

MUSIC ON "THE LOT" ON SUNDAYS!

At our recent Board meeting, the church Board and staff agreed that we need to continue to follow guidelines regarding congregational singing during worship due to the possible spread of COVID-19. However, we know many of you are longing to Sing! Sing! Sing! during worship and we have a solution for you. Join us for "Music on the Lot!" It begins at 10:10 a.m. on the grass just east of the parking lot. There is plenty of room to social distance outside. This Sunday, Stacey and Jamie Johnston and Jana Frey will be leading us in this informal time of a few praise and songs before our regular worship begins inside at 10:30 a.m.

SUMMER SUNDAYS @ FCC:

We have an exciting three-part event series planned for this summer at FCC! Come join in on the fun! Bring your friends, families, and whoever else in the community you'd like to invite.

On July 12 at 7 p.m. in our parking lot we will have an event based on Psalm 18:2 "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer..." . We will have a craft activity station, a building station, and an activity to deliver. This is going to be a super fun night that the whole family will enjoy. We'll have free sno cones too! So plan to come and check out this new event; and invite your family, neighbors, friends, or anyone else who needs some fun!

On July 26 at 7 p.m. at Central OK Camp and Conference Center we will be hosting family water Olympics! We have all kinds of wet and wild water games planned so bring your family out and plan to be wet! And of course, we will have refreshments out there as well for all of our participants. So gather your very best team and meet us out at the campgrounds. We will send out directions to the campgrounds when the event gets a little closer.

And to wrap up our series, come back to FCC for our Parking Lot Cinema and hot dog dinner at 7:30 p.m. Just because we aren't having our traditional VBS this summer doesn't mean that we can't still have one of our other favorite events, we'll just have it in a different location this time. Bring your lawn chairs, set-up your best movie watching spot, have a hot dog dinner together while we wait for the sun to go down and the movie to start!

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Updates from Pastor Ronnie

Happy Sept..Aug...nearly JULY!!! Wow how time crawls when are you not having as much fun as you think you should be. This has been a long 3.5 months hasn't it? Or is it just me? What a crazy season we find ourselves in, but we are not without hope. We are not without purpose. We are not even without the possibility of joy! If you are like me it has been tough, it has been scary, it has been exhausting and it has been stressful. But we will get through this my friends.

This season, like so many others throughout history, is temporary. God is here. God is in this with us. Remember the truths about God and cling to them. What truths you ask? That God is faithful, God is our hope, God sees what is happening, that God is walking with us and will see us through. I know this to be true. We can still shine the light of Christ to everyone around us because of Christ within us. Let the light out and don't give up. Grace and peace to you my friends. Philippians 1:6

GRADUATION SUNDAY!

This Sunday, we welcome Kacie Carey and Morgan Hanna to the pulpit as they provide the message for Graduation Sunday! Kacie & Morgan graduated from college in December 2019 pursuing Education degrees but took very different "Pathways" to get there. Join us for worship and their message based on Proverbs 16:1-3

Summer Cinema Series

It's time to start planning for our annual Summer Cinema Series. I thought it would be fun if you (the adults) helped pick one of the movies. The other two will be chosen by the children and youth. What movie would you like to see covered in a sermon this summer? Let's hear it! Head over to Facebook to share your idea, email the office at fccguthrie@coxinet.net or call the office at 405-282-4080.

We continue to practice social distancing and other safety procedures to offer a "touch-free" worship experience on Sunday mornings. Join us for worship in-person, online at www.fccguthrie.org and on our Facebook page "First Christian Church of Guthrie" at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday.



Hospitalized at this time:
Karen Yancey and Dennis Lynch

Preparing for surgery:
Sarah Anderson

We pray for our church family:
Al Allen, Basil Belveal, Sherry Canning, Gregg Gumerson, Linda Cameron, Diane Biggs, Charlie Ball, Rae Burns, Sharon Doan & Mykah Hamel-Honeycutt, Betty Hamilton, Mike Canning, Crystal Vassar, Lesley Rodgers, Dave Williams, Debbie Considine, Mike Carey, Dorothy Herbert

We pray for our friends and family members:
Kim Greer, Randy Shaffer, Nancy Layne, Sarah Schlueter, Louise Cotton, Mary Coffin, Jerry Williams, Deborah Dean, Brandi Carry, Rod Richardson, Keith Gordon, Marc Simmons, Brenda Piland, Valerie Cotton, Sydney Kohpay, James Stowe, 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



We are so excited to be back in the building together again! We kicked off Kid's Worship and Nursery on June 21 and while it looked a little different because we are trying to keep all of our kids as safe as possible, it was still so great to be together again! Nursery is open for ages birth - 4 years old during our Sunday service. The room has been sanitized, prepared, and staffed to help keep everything as clean as possible. While it is difficult to maintain a perfect 6-ft social distance with any age group of kids, our nursery staff is hard at work to make sure the kids are as spread out as possible and have several activities available that naturally keep the class spread out.

In Kid's Worship, we spent Sunday decorating a special space for each individual child to sit in each time we are together. We will start our lessons on June 28th in these special spaces while focusing on activities that encourage a safe distance between all of our kids. If your child didn't get a chance to make their special space, we still have plenty of supplies for whenever they return.

Kid's Worship Extra for our 3rd - 6th graders will resume on the regular meeting days of 2nd and 4th Sunday classes this coming Sunday, June 28th with a new Summer Series! Using special materials, we will be meeting in the balcony for a fun worship time. Meet in the reception hall after children's sermon for instructions and information on safety procedures.

Pickup for all kid's programming is in the Reception Hall across from the sanctuary immediately following the service. If your family is not yet comfortable participating in the kid's programming, we do have bags of activities and snacks available in the entryway for you to grab for them to do while they stay in the worship service with you. We hope that your family will join us back in the building for Sunday morning worship, however you want the experience to look like for your family.

3RD-6TH GRADE GOES SWIMMING:

Any child that is going into 3rd grade all the way through the kids who have just completed 6th grade are invited to go swimming out at James and Staci Carey's pool on Sunday, June 28th from 3-5 pm! Bring your towel, swim suit and come on out. We'll enjoy a sno cone snack while we are out there. Please contact Natalie Hardin if you need their address or directions to their pool.

Youth activities

Graduation Sunday "LIVE" Sunday, June 28th

~ to honor our graduates in person with a worship service and lunch

Swim & SnoCones (swim party @ Carey pool, contact Staci for directions) Jr High students 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
High School students 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m

Keeping Up With Karen



I want to begin by saying "thank you" for all the positive comments and responses to my sermon from Sunday. I had no idea how much that message would resonate with so many people but I am thankful that God put it on my heart to share that scripture.

If you were unable to worship with us in person, the services are always online and you can watch them anytime during the week at www.fccguthrie.org or on our Facebook page at First Christian Church of Guthrie. Many of you have asked how things are going as we have "reopened" with our social distancing precautions in place. I would say things are going much like we expected. Our "in person" attendance has stayed between 70-90 and we continue to have many of you viewing online. We are able to gauge our online views through some metrics that our online platforms give us and it looks like we are averaging 30-40 families watching online during the week with an average attendance among those families of 1-5 people. With those numbers it appears we about 80-100 each week checking us out online, so with our in-person attendance we are hovering around 200 participating in our services. We are so happy that everyone is staying engaged during this very challenging time!

As I mentioned during my sermon, it is so important to be honest about how you are feeling and share with each other what's going on in your life. We know things have not been "normal" or felt 100% great right now and we hope that our worship services can bring some "normalcy" to your week. We want to find ways to keep you connected to one another, to make sure you find ways to connect with God and also just to bring some light-hearted fun to your days.

At the same time, I think it is very important to be real about what all is going on in the world. We cannot ignore that we are faced with a myriad of things swirling about – different views on what is "safe and not safe" to do in regards to COVID, how will the world be different going forward, and racial tension and protests and learning new ways to relate to one another as we make progressive steps toward positive change. We are learning more each day about how to communicate and listen to one another but more importantly how to formulate opinions and be open to each other's opinion. At the root of all of it though, we must learn that caring about each other must be our biggest goal.

I think about what Jesus said is his greatest commandment: "Love God with all your heart, soul and mind and then, secondly – LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, as yourself!" That is sometimes easier said than done but we have to keep working on it! I am proud of our city and the ways they have worked together over the past couple weeks to make peaceful strides toward learning more about each other. The work continues everyday!

LOOKING AHEAD

We will continue to monitor the situation with COVID. We know numbers are rising and want to keep you safe. We encourage you to watch online if you don't feel safe in person. If you do attend in person, please spread out in the sanctuary. We encourage you to bring your own communion if you'd like but we also have communion available. Also, we appreciate Jana Frey leading some outdoor singing this past week. She will be there again this week at 10:10 for those who want to join in a time of praise. As you know, we are not singing indoors, as current research shows that singing in enclosed areas may increase the spread of COVID. We hope once numbers start to go down we can reintroduce singing in the worship services.

Also, we were excited to restart our Kid's Worship this week and appreciate Ms. Natalie finding safe ways for our children to meet and social distance! It is quite a team effort and I appreciate the support of our congregation and staff as we all navigate the "new normal" together!

God Bless and have a great week!

Karen



2020-2021 Board and Standing Committees of First Christian Church Guthrie

We are so excited to celebrate the new church year and appreciate those who have served over the past year and those who have stepped up to serve for the upcoming year!



OFFICERS OF THE BOARD	(1 yr. term)
Chair	Linda Holtz
Vice Chair	Jeff Ball
Secretary	Courtney Turner
Treasurers	Pam Williams & Janie Carey

MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS:	(1 yr. term)
Christian Education	Desi Rice
Christian Outreach	Stacey Johnston and Krista Smith
Connections	Lesley Cotton
Property	Ron Wilder and Ron Fields
Stewardship	Bobby & Susan Davison
Worship	Darla Trench and Elise Ellis

ELDERS:	(3 yr. term)	EXPIRES
Anderson, Sarah	(Caring Elder)	2021
Ball, David		2023
Ball, Jeff		2022
Ball, Jerry		2023
Carey, Janie		2021
Davison, Susan		2023
Gumerson, Gregg	(Caring Elder)	2021
Hardin, LaMoyné		2021
Johnston, Stacey		2022
Momsen, Peggy		2023
Pierson, Brian		2021
Simpson, Mike		2023
Williams, Dave		2021

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE	(2 yr. term)	EXPIRES
Frey, Kevin		2022
Holtz, Tom		2023
Wiss, Julie		2021

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE	(3 yr. term)	EXPIRES
Griffin, Linda		2022
Hubbard, Debbie		2021
Johnston, Sharon		2021
Warner, Bill		2023
Wieczorek, Terryl		2023

TRUSTEES:	(3 yr. term)	EXPIRES
Fincher, Christie		2023
Tontz, Len		2021
Wrede, Ron		2022

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	(3 yr. term)	EXPIRES
Bowles, Paula		2021
Ellis, Randy		2023
Hudson, Janet		2021
Mays, Lindsay		2022

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMM.	(3 yr. term)	EXPIRES
Davison, Susan		2022
Frey, Jana		2023
Redman, Jed		2021

DIACONATE:	(3 yr. term)	EXPIRES
Ball, Abigail		2022
Ball, Tanner		2022
Blakemore, Kristi		2023
Blakemore, Kyle		2023
Canning, Mike		2023
Carey, Alicia		2022
Carey, Mekaila		2023
Carey, Staci		2022
Cotton, Lesley		2023
Doles, Carol		2023
Fields, Shana		2021
Fields, Ron		2021
Frey, Kevin		2022
Griffin, Linda		2021
Hacker, Dawn		2022
Hanna, Gretchen		2021
Hanna, Morgan		2022
Hanna, Steve		2021
Hardin, Don		2023
Holtz, Tom		2021
Hubbard, Debbie		2022
Lynch, Dennis		2021
Lyons, Calee		2023
Mays, Lindsay		2021
McLain, Bill		2021
McLain, Jessica		2021
McNew, James		2023
McNew, Kendra		2023
Price, Clara		2023
Reynolds, Cindy		2023
Rice, Desi		2022
Rice, Jason		2022
Rucker, Jerry		2022
Schroder, Chris		2022
Schroder, Tammy		2022
Severson, Alexis		2022
Severson, Tammy		2022
Simpson, Kelly		2022
Smith, Krista		2022
Warner, Bill		2023
Warner, Gena		2023
Wieczorek, Stan		2023
Wilhelm Baylor		2023
Wiss, Julie		2022
Wrede, Linda		2023
Wrede, Ron		2023

(46 total as follows: 2021 = 10, 2022=18, 2023=18)

Celebrate July Birthdays!

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|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Patsy Crick | 14 – Khloe Walker | 25 – Colin Simpson |
| 3 – Larry Pepper | 16 – Janna Pierson | Cindy Reynolds |
| Gregg Friese | 17 – Pam Henning | 26 – Randy Ellis |
| 4 – Jennifer Guinn-Mannas | Hallie Ross | Jean Ann Canning |
| Mikayla Johnston | 18 – Jenna North | Linda Griffin |
| 6 – Jerry Ball | 20 – Lindsey Ball | Hunter Betchan |
| Susan Davison | Stacey Johnston | 27 – Diana Dewart |
| Jamie Pena | 21 – Sharon Holden | Becky Wilkerson |
| 7 – Mike Canning | 22 – Carson Wilder | 29 – Lakyn Redman |
| Addie Gill | 23 – Brian Johnston | Vivian Blakemore |
| 8 – Sammy LeGrande | 24 – Anna Frey | Jason Cotton |
| 10 – Kyle Blakemore | Stacy Russell | 30 – Mike Carey |
| 12 – Rita Stowe | | Logan Payne |
| 13 – Sue Martin | | 31 – Caroline Roettger |
| Steve Hanna | | Donna Koch |
| Dennis Ochs | | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 1 – Kevin & Jana Frey | 17 – Jason & Lesley Cotton |
| 2 – KC & Linda Griffin | Gary & Jane Weeks |
| 7 – Kendall & Amanda Shults | Virgil & Lesley Rodgers |
| David & Tara Hood | Coy & Kim Betchan |
| 9 – Wheeler & Von Coburn | 20 – Tommy & Sharon Johnston |
| 11 – Mike & Janie Carey | 23 – Scott & Joanna Thompson |
| 14 – Jimmy & Judy Wallar | 25 – Donovan & Lacey Hardin |
| 15 – Tom & Linda Holtz | 28 – Marsh & Nancy Powell |
| | 29 – Andy & Dawn Hacker |
| | 31 – Roy & Vicki Jones |

First Christian Church,
Thank you for hosting mother's funeral and dinner. Most of all thank you for embracing her and giving her a spiritual home to grow in and a place for her to serve. You have met her needs and shared her joys. Thank you for being the Body of Christ and caring for its parts.

The June Patrick Family



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1926-2020