore off it's probably fair to say we've all migrated into some form of weariness, adaptive off-schedule/schedule and are trying hard to find the positive in each day.

In light of that last part, I'd like to share a small insight that crossed my mind a few days ago that continues to resonate with me each day. I was thinking about how we continue to watch the news reports and even if you try your best not to watch the news, you still seem to hear what the latest facts and figures are about COVID-19. We watch to see if the curve has flattened or if the "safer at home" is working. We watch to see if new rules will be put in place to help protect us from the virus or what experts have learned about how it is spreading and why it spreads so quickly.

As I thought about how we have tried so many different ways, not just in our city, state, nation but world to stop this spread and it continues to spread, I was struck by one thing – why is it so difficult to spread our faith? Rest on that thought for one moment.

This virus started in a place halfway around the world and was carried into our country by one person, who in turn shared it with a couple of people who became a group of people who in turn then shared it with people who happened to be from other states and in turn shared it across our country in a matter of less than a month.

In that vein, think about how hard we tried to stop it. People locked themselves in their homes. Businesses were shutdown, even church buildings were closed but yet the virus still spread. Why? Because people couldn't stop being in contact with one another. They couldn't stop sharing with each other.

With that in mind, I was struck with the thought about how easy it should be to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Very little stops us from spreading this message and even when we are apart there are so many ways to share Christ's message.

As this pandemic has clearly shown us – we need one another. We need human interaction and we are definitely connected. Any by connected – we have learned that our "circles" go far beyond just our households, our work environments and even our communities. For many of us, as we have tried to limit our interactions, we have found how easy it is to haphazardly end up in "mixed" groups or interacting with someone who has interacted with someone else and before long the dots have connected with someone who has been out of town or out of state.

Just this weekend, my son wanted to play with a friend, and while we have been good about limited interacting, we decided to let him have a friend over. Just as he was waiting for that friend to come over, his friends parents texted that they were running late because his friend's brother wasn't home yet from another friend's house. And just like that, we now have a third factor involved and what was a one-to-one interaction has multiplied!

If nothing else comes out of this pandemic, I hope your "new normal" becomes valuing human interaction but also soaking in opportunities to share your faith in those interactions. I hope each of us realize the magnitude of what we have to share. Consider that you may not always see the effect you have by sharing your faith story but the ripple effect may be felt in cities, states, across the country or even worldwide. You are a carrier of the story of Christ. I pray it infects everyone you come in contact with even in the midst of "social distancing."

God bless you and stay safe until we meet again.

Karen

Miss church online? All services remain posted at our website:

www.fccguthrie.org/worship-services



The FCC ^{FCC} Bake-Off

Cast your vote on Facebook or email your vote as well to fccguthrie@coxinet.net or call the church office at 282-4080 and leave a message with your favorite!

Voting ends Friday,
May 1 at Noon!



JANET HUDSON
World's Best Cookies



ALLEN FAMILY
Strawberry/Oreo Cake



BAILEY HARDIN
Old Bay Cheesy Biscuits



LAMOYNE HARDIN
Peanut Butter Fingers



MAKENNA BENCH
Double Layered Vanilla Cake with
Homemade Icing



PAM WILLIAMS
Butter Cookies



EMALYN REDMAN
Chocolate Chip Cookies



ROSS FAMILY
Apple Pie



SIMPSON FAMILY
Brownies



BELLA BENHAM
Chocolate Fudge Cake



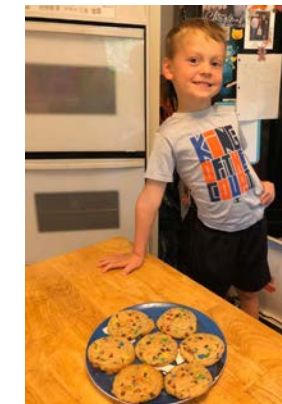
ALLY & NEELY CAREY
S'mores



ETHAN & HENRY COTTON
Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip
Cookies



COURTNEY TURNER & RILEY DODS
Lemon Cookies



CALLEN HARDIN
M&M Cookies



ZACH ALLEN
Sopapilla Cheesecake



ELISE ELLIS
Key Lime Pie



GABBY BENCH
Chocolate Brownie Chocolate
Chip Cupcake



HADLEY HENNING
Chocolate Cake



TERRYL WIECZOREK
Blackberry Cobbler



ELLA GILL
Vanilla Cake Pops



JANIE CAREY
Breakfast



MARLA BELCHER
Chocolate Fudge Meringue Pie

This is how we

During this time of "social distancing," we are still meeting but we look a bit like the Brady Bunch ☺

FCC Staff



Kid's Worship Extra

(They made paper airplanes to discuss Christ's ascension)



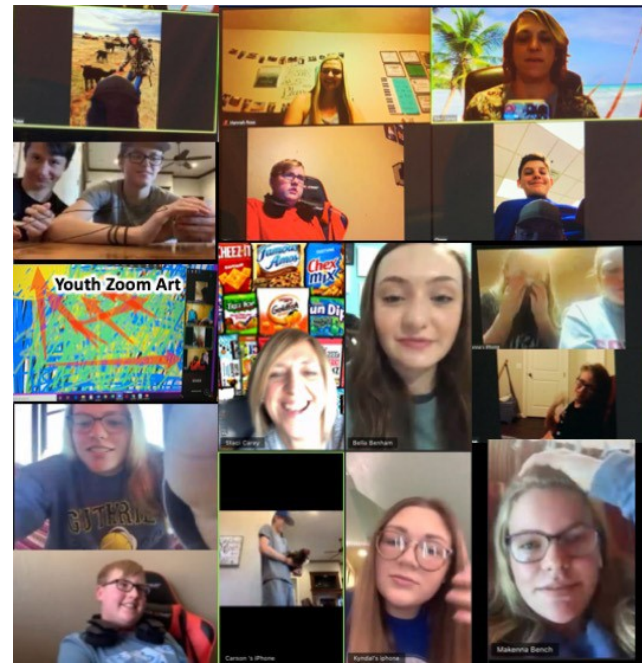
FCC Board Meeting



Ronnie & Karen "at" Ministerial Alliance



Youth



Women's Night IN!



Congratulations, Graduates!



Brock Parker

Son of
Jamie & Stacey Johnston
Guthrie High School



Haden Wiss

Son of
Ryan & Julie Wiss
Mulhall-Orlando High School



Tristan Harrison

Son of
David & Tara Hood
Harding Fine Arts Academy, OKC

We will properly recognize our graduates when we are all together again!



- 2 – Elmina Lynch
- 3 – Barbara Smith
Patrick Hardin
Kelly Simpson
- 4 – Andrew Hardin
Jamie Hudson
- 6 – Carver McLain
David Hood
- 7 – Clayton Carey
- 9 – Derek Shoun
Haden Wiss
- 10 – Johnny Hudson
Evan Plagg

- 12 – Aubree Russell
- 14 – Kevin Carey
- 15 – Kevin Frey
- 16 – Jeanette Sealey
- 17 – Bailey Hardin
- 18 – John Cox
- 19 – Blakely Smith
- 21 – Marie Lynch
Shana Fields
- 24 – Tom Hudson

- 26 – Tom Holtz
Kate Ciardi
- 27 – Camden Helm-Wilder
Mike Simpson
- 28 – Kim Hinkle
Bobbie French
Susan Savory
- 30 – Brad Rice
Josh Gill
Adelyn Stevens
Ronnie Fields
- 31 – Blake Doles

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 17 – Justin & Andrea Stevens
- 23 – Sam & Sherry Porter

- 24 – Trace & Calee Lyons
- 31 – Dale & Corky Storm