

# FCC LADIES NIGHT

Who: All Women of FCC

Where: Senior Lopez

When: Wed., Aug. 26 at 6 p.m.

Why: Just because! 😊

RSVP to the church office by noon on the 26<sup>th</sup>!



## DVDs Available

DVD copies of Sunday services are available each week in a plastic box located outside the Northeast/Choir Room entrance. If you would like a copy to be placed in the box for you, please contact the church office at 282-4080.

## FCC receives grants for upcoming Thankful Fest

FCC Guthrie was the recipient of a \$500 grant from the Oklahoma Disciples Mission Fund in the spring of 2020. The grant request was made on behalf of the Outreach Team and their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Thankful Fest (tentatively scheduled for Nov. 8, 2020) and would be used to purchase an outdoor screen and projector for the event.

In June, we were contacted about applying for an additional grant for this event through the Faith in Action Commission of the Christian Church in Oklahoma. The grant request was made to the Reconciliation Grant Fund for events addressing pro-reconciliation and anti-racism in our society. With a quick turnaround, FCC applied for this additional grant and received the award in the amount of \$2,300 in early August! These funds will allow us to further our vision of a direct mailer inviting those living within a one-mile radius of our church grounds to attend our event. We are excited about the opportunities that await us as we continue to grow this event.

## DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN!

Our Do All the Good You Can recycling ministry has been a hit! Thank you to those of you who are collecting cans for this ministry. We have already had so many donations that we had to have them be picked up by the "Aluminum Cans for Burned Children" organization. It continues until the end of December.

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## Updates from Pastor Ronnie

Greetings church! I wanted to keep you up to date on the hard work and progress of our Strategic Leadership Team (SLT). Our SLT has been tasked with creating/discovering our Mission Statement (Why does our church exist?), Core Values (What is most important to us?), Discipleship Pathway (How are we going to grow disciples?), and God's Vision (Where are we going?).

We met for a total of 6 hours on August 16-17. During that time, we crafted our mission statement and discovered our core values – both current and aspirational. We decided to wait and present them all together once we have them completed. I will also be doing a sermon series to help everyone better understand all of the different pieces and what it means for our church moving forward upon completion.

Remember, you are more than welcome to watch the process. Our next meeting is September 27-28. We will send out an email containing a Zoom link if you would like to watch our next session.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Find the list of everyone on the SLT below.

Grace and peace,  
Ronnie

Strategic Leadership Team: Karen Allen, Jeff Ball, Mekaila Carey, Randy Ellis, Ronnie Fields, Dawn Hacker, Natalie Hardin, Linda Holtz, Peggy Momsen, Brian Pierson, Carissa Redman, Chris Schroder, Justin Stevens, Ron Wrede

## Stocking Ministry

The Outreach team has given a lot of thought to our stocking project to Guthrie Public Schools each Christmas. The project has grown each year. We will be making a few changes this year that we hope will bring an Outreach piece to the project that we feel is missing. This year, we will still shop for the specific age groups the schools give to us, but instead of delivering to the schools, we will open our building and invite the parents to receive the gifts, wrap them themselves and allow them to give them to their children as they see fit. We hope to honor the dignity of the families we help through these changes.

In September, we will be accepting donations of socks to include as part of the stocking, as well as monetary donations to help purchase wrapping paper, bows and ribbon. Thank you for your awesome and continuous support of this ministry.



# FCC KIDS & YOUTH

## Kid's Worship

We are starting a new and exciting unit in Kid's Worship! We are going to get back to the basics of figuring out just what the Bible is and how we can study it. Our unit we started this past Sunday and will continue for the next 7 weeks is called "Out in the Wild"; we will be learning topics like "What is the Bible", "Who Wrote the Bible", "How Can I Use the Bible" and lots more! Each week, we will send info out through our FCC News and Events and it will also be posted on our Kids @ FCC Facebook page for quick access. We aim for this to be a companion piece to our Sunday Kid's Worship lesson that can help you discuss at home throughout the week what they are learning at church!

On Sunday, we covered that the Bible is the Most Amazing Book! The Bible is a guide God has given us to help us see who He is and how He wants us to live. This week, talk to your family about how the Bible has helped you see who He is and maybe bring up a time the Bible has helped you see how He wanted you to live.

Pray with your family: Dear God, Please open our eyes to see all of the wonderful things you want to teach us from the Bible! Amen.

Memory Verse: "Be good, to me, your servant, so that I may live to obey your word. Open my eyes so that I can see all the wonderful things in your teachings." Psalm 119: 17-18

## Kidventure

Kidventure is coming! We are planning a great and fun Kidventure for this fall with some changes to help keep everyone safe and adhere more closely with CDC guidelines. We are planning to kick off this fun fellowship on Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. We'll have a snack, play games and have lessons all centered around the Bible teaching that day! Kidventure is for those kids who are 5 years old through 6th graders. For this session of Kidventure, we are not able to offer school pickup. The kids must be dropped off at the church for Kidventure. If you'd like to coordinate rides with other Kidventure attendees on your own to get them to Kidventure, that is great. We will also be trying to keep the Kidventure groups in smaller numbers but cannot guarantee that we will be able to keep a 6-foot distance between the kids at all times. The way that our building is set up just does not allow for a complete 6-feet of distance for each child. We will have hand sanitizer available and will encourage the use of it frequently. Our activities will be designed to have less contact than we typically do but supplies will still be shared amongst the group. If you have any questions about the safety measures in place, please give Natalie Hardin a call and we can talk through them. The link to sign-up your kids will be emailed out when it is finalized. As with every program offered right now, we will only have Kidventure if it is safe to do so. In the event it seems to be a health risk to gather in such a large group of kids with so much personal interaction, we may have to temporarily suspend our Kidventure program until it is safe to meet again. If this happens, I will be in regular contact with Kidventure parents to update them if our plan needs to change.

Kidventure is already a program that needs a lot of adult help to help make it successful, safe, and super fun! This session we will need even more "hands on deck" to try to keep everyone healthy while learning and having a great time. If you are available to help with Kidventure for even one Wednesday (or several) we NEED you! Please get in contact with Natalie to arrange dates that you are available. Kidventure cannot happen without our amazing volunteers and we have a volunteer spot just for your talents! We can work around any scheduling conflicts or dates you have that you are unavailable. We have volunteers who help lead the groups to their lessons and we also have volunteers who lead the lessons and interact with the games and activities. There are plenty of opportunities to find a place where your talents are served best! This is a great way to get to know the kids in the church and have fun with them!

**fccYOUth FALL FORMAT:** *I am so ready to get back to regular evening youth! I hope you are as well! I realize that things still are not normal and you may not be able to join us so I will continue to offer in-person and online options! (In person) Evening youth will kick off Sunday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> with Jr High students meeting from 5 pm - 6:30 pm & High School meeting from 6 - 7:30 p.m. All students can come at 5 and leave at 7:30 if needed for transportation purposes. Let me know if you have questions about how this new rotation will work for your youth! We will also offer an online Sunday youth time that will be split into a small group format for a portion of the evening. During this time Zoom will be utilized to allow all youth to participate in discussion and interaction. Let me know if you need information about how to use Zoom. As always, the calendar will change if needed due to increasing health concerns... until then, mark that calendar now ☺*

**Wed, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>:** See you at Sonic 6 p.m.

**Sun, Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>:** Youth nights (Jr High) 5-6:30 p.m. & (High School) 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Mon, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>:** Service project @ Central Camp 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Keeping Up With Karen



We did it! We made it through Spring Break/Summer! And when I say "we" I mean parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends, etc. I know it has taken the "village" to keep everyone calm and held together during this time of quarantining, distance learning, masking-up, a million voices of reason/or not reason. So much has gone on as we approached this new school year with hesitation and excitement. No matter how your children, grandchildren, neighbor's kids or whatever child you claim has approached this new school year – whether from home, attending in-person or some version of both, it has not come without some stress.

That being said, a friend of mine sent out a text last week that I want to share with parents (or any caretaker of children) as we continue through this new normal of school. It's called the "30-Day Prayer Dare for Parents." It's by Kaylene Yoder and is completely free to join. It begins Sept. 1 and you will want to sign-up before that date. There are three ways to participate – you can simply sign up online and receive a daily e-mail beginning Sept. 1 that will offer you ways to pray over your children. The second option is to purchase a workbook and notecards. The workbook is \$5.99 (with the coupon generated online when you sign up) and the notecards are \$2.50. The workbook is basically each day's prayer plus added scriptures and a place for you to write down your thoughts. The notecards are all digital as well and offer more specific prayers on topics such as leadership, anxiety, parenthood, etc. These cards are to be placed around your home or office as reminders of what you are praying for each day. Both, the workbook and notecards are digital downloads. Of the two products, I would recommend the notecards.

We would love to know if you have joined this online prayer group so we can know who all is praying together. Just send Karen Allen a quick e-mail at [karenkallen@cox.net](mailto:karenkallen@cox.net) if you joined.

The website to join the "30-Day Prayer Dare" is: <https://kayleneyoder.com/prayer-dare-parents/>

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A BLUEJAY???

It's time to start sending us your photos – old or new – so we can put together our next worship service video! We thought it would be fun to do a "homecoming" video of our own to show in worship Sept. 13. That means we need all photos in by noon on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The video is titled "How Long Have You Been a Bluejay" and will feature photos or videos that you submit in Bluejay attire, at Bluejay events, possibly some old high school photos or homecoming photos from years gone by. We would love to string together a video of some of our oldest Bluejays and our newest Bluejays and see how we span the generations! We know we have many involved across the years in so many ways.

You can text photos or videos to Karen at (405) 615-2240, e-mail them to: [karenkallen@cox.net](mailto:karenkallen@cox.net) or bring them to the church office at 402 E. Noble. Our office is open Monday-Thursday (8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.).

### Caregiver's Group!

I am thrilled to report that our Caregiver's Group is growing! We have had six different people attend over the last three months and continue to extend invitations to those we know would fit into this category. The Caregiver's Group meets once a month for dinner and conversation. This group is designed for those who are doing caregiving for a loved one or friend and would enjoy a night to share a meal out (although right now we typically order food and eat at the church or someone's home) and a chance to just share conversation with those in similar caregiving situations. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at the church. Please contact me if you would like to be a part of this group. We typically decide the week of our meeting what we will eat, so let me know if you are planning to join us.

I hope everyone has a great week!

*Karen*



# Prayer Request



**We pray for our church family:** Al Allen, Esther Waner, Sharyl Padgett, Amy Haskins Kirk, Holly Evers, Greg & Tasha Ireton Family (house fire), Stacey Johnston, Kendra McNew, Gregg Gumerson, Larry Stinchcomb, Cynthia Baker, Velma Johnson, Dennis Lynch, Joan Dreessen, Karen Yancey, Sherry Canning, Basil Belveal, Linda Cameron, Mike Canning, Lesley Rodgers, Debbie Considine, Mike Carey, Dorothy Herbert, Donna Wheatley.

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Rosemary Standerfer, Will Jackson, Ray Stewart, Pauline Belden, Linda Bowen, Bobby Underwood, 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

# Celebrate!

## September Birthdays!

2 – Jarrett McNulty	14 – Grayden Beeson	24 – Bella Benham
3 – Ron Plagg	Jamie Johnston	Hadley Henning
4 – Coy Betchan	Holly Kinkade	25 – Josh Ball
6 – Gena Warner	Eli Plagg	Hank Hubbard
7 – Jim Case	15 – Gary Weeks	26 – Mary Lou Welch
8 – Kenzie Mays	17 – Pat Ball	27 – Clarence Allen
Jerry Yancey	Andy Hacker	Lesley Rodger
9 – Carol Field	18 – Bob Powell	28 – Levi Betchan
10 – Donovan Hardin	19 – Linda Holtz	29 – Ethan Cotton
12 – Justin Mays	20 – Karen Allen	Michelle Schroeder
Paisley Pena	Luke Lyons	30 – Charlie Ball
Jackie Ross	22 – Esther Weir	
Landyn Wilder		

### Candle Lighters Needed!

We are about to start a new schedule for candle lighting! If your 3rd - 6th grader wants to participate in bringing in the light and carrying out the light at our 10:30 Sunday morning service, please email [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com)! This is about a once every month or every other month commitment and a schedule is made for at least a semester at a time so we are able to work around any dates that may conflict with obligations you may already have for your family.

### Capture the flag

The 3rd - 6th graders will have a "Capture the Flag" evening at Highland Park on Oct. 4 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. We will meet in front of the tennis courts at the park and play a few rounds of "Capture the Flag" together. Please make sure your child wears shoes they can run in! Pickup and drop off will be at the park. Email [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com) if you plan for your child to be there!

**ATTENTION: KID'S WORSHIP EXTRA (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders)** - Work & Play Day info... Monday, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. We will be helping to clean up at Central Camp after the camp hosts their annual Mud Run fundraiser. We were able to work this last year and are excited to get to offer our help again this year! Once we have completed our projects we hope to have time to play some gaga ball or relax in the hammocks! Snacks & water will be provided (so make sure you have already eaten lunch before you come ☺) We will meet at FCC at 12:30 and be back by 4:30. Wear clothes to be outside and don't forget closed-toe shoes!

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1 – Scott & Kim Biggs	22 – Jed & Carissa Redman
2 – Robert & Michelle Gill	23 – John & Anita Riddle
7 – Jim & Deanna Case	25 – Sammy & Joann LeGrande
11 – Jerry & Karen Yancey	26 – Josh & Betsy Ball
18 – Bob & Shirley Powell	27 – Tommy & Amanda Zellers
19 – Lloyd & Caroline Roettger	

## MDO Updates

Our Fall session kicked off this week and we have a few openings in our toddler (18 months – 2 years) and preschool (3 ½ to 4 years and fully potty trained) rooms. If you or someone you know has kiddos that are interested, please call Michelle at 282-4080.

We always have a need for substitute teachers. Our classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 2:50 p.m. Pay is \$8/hour. All substitutes must pass a background check and be willing to get down on the ground to play with the children and climb stairs. If you are interested, call Michelle.

We are off to a great start at MDO! Thank you FCC for your support of this ministry!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated) 9 a.m. Worship Service <small>(masks required)</small> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 5 p.m. – Youth Meetings begin</p>		<p><b>1</b> Daniel 9-10</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p>	<p><b>2</b> Daniel 11-12</p> <p>9 a.m. – Chamber Coffee @ FCC hosted by Hardin Insurance</p>	<p><b>3</b> Ezra 1-2</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p>	<p><b>4</b> Ezra 3-5</p>	<p><b>5</b> Ezra 6-7</p>
<p><b>6</b> Ezra 8-10</p> <p>No Youth Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b> Nehemiah 1-3</p> <p>Labor Day – Office Closed No School</p>	<p><b>8</b> Nehemiah 4-6</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p>	<p><b>9</b> Nehemiah 7-8</p> <p>6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b> Nehemiah 9-11</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p>	<p><b>11</b> Nehemiah 12-13</p> <p>GHS Homecoming</p>	<p><b>12</b> 1 Chronicles 1-2</p>
<p><b>13</b> 1 Chronicles 3-5</p>	<p><b>14</b> 1 Chronicles 6</p>	<p><b>15</b> 1 Chronicles 7-8</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out 6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Meeting</p> <p>TACO TUESDAY</p>	<p><b>16</b> 1 Chronicles 9-10</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure Kick-off</p>	<p><b>17</b> 1 Chronicles 11-12</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p>	<p><b>18</b> 1 Chronicles 13-15</p>	<p><b>19</b> 1 Chronicles 16-17</p>
<p><b>20</b> 1 Chronicles 18-20</p> <p>DONUT SUNDAY</p> 	<p><b>21</b> 1 Chronicles 21-23</p> <p>No School</p> <p>12:30 p.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders “Work &amp; Play Day” at Central Camp &amp; Conference</p> <p>7 p.m. – Men’s Night</p>	<p><b>22</b> 1 Chronicles 24-25</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p>	<p><b>23</b> 1 Chronicles 26-27</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 6 p.m. – Caregiver Group</p>	<p><b>24</b> 1 Chronicles 28-29</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p>	<p><b>25</b> 2 Chronicles 1-4</p>	<p><b>26</b> 2 Chronicles 5-7</p>
<p><b>27</b> 2 Chronicles 8-10</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Christian Ed Meeting 1 p.m. – Strategic Leadership Team</p>	<p><b>28</b> 2 Chronicles 11-14</p> <p>Noon – Deadline for October Newsletter 6 p.m. – Strategic Leadership Team</p>	<p><b>29</b> 2 Chronicles 15-18</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>Newsletter Mailed Out</p>	<p><b>30</b> 2 Chronicles 19-21</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b></p> <p>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</p>		