



NEWS & EVENTS

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Updates from Pastor Ronnie

For those of us fortunate enough (for lack of a better phrase) to get a stimulus check, I am thankful. I know there are issues with the disbursement and that the stimulus itself is controversial. I'm not here to debate that. I am here to ask and challenge what you will do with it. Now first off, if you find yourself in the situation that you are reliant on and need that stimulus check to pay off debt or put food on the table, no offense but I'm not talking to you in this article. By all means you need to take care of your debts and bills.

I am more looking to speak with those of us who find ourselves in the situation where that really is extra money. Money that we were not anticipating getting. We still have our jobs and the current state of affairs has not really impacted us financially. For those of us doing ok financially, I want to encourage you, as your pastor, to consider at least tithing 10% of what you get. And here is the promise I will make. Any money we receive from the stimulus (please note that on your donation) will go to fund our outreach ministries. My goal is for the church to reach a full 10% giving from all gifts we receive throughout the year. The extra income from the stimulus giving can help us reach that goal.

Let's be honest, the money given to outreach is a much better use of the stimulus money. If you're like me, if not given a better idea, I'd probably just spend that stimulus money on something dumb...you know...like on a new 4K TV! ☺ (There are some really good deals right now.) Seriously though, I put this challenge out there because I felt God's Spirit pressing me to ask our church. It is a challenge I know. But I know our church is up to it.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Ronnie



Meal Ministry

Our Meal Ministry has become one of our more active ministries over the past several months and we are looking for a few more people to join in cooking and delivering meals! In the last three months, the FCC Meal Ministry team has delivered 22 meals to those recovering from surgery, coming home from a hospital stay or those stuck at home who are sick with Covid.

Time and time again, we are told how much this ministry means to recipients. We are thankful for our current team of volunteers – Karen Allen, Shana Bench, Janie Carey, Staci Carey, Lesley Cotton, LaMoyne Hardin, Natalie Hardin, Janet Hudson, Stacey Johnston, Barbara Ketch, Rikki Metcalf, Carissa Redman, Jane Stewart, Linda Tontz, Becky Wilkerson, Pam Williams and Ruth Underwood.

While this group has been amazing at stepping up on a moment's notice to cook and deliver meals, we could always use a few extra people to add to the rotation for instances where we have multiple people needing meals at the same time.

How it works: We add you to the list as a volunteer and when a need arises, Karen Allen will send a text with info regarding the name of the person who needs meals, number of people in the household, any dietary restrictions and the dates/times when meals are needed. Those on the group text can respond if they are available to help with that round of meals. Once the dates are filled, Karen will text you the person's address/phone number and then Karen follows-up with the recipient to let them know the meal schedule. As a meal ministry team member, we try to provide a main dish, side item, bread, dessert. If you are not interested in cooking, we also have had people in the rotation who pick up a meal at a local restaurant and deliver it.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please call or text (405) 615-2240 Karen Allen or the church office at 282-4080 and we will put you on the rotation to receive text messages. If you don't text, we can also call you when a need arises.

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KIDS & Youth Ministries



Kid's Worship - Week 2 – I can talk to God in Any Way (Parables on Prayer – Luke 18:1-14)

In Kid's Worship and Kid's Worship Extra, we are learning about talking to God and this week we learned that we can talk to God in so many ways. Our Bible stories were parables Jesus' told about different ways to pray. We talked about the letters of the word PRAY can help us know how to pray:

- P** stands for Praise - thank God
- R** for Repent - tell God that we're sorry the wrong things we do
- A** for Ask – we can ask God for what we want and need
- Y** for Yes - we can tell God "Yes" to whatever He says is best for us.

This week: Talk to your kids about how you pray. Try to discuss a time when you had a specific prayer that God answered. How did you know to pray about it? How did you bring it to God? How did you know it was answered?

Pray with your family: Dear God, We are so glad that we can pray and talk to you. Thank you for always listening to us. Help us to remember that we can talk to you anytime, anywhere, in any way, and about anything. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Memory Verse: "Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to Him."

Philippians 4:6
Ms. Natalie

YOUTH Updates

YOUTH Nights began again on Sunday, things might sound muffled behind a mask but I hope the message was clear! (hint: we need people, doing life together - Acts 2:46)

We also started exploring scriptures for Youth Sunday, if you missed out or aren't able to attend right now, we would still love for you to be a part of the process so contact me and we can figure out a way to do that!

Youth Nights are for Jr. High & High School students. We meet Sunday nights, 5 - 7 p.m. just inside the door off Ash Street. If you have a Jr. High or High School age student, we look forward to getting to know them. Please sign up for the remind updates to get the most recent information on in-person meeting activities and health guidelines.

If you have any other questions or would like more information about in person or online options, contact Staci Carey at 405-282-4080.

SAVE THE DATE: *Super Bowl Subs fundraiser:* Feb. 7.
Youth Sunday Service: Feb. 14.

Our love and sympathy go out to: Darl Doles & Family in the death of his brother-in-law Micky Porter; Clara Price & Family in the death of her aunt Norma Jarnagin

Hospitalized at this time: Linda Cameron (Tulsa - ICU),

We pray for our church family: Dave Williams, Conna Dewart, Basil Belveal, Lesley Rodgers, Mickey Mock, Dennis Lynch, Joann LeGrande, Elise Ellis, Carol Barnes, Sarah Anderson, Dorothy Smith, Barbara Wilder, Ron Fields, Larry Stinchcomb, Joan Dreessen, Sherry Canning, Debbie Considine, Mike Carey, Dorothy Herbert

We pray for our friends: The Family of Jerry Kirkpatrick, Joan Faye Meacham, Susie Ellison, Cheryl McKendrick, Harold and Mary Hembree, Lucy Pridham, Paula Jean Nulick, Mary Daymund, Darrin Robb, Wes Black, Rosemary Standerfer, Mary Coffin, Jerry Williams, Rod Richardson, Keith Gordon, Brenda Piland, Valerie Cotton, James Stowe, Katheryn Webb Feken, Cathy Carter, Pam Billings, Janetta Hibbler, Kayla Thetford


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


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Kidventure!

It's Kidventure time!! Kidventure is kicking off another exciting and faith-filled session on Wednesday, Jan. 20. We will meet each Wednesday from 3:40 to 5 p.m. to learn lessons from the Bible together with an active twist to each lesson. Kidventure is for any kids who are 5 years old through 6th grade. Call or text Natalie Hardin (405-762-9330) for information or go to the "Kids @ FCC Guthrie" group on Facebook for the link to register your kids. Sign-ups close on Tues., Jan. 19 so get them registered today!



 Chi Rho Camp (for those who completed 6-8th grades) – June 14-18
@ Oakridge Camp in Anadarko

 Discovery Camp (for those who completed 2 & 3rd grades) – June 18-20
@ Central OK Camp in Guthrie

 CYF Conference (for those who completed 9-12th grades) – June 21-25
@ Central OK Camp in Guthrie

 Junior Camp (for those who completed 4 & 5th grades) – June 28-July 2
@ Central OK Camp in Guthrie

Camp rates will be published as soon as they are available. FCC will pay \$100 toward one camp for each of our active children & youth who sign up by the "early bird" date – April 16. If you know your child will be attending camp, if you have a child who might be interested in going, or if you have any questions about camp, please get into contact with Natalie Hardin or Staci Carey.