

Meal Ministry!

As everyone has found their way back to their kitchens and we have had several people having surgeries lately, it has been a natural time to get our Meal Ministry back up and running. We have a list of about 4-5 people who help out with this ministry but would love to include others.

- How the ministry works...
- Submit your name to be included in a text, e-mail or phone call group of people who are contacted when someone is in need of a meal. People who are provided meals may have had surgery, recently had a new baby or might be down due to medical issues at home.
 - Meals are provided for approximately a week, or as determined and people on the Meal Ministry list are contacted as a group and asked if they would like to prepare a meal to take to the person's home on one of the suggested day's following when the person gets home.
- For example, patient has surgery on Friday. The text/e-mail/phone call would say "please let us know if you would like to help provide a meal for X person on Saturday, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday of next week. If so, let us know which day and what meal you will be providing so we don't overlap. The person's address is: _____ and they typically eat around 5-6 p.m. Their phone number is: _____ and they have no known allergies.
- Meals typically consist of a main dish, side, bread and can include a dessert but don't have to.
 - Also, if you don't cook, it would be totally acceptable to pick up a meal from a restaurant and deliver it!
- Please let us know if you would like to be a part of this meaningful ministry! You can text, e-mail or call Karen Allen (405-615-2240 or karenkallen@cox.net) for more details or to add your name to the list.

Father's Day is Coming!

Father's Day is June 21 and we want to celebrate all of the men in our church with a fun video entitled "What I Learned from Dad." So moms and kids, find a fun picture of the "Dad" in your life and send it with a statement about what you have learned from your dad over the years. If you have multiple children, be sure to get input from all of them and let us know who said it!

Pictures and quotes should be emailed to the church office at fccguthrie@coxinet.net by Thursday, June 18 at noon.

We look forward to celebrating all of the men of FCC!

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Updates from Pastor Ronnie

Pentecost

Our May 31st service will be in the parking lot and will begin at 9:30 a.m. We will have a stage and speakers set up at the north door to the sanctuary. We will be sitting outside in lawn chairs and spaced apart in parking spaces. Besides your lawn chairs, please bring your own communion as well. We will still have an online service that will begin at 10:30 a.m.



Choose a movie for Summer Cinema

Our annual summer movie series is coming up! This year, I want to get some input from the church as to the movies we cover. So the children, youth and adults will each pick a movie. Be watching Facebook for your opportunity to suggest and vote!

Reopening plan

Grace and Peace to you! As we prepare to come back to the church on June 7, we will be putting some things in place to help keep everyone as safe as possible. Here is a brief list. A more comprehensive list will be sent out through email.

- Please stay home if you feel sick. We encourage mask wearing. It protects you and others. If you are at risk, we encourage you to stay home and watch online.
- Please limit close contact with others as much as possible (about 6 feet).
- Our services will be as touchless as possible in that the only thing you will have to touch once you leave your car is the pew you sit in.
- The service will be shorter in length, under 45 minutes.
- Sunday Children's Ministries, including nursery, will not be available on May 31 or June 7. We will re-evaluate for later in June.
- For the time being, we will not have any congregational singing. We will have singing with Michael, the band, and other special music.

Why are we doing this? For your safety, the safety of all who attend, the safety of the staff, and the safety of all the people we (everyone we just mentioned) come into contact.

Are we overreacting? Maybe, but what does it hurt? My question is what would Jesus want us to do? Does Jesus not want us to take care of the people who come through our doors? To do our very best to ensure the safety of everyone? I believe he does. We are in this together. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Congregational Vote!

We will vote on our 2020-2021 Church Board on Sunday, June 21. Assuming we are meeting in-person, there will be a brief congregational vote on that day. If we are unable to meet in person, the list will be emailed to the congregation and an email vote will be taken.



Preparing for surgery: Shana Bench (May 26), Gregg Gumerson (June 2)

We pray for our church family: Diane Biggs, Charlie Ball, Rae Burns, Sharon Doan & Mykah Hamel-Honeycutt, Robert Dewart, Linda Cameron, Denise Shoun, Alicia Carey, Betty Hamilton, 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: Sarah Schlueter, Mike Willbanks, Louise Cotton, Brad Benefield, the family of L.E. "Hooter" Brewer, Mary Coffin, Jerry Williams, Deborah Dean, Evelyn Bourne, Brandi Carry, Rod Richardson, Keith Gordon, Marc Simmons, Brenda Piland, Valerie Cotton, Sydney Kohpay, James Stowe, Geraldine Henderson, Lucy Pridham, Katheryn Webb Feken, Roberta Coleman, Kinsley Murri, Cathy Carter, Pam Billings, Judy Ravenas, Janetta Hibbler, Stephanie Wagner Lowrance, Kayla Thetford

And our military all over the world: Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, Matt Byce, Cody Ingram

Those who just completed 6th grade are invited to join in YOUTH activities beginning in June!



Children’s Ministries with Ms. Natalie

It's warming up and my family is so excited to be able to be spending more time outdoors! Hopefully your family is feeling the same way. I miss seeing all of the kids at church activities and on Sunday, but I hope they are tuning in to the **Kid's Worship online** videos each Sunday at 9:30 am to catch a lesson and/or joining us for the Kid's Worship Extra 3rd - 6th grader zoom call on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of this month at 11 am.

The **Kid's Worship Extra** group had some excellent questions during our last call together so Karen, Staci, and I have challenged them to come up with 10 good Bible-related questions. If you have a child in this age group, try to work with them to develop some of these questions or just write them down for us and send them in to one of us so that we can compile them and get the group the answers they are looking for! We will continue these zoom calls for the near future until we are able to worship together in person; the next dates for zoom calls are: May 28, June 11, and June 25. Be checking your email and our Kids @ FCC Facebook group to see updates to this schedule since information and updates change so rapidly these days!

We are still planning to have **Vacation Bible School** on July 13-17th. Our directors, Kacie and Mekaila Carey, and I are having frequent conversations to make sure we are planning to have VBS in the safest manner for all. Adult volunteers are still needed for crew leaders to lead the groups of kids through our stations each day. If you are available for this, please get in touch with one of us. If you'd like to make a small contribution to VBS, donations can be made online through our website or a check can be mailed to the church. This year's theme is that Jesus' power pulls us through and we truly believe just that! Jesus' power is pulling us through these complicated times! As soon as we are able to start signing kids up for VBS, we will send out an email to the church and start advertising it online as well!

June YOUTH activities:
(tentative plans, we will not be able to use the bus at this time so you will need to take and pick up from the location. We apologize for this requirement and will adjust as able.)

Wednesday, June 3rd 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm: Zoom nights

Sunday, June 7th 6pm – 8pm: KICKIN’ IT @ the Carey Field

Sunday, June 14th 11:45 am – 1:30 pm: Fishing & Fun (meet at FCC and follow to the Bench’s pond)

Wednesday, June 17th 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm: Zoom nights

Sunday, 21st – Father’s day... Don’t forget Dad ☺

Tuesday, June 23rd: Movie (TBD)

Sunday, June 28th 11:45 am – 2 pm: Sonic & Sun (swim party @ Carey pool)

Keeping Up With Karen



As I sit here, finally back at my desk after nearly two months of juggling my office at home and in the car, I have found a new appreciation for the quietness of this place. If nothing else the past couple months (has it been months?) has given all of us a little perspective on what we value. I know for many it has taught us the importance of relationships, freedom to travel, purchasing items without fear of running out, and as a church our freedom to worship in-person!

As a church, we are prayerfully considering when it is best to be back together in our sanctuary and unfortunately, the answer is ever-changing. I have to admit, I’m probably on the more liberal side of wanting to gather and “hope for the best” but then doubt creeps and makes me want to protect everyone too.

What I do know is since left the church building in March, we have found creative ways to stay connected! Back on Spring Break, if you would told me that we would have been asking you to do videos of a “make-believe 89er Parade,” or chalk drawings of the Easter Story on your driveway, delivering tacos to your doorstep, collecting photos of your mom as a child or blanketing Logan County with over 600 donuts, I probably would have told you that you were crazy! But, as I look back over the past 11 weeks, I honestly think in some ways we may be more connected now than ever before.

As we start to “open back up” and consider coming back together, I am beginning to reflect on some of the things we have learned as church leaders, both positive and negative. So, here’s my partial list...

- **Creativity!** We have always been creative – but now we have found ways to involve more people in the creativity and connect beyond our four walls.
- **Connectivity!** Church doesn’t just happen on Sunday! How can we reach people throughout the week and keep them involved Monday-Saturday at home and outside our church?
- **Zoom!** While we are all sick of talking in boxes, sometimes there may be a place for Zoom meetings. When is it more convenient for people to connect online rather than come to the church for a meeting? How could this help us include people with health problems, busy work schedules, or who have young children?
- **Online Services!** We have always posted our services online on our website but obviously most of you didn’t realize that! Granted, they were not live at 10:30 a.m. but moving forward we will be making that adjustment! A lot of you, who have been unable to attend due to health or because of other activities have expressed how nice it is to be connected online. This is an exciting new way to make sure our church family continues to grow and meet the needs of everyone.
- **Online and Mailed-In Giving!** We continue to talk about how awesome everyone has been with stepping up during this period. Honestly, as we went into “safer at home” mode, the staff was very worried about which of us might have to cut positions and how we would scale back ministries. Instead, our church family did everything and more to assure that our church would thrive during this period. Online giving and mailed-in offering has been amazing! We cannot think you enough for being faithful to God and His church. We know that some have suffered job losses and cutbacks and for that we are praying with you and know that this may not be your time to offer financially and are thankful that there are opportunities to give beyond finances.

It’s obvious, God has a huge plan for FCC Guthrie and has revealed it as He has strengthened our numbers both in people “attending online” and through giving in what otherwise could have been a difficult time. I hope everyone takes just a minute to praise Him for His faithful to all generations. I know I do every single day!!!

• **PEOPLE!** I miss people. I think about who is doing what; how are they doing; and how can we care for them? I text, e-mail, call and just work much harder at staying connected. We have restarted taking meals to those who are in need. We are being more diligent about “caring for the flock” and I know so many of you are making more calls and taking time to check on one another. I pray this continues once we get “back to normal” whatever that looks like.

Those are just a few of the things I’ve noted for now and the list continues. I have no doubt you have your own list. I would love to hear what you’ve learned through this time. Let’s take time to share and come back better than we left!

God bless you and we hope to see you soon!

Karen



You deserve a VACATION!

Thank you to everyone who submitted their favorite vacation photos!
Here are a few of the entries!



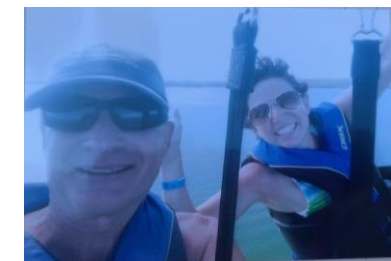
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Bench Family



Sarah Anderson & her kids



Sam & Sherry Porter



Allen Family



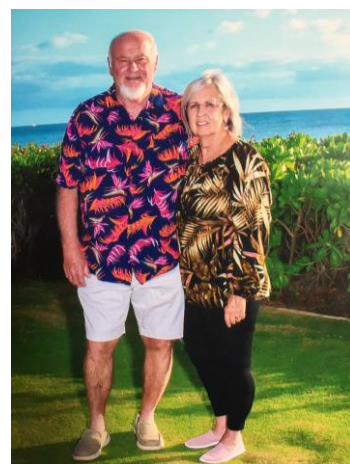
Leroy & Carol Barnes



Ethan & Henry Cotton



Lakyn & Blakely Smith



Ron & Barbara Wilder



Courtney Turner Family

Mother's Day Out Update

At our recent Cabinet meeting, it was decided not to open our Mother's Day Out program for the month of June. We will re-evaluate in June to determine if it is safe to open in July. This decision was not taken lightly and was made with the children, teacher's, parent's and grandparent's safety in mind. We miss the kiddos and cannot wait to open when the time is right for all!

Michelle Gill, MDO Director

Celebrate June Birthdays!

1 – Kennedi Hacker
Kathy Walter
Judy Coburn
Elden Waner
3 – Roy Jones
5 – Gale Coker
Jayma Johnston
6 – Ally Carey
9 – Natalie Hardin
10 – Shana Bench
11 – Petina Price

12 – Owen Wilder
14 – Phyliss Stroup
15 – Kelly Considine
16 – Brian Reece
17 – Marsh Powell
18 – Janie Carey
Josh Ward
Kegan Payne
19 – Paula Bowles
Kristi Blakemore
Jake Carey
Hank Hinkle

20 – Avery Olstad
Tammy Schroder
Karen Yancey
Ava Yancey
Michelle Gill
Jace Gill
21 – Ella Tontz
Carissa Redman
Ethan Frey
Julie Wiss
22 – James Carey
23 – Amanda Shults
28 – Sue Perry
29 – Jacki Cowan
30 – John Carpenter
Terry Hinkle

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2 – Brian & Janna Pierson
John & Karen Allen
3 – Bill & Cynthia Cunningham
5 – Ron & Juanita Plagg
6 – Ron & Barbara Wilder
10 – Ken & Kathy Walter
11 – Jason & Desi Rice
12 – Ben & Ali Gallo
18 – Larry & Deborah Pepper
Boyd & Linda Rice

19 – Matt & Jeana Backus
Len & Linda Tontz
22 – Dennis & Karen Ochs
Verl & Ruth Plain
23 – Nolan & Kim Crick
27 – Thomas & Janet Hudson
28 – Jerry & LaHonda Ball
30 – Don & LaMoyne Hardin

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Hopefully you saw all the vacation photos in Sunday's Worship Service on May 24. If not you can still view the service on our Facebook page or at www.fccguthrie.org