

Do you have the gift of enjoying organizing, cleaning and letting things go?

If so, we have the project for you! As we consider the future of our Music Ministry, it is quite evident that our Choir Room has become a catch-all for music as well as things that just don't belong. ☺ If you would like to spend some time tackling this project, please call the church office and we will make arrangements. This can be an individual or group effort! Many hands make light work!



Christmas Stocking Collections!

For the month of October we will be collecting
TOILETRIES for kids ages 4 – 18 years of age.
Help us fill the giant stocking in the sanctuary!

Ways to give to FCC

As a church family, you have really stepped up during these unique times. Your giving and faithfulness have allowed us to continue to do the work of the church in our community, state, nation and world. THANK YOU!

- We offer various off-site opportunities to give to the church.
- Mail your donation to First Christian Church, 402 E. Noble Ave., Guthrie, OK 73044
 - Set up online giving by clicking on the "GIVE ONLINE!" tab at www.fccguthrie.org
 - Set up automated payments through your bank
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Updates from Pastor Ronnie

SLT Update

Your Strategic Leadership Team has been hard at work again! The 14 of us met and discussed the "Discipleship Pathway." This is the process by which we make disciples. As a growing maturing Christian what do we, as a church, expect you to be doing? Again, everything we are doing is all based in the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. We are called to go, make disciples, baptize and teach. Everything we do as a church should revolve around these fundamentals. We will have another meeting Oct. 11 and 13 to work on Vision and First Impressions. Remember, this is NOT a secret process. Due to COVID, we are limiting the people in the room to just the SLT, but you can watch and listen to us work over the internet. We provide a link each time. If you do not receive the link, please let us know so we can get it to you.



David Bible Study

Ronnie will begin a Bible study, "David: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m.. You can meet in-person at the church or online via Zoom. If you would like to join via Zoom please call the church office to sign up so we can get you the link. This is a great Bible study for all levels of Bible knowledge. No previous Bible reading experience necessary!

Young Adults

Calling all Young Adults (age 21-28)! We are meeting at Sr. Lopez on Oct. 25 after church for lunch. See you there!

COVID Awareness Reminder

We are aware that the numbers in Logan County are going up. As a reminder, we have multiple opportunities for you to participate in worship.

- In-person at 9 a.m. (masks required) and 10:30 a.m. (masks encouraged)
- Services are livestreamed on Facebook at "First Christian Church of Guthrie" at 9 and 10:30 a.m.
- Services are livestreamed on our website at www.fccguthrie.org at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

We always record the service and will post that ASAP if there are ever issues on Sunday morning with the livestream. DVD recordings are available in a box outside the Choir Room entrance.

As always, if you are not feeling well or have been exposed, please stay home. If numbers continue to increase, our Elder team will meet to further discuss options.



Kid's Worship Updates

This week's "Need to Know" in Kid's Worship is "The Bible Tells Me How to Live!" Our Bible story was from Exodus 19:1-20:21. We talked about that God gives us rules to follow. He told us His rules in the Bible and when we read His rules in the Bible, they will tell us how to live. God didn't give us these rules to make our lives boring; He gave them to us because He loves us and wants to show us how to live for Him! Talk to your family about how you follow God's rules in your adult life!

Pray with your family: Dear God, open our eyes and help us see how You want us to live. Thank you for loving us and giving us your Word! 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



The 3rd - 6th graders will have a "Capture the Flag" evening at Highland Park from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4. 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 if you plan for your child to be there!

Children's Sunday is coming!!!

Nov. 8 our children – ages 4 years through 6th grade – will be doing every part of our worship service and we want to make sure your child is included. The past two sessions of Kid's Worship Extra (ages 3rd-6th grade) we have begun rehearsing and handing out parts, so if your child hasn't been present please contact Karen Allen (615-2240) or Staci Carey (831-5509) to let us know they want to participate. We will continue working on parts on Oct. 11 and 25, with a final run through Nov. 1. Our younger Kid's Worship crew is working with Ms. Natalie during Kid's Worship and will be helping with music.

YOUTH NEWS

It's fall, ya'll! and we are falling for **Youth Nights!** With the help of our amazing team leaders, Courtney Turner, Will Dobbins, Baylor Wilhelm, Mekaila Carey, Tanner Ball, Kacie Carey, Morgan Hanna, Brendan Hanna, Lindsay Mays, Karen Allen, Chris Schroder and Tammy Schroder, we created some strong teams and are ready to conquer the world! Well, at least learn about some Bible Stories we can use to take on the world... If you are a student or know a student in **7th - 12th grade**, this group is for you/them! **Every Sunday, 5 - 7 p.m.** (except 10/18 due to Fall Break). *We have adjusted the time a little and are asking all ages to come at the same time rather than on a rotation schedule. We will continue to break into our age groups and come back together for snack supper.* For more information, contact: Staci Carey, Youth Minister, 831-5509.

Faithfulness.

That's the word that seems to be resonating on my heart this morning as I walk through the hallways of the church and think about a Sunday that was filled with various meetings and events.

Sunday worship services were filled with wonderful worship both in-person and online. We began live-streaming the 9 a.m. service. Our Kid's Worship and Kid's Worship Extra classes bustled with kids eager to learn and excited about upcoming activities including Children's Sunday on Nov. 8. Our Christian Education team met following worship to discuss children, youth, adult Bible Studies, Women's events, and Senior Adult classes. All afternoon a team of 14 people met to continue the work of the Strategic Leadership Team for the Mission and Vision work of our church. As soon as that ended, our doors were opened for the community as plans shifted due to weather for the "Guthrie Community Hour of Prayer" sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. Our sanctuary was filled with churches from across the community praying together and we were able to live-stream the service for those unable to attend. As it ended our youth group met downstairs for their regular meeting.

It was one day, filled with all ages, many activities and all engaged in moments of faithfulness.

It is so easy to get discouraged right now and only see the negative. It is so easy to engage in what is going wrong with the world but yet, I am a firm believer in what you pour into your life is what will get poured out.

I am so thankful for those of you who have "stayed the course" with FCC Guthrie and are responsive to the changes we have navigated through these last months. I am thankful for the faithfulness that has been displayed in your financial gifts that has allowed us not to stress about how we would be faithful as a church in doing ministry. I am thankful for those who call and ask how they can help and those who immediately respond anytime I ask for help or send a text needing volunteers for meals, events, help on Sundays, etc.

Faithfulness.

It's a word that continues to grow in meaning to me. As I think about all the distractions flying at everyone right now and how easy it is to let little "bumps in the road" throw you off course, I think about how each of you are allowing God to reset your focus each Sunday through worship, serving, prayer, and continuing in relationship with one another in church settings. Ronnie's recent sermon series has echoed time and time again, that in this political environment and I would add to it – in this COVID environment – it will pass but at the end of the day we will all still be here with one another, as neighbors and friends. We need to remember that no matter what the speed bump is, or the distraction, that God calls us to love one another, forgive when times are uncertain or uneasy, and most of all be generous with our grace.

I pray that each of you will continue to call on us as a church staff when you need help. I hope that as a church family we continually seek out those in our community who need a church home.

Thank you for serving faithfully, worshipping wherever you are able right now with us (online or in-person!) and praying with us as we follow all the Christ has called us to be and do as FCC Guthrie!

Blessings,
Karen

Prayer Request



Our love and sympathy go out to: Family of Judy Wallar, Debbie Hubbard and family in the death of her uncle, J.L. Dye

Preparing for surgery: Mike Canning (Sept. 30)

We pray for our church family: Ron Fields, Glennette Meredith, Sammy & JoAnn LeGrande, Sarah Anderson, Esther Waner, Michelle Hamm, Stacey Johnston, Larry Stinchcomb, Dennis Lynch, Joan Dreessen, Karen Yancey, Basil Belveal, Sherry Canning, Lesley Rodgers, Debbie Considine, Mike Carey, Donna Wheatley, Dorothy Herbert

We pray for our friends and family members: Wes Black, Charles Ragland, Johnny Simpson, Steve Lamlein, Shanna Kilburn, Rhonda Baker, Cindy Rice, Rosemary Standerfer, Ray Stewart, Pauline Belden, Sarah Schlueter, Mary Coffin, Jerry Williams, Deborah Dean, Brandi Carry, Rod Richardson, Keith Gordon, Marc Simmons, Brenda Piland, Valerie Cotton, 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!

October Birthdays!

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| 1 – Linda Rice | 9 – Bill Warner | 20 – Carson McNulty |
| Katelyn Hinkle | 10 – Terri Mcully | 21 – Sadie Porter |
| Faeron Dewart | 11 – Sherry Canning | 22 – Melvin Scheihing |
| 2 – Logan Reynolds | Taryn Ward | Makenna Bench |
| 3 – Kamden Redman | 12 – Ron Wrede | 23 – Phyllis Willbanks |
| 4 – Kylie McLain | 13 – Joe Epperon | 24 – Velma Cox |
| Tristan Harrison | 14 – Scott Turner | Joan Dreessen |
| 5 – Terry Story | Janet Kelley | 25 – Barbara Wilder |
| 6 – Cynthia Cunningham | Michelle Hamm | 26 – Traci Hayes |
| Alicia Carey | 15 – Audrey Evers | 28 – Boyd Rice |
| 7 – Mark Thompson | Caleb Canning | Tara Hood |
| Christie Fincher | 16 – Ada Belle Elder | 29 – Judy Scheihing |
| Brendan Hanna | Carrol Porter | Chase Doles |
| 8 – Maisyn Beeson | Jed Redman | 30 – Dave Williams |
| Aiden Hardin | 17 – Lofton Walker | 31 – Danise Johnston |
| Lilly Ciardi | 18 – Colten Stevens | Shirley Waner |
| | 19 – Anita Plummer-Owen | |

Connections Team Meeting!

Sunday, Oct. 4 @ 5:00 p.m. in the choir room

We will meet in person and also offer a ZOOM link if you would like to join us virtually!!

Please contact Lesley Cotton at 405-535-4612
if you would like to receive the ZOOM link.

Outreach Updates

Fall is already here! The Outreach team is preparing for our 2nd annual Thankful Fest on Nov. 8. We will be kicking off a canned food drive in conjunction with it. Start bringing those canned food items Oct. 12. We will also be partnering with Ministerial Alliance for their frozen turkey drive to benefit God's Food Bank. Turkeys should be brought to church ON Nov. 8, not before.

The stocking item for collection in October is toiletries. That can be any soap, shampoo, body wash, etc.

Remember to keep collecting your aluminum cans, as well!

Our next meeting is this Sunday, Oct. 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Choir Room. Join us!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



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| 1 – Rhys & Dianne Williams | 11 – Charles & Rita Stowe |
| 2 – Alan & Michelle Schroeder | 16 – Brandon & Pam Henning |
| 4 – John & Debi Shore | 20 – James & Staci Carey |
| 5 – Darl & Carol Doles | 24 – Lawrence & Judy Coburn |

Database Updates!

It's time once again to work on our church database. If you have moved or changed phone # or email address, please notify the church office at 282-4080 or fccguthrie@coxinet.net. We also want to be sure we have all birthdates and anniversaries. If you've noticed your special day was left off our monthly calendar, be sure to send us your information.



OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Repeating Sunday Events:</u> (unless otherwise indicated) 9 a.m. Worship Service (masks required) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 5 p.m. – Youth Meeting</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>			<p>1 2 Chronicles 22-24 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>2 2 Chronicles 25-27</p>	<p>3 2 Chronicles 28-29</p>
<p>4 2 Chronicles 30-32 <i>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</i> 11:30 a.m. – Outreach Team Meeting 3 p.m. – Worship Team Meeting 4:30 p.m. – 3rd-6th Graders @ Highland Park 5 p.m. – Connections Team Meeting</p>	<p>5 2 Chronicles 33-34 5:30 p.m. – Pastoral Relations Committee</p>	<p>6 2 Chronicles 35-36 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>7 James 1-5 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure</p>	<p>8 Galatians 1-3 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>9 Galatians 4-6</p>	<p>10 1 Thess. 1-5</p>
<p>11 2 Thess. 1-3 1 p.m. – Strategic Leadership Team Meeting 5 p.m. - "David" Sermon Series and Online Bible Study Begins</p>	<p>12 1 Cor. 1-4</p>	<p>13 1 Cor. 5-8 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 6 p.m. – Strategic Leadership Team Meeting 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting</p>	<p>14 1 Cor. 9-11 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Board Meeting</p>	<p>15 1 Cor. 12-14 No Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>16 1 Cor. 15-16</p>	<p>17 2 Cor. 1-4</p>
<p>18 2 Cor. 5-9  Donut Sunday 5 p.m. - "David" Online Bible Study</p>	<p>19 2 Cor. 10-13 7 p.m. – Men's Night</p>	<p>20 Romans 1-3 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>21 Romans 4-7 3:45 p.m. – Christmas Program Rehearsals begin 6 p.m. – Caregiver Group Meets</p>	<p>22 Romans 8-10 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>23 Romans 11-13</p>	<p>24 Romans 14-16</p>
<p>25 Matthew 1-4 11:30 a.m. – Christian Ed Team Meeting 11:40 a.m. – Young Adults to Senor Lopez 5 p.m. – "David" Online Bible Study</p>	<p>26 Matthew 5-7</p>	<p>27 Matthew 8-9 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting</p>	<p>28 Matthew 10-12 3:45 p.m. – Christmas Program Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 Matthew 13-14 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>30 Matthew 15-17</p>	<p>31 Matthew 18-20 </p>



Notes: Kid's Worship for 4 yrs – 2nd grade is every Sunday during worship, Kid's Worship Extra for 3rd – 6th graders is the 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship.