

Capital Campaign Update

Our goal is \$200,000 by 2023. This will pay for the boiler replacement and help us replenish funds for future capital improvements.

Funds received to date: \$67,663

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EVERY \$\$\$ Counts!**



Are you “ALL IN?” Show your church spirit with a T-Shirt! We have a few of the FREE green “ALL IN” shirts remaining and would love for someone in your family to have one. Currently, we have one large adult, 10 adult smalls, 5 youth large, 5 youth medium and 3 youth small. Come by (402 E. Noble) or call the church office (282-4080) to get yours today!

Linda Cameron has been hospitalized for several months. While she cannot talk on the phone, she would love to receive cards.

Her address is:

Select Specialty Hospital
Attn: Linda Cameron, Room 216
3524 NW56th
Oklahoma City, OK 73112



Terry Story
1953-2021



Rev. Dr. Jerry Kirkpatrick
1944-2021



Jack Andrews
1933-2021

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FCC Financial Update

2020 Income \$301,698.16
2020 Expenses \$302,803.59
2020 Net Loss (\$1,105.43)

Thank you to everyone who donated of their time, talents and treasures in 2020. We know it wasn't a “normal” year, but the Stewardship team appreciates your commitment to giving. 2020 Contribution Statements have been mailed. If you did not receive one and need it for tax purposes, please contact Shana in the church office.



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First Christian Church of Guthrie

**Sharing Christ
Growing in Faith**

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Updates from the Pastor

We have a lot of exciting things happening in February! You will not want to miss out. First, we have several special Sundays beginning with Laity Sunday on Feb. 7. Laity Sunday is when church members take over the service. Jeff Ball will be bringing the message that day. Feb. 14 will be Youth Sunday where the youth lead worship. And on Feb. 21, Mt. Olive Friendship Baptist will be here to worship with us. Lewis Robinson will be preaching and their praise team will lead music. I will be here for each of those Sundays to offer the invitation. I can't wait to see and hear what God is going to do!



The second thing happening in February is the season of Lent begins. Lent is a time of preparation leading up to the celebration of Easter. During Lent, we will be doing a church-wide devotional through YouVersion. In the later half of Lent we will offer a Bible study that goes along with the sermon series - “Song of Ascents.” More details to come.

Finally, we will kick off Lent with our Ash Wednesday service, Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. This year's service will have 2 options – in-person or online. For those at home, we will provide a family-friendly kit for children and youth of all ages so that you can participate as if you were in the sanctuary. We hope all ages will participate. Those packets will be made available in February.

A lot going on to help us all “share Christ and grow in faith.”

Grace and Peace,
Ronnie

Outreach updates

We will be meeting Sun., Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. in the choir room to continue to work on our Vision 2021 goals. For the months of February thru April we will be collecting pop can tabs to donate to Ronald McDonald charities in memory of Cabryn Kyle. The tabs may be brought in ziploc baggies and dropped off in the designated box in the narthex by April 30.





Keeping Up With Karen



Kid's Worship

I can talk to God Anytime (When Jesus Prayed – Mark 1:35, Luke 3:21-22, 6:12-16, Matthew 26:36-44)

Sunday in Kid's Worship and Kid's Worship Extra we learned that we can talk to God anytime! When we pray, we are talking to God. No matter how we are feeling, what we are doing, or where we are, it is always a good time to talk to God! God loves us and wants to hear everything we have to say, whether that is a hard decision we have to make or when we are celebrating something really awesome. We can ask God to help us when we are scared or we can talk to Him when we are really happy. We can talk to God and listen to Him any time! Prayers don't have to be long, formal, or complicated!

This week: Discuss a time you prayed when you were celebrating something really awesome!

Pray with your family: Hey God, thank you for _____. Will you please _____?
Thank you.

Memory Verse: "Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to Him." Philipians 4:6

KIDVENTURE

Last week we kicked off Kidventure with a lesson on how we should grow and strengthen our Bible knowledge like young Jesus did when he spent several days in the temple. We had a great time together and it was fun having kids back in the building on Wednesday afternoons! We will have Kidventure each Wednesday through March 10; check our Facebook page for pictures of each Kidventure day!

Vacation Bible School UPDATES!

We are re-starting the planning process of Vacation Bible School to take place this summer. While we know that the pandemic is still very active, we also realize that our VBS theme of "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through" is even more applicable to our current times. Our VBS directors are hard at work brainstorming strategies to host our VBS kids and volunteers in the safest manner possible. If you are considering volunteering your time for VBS this summer, we would love to hear from you! Email nahardin@gmail.com with your levels of commitment and comfort with helping FCC VBS this summer! We have spots for all kinds of volunteers: behind the scenes, up on stage, speaking to a small group of kids, or leading the groups of kids around to their stations. We would love to talk with you more about what volunteer spots we have available, so please email us if you are interested!

YOUTH NEWS

Are you ready for some football? I hope you're ready for the subs! **Super Bowl Subs** are on sale now! Each sub is \$5 and we are offering a free delivery option this year. Go to our website www.fccguthrie.org and click on the blue button to order! This is a youth fundraiser so you are supporting our youth ministries with each purchase. Thank you for your support!

Youth Nights have been taken over by Youth Sunday planning and it has been so inspiring! Mark your calendar if you haven't already for Feb. 14 - it's more than just Valentine's Day...it's Youth Sunday!

We will kick off **Youth Nights Easter Edition** on Feb. 21 from 5 - 7 p.m – in-person and online. Contact Staci Carey for more information.

Why Mission? Why Vision? Why Core Values?

I know Ronnie has covered this before in his articles, but I thought I would take it from a different angle. Some of you are probably already tired of hearing those words – mission, vision, core values - and wondering why we are so focused on those things. As I read devotionals and other trainings, it becomes obvious that an organization without those things is an organization that is just floating along without a direct pathway to “success.” Everyone has to determine what “success” looks like within their own culture. As a church, we spent many months determining what that looks like and what it would mean to put them into practice. Hence, our Mission Statement! So, in other words, success for us is: “Sharing Christ and bringing people into a relationship with Him” and then, “Growing in Faith,” meaning we won't just win people to Christ and be content. We identified the importance of every person working on a pathway that involves continual growth in their faith.

How do we grow? That is where we play out the Vision and Core Values. As a church, we identified our vision as being a place where everyone feels welcome.

Finally, we merged all that together to determine our Core Values, which Ronnie has been covering each week in worship. The Core Values are what each of our ministry teams and staff are using to measure events/activities going forward. The Core Values include: The Bible, Children and Youth, Outreach and Evangelism, Connections, Prayer and Worship.

How will you see this play out?

I'll use the Chili-Cookoff as an example. On the surface, it is a fun event that brings people together and has a great attendance each year. However, also on the surface, what makes it a true “church event?” Any group or organization can host a Chili Cook-off.

So with that in mind, when our “Connections Team” met on Sunday, we began measuring the event against our Core Values. At first glance, we really only were covering one out of six of the core values – Connections. We could probably stretch and say we were including “children and youth” but there wasn't a specific tie-in for them other than eating and possibly competing, as a few did. The question then became whether or not we could add a few elements to it to make it work or was it something that we needed to let go of, in order to work on other things that are more inline with being a church. Of course, making it a little more difficult is our current state of Covid and an inability to gather in large groups to eat and fellowship.

After much discussion and brainstorming, we opted for a virtual cook-off that would tie into Super Bowl Sunday. We are asking people to post photos of their chili and vote for their favorite team when they post the chili picture. To add a push for watching our services on Sunday morning, we will announce the winner – “Chief” or “Buccaneers” - of our “Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off” prediction contest. Also, we will be asking the congregation to spread the word and invite others in the community to participate through online sharing of Facebook posts and personal invites to join in the fun. Finally, we will be sending out reminders with scriptures attached that focus on eating and competing. We are also encouraging participants to send in their favorite Bible verse as well.

So, with a few modifications, we have added in our Core Values of “Connections,” “Evangelism and Outreach,” “The Bible,” and “Children and Youth.”

Hopefully, this helps you see how we are ramping up some of our “normal” activities and measuring and modifying them to fit the growth pattern we want to have as a church. As we continue to plan new events, these measures will be used as well to help us all reach our mission of “Sharing Christ, Growing in Faith.”

Have a great week!

Karen

Prayer Request



Our love and sympathy go out to: Alice Allen and family in the death of her sister, Lucy Pridham; Family of Jack Andrews; Amanda Zellers and family in the death of her grandma, Mary Daymund

Hospitalized at this time: Linda Cameron (Tulsa – ICU)

We pray for our church family: Conna Dewart, Basil Belveal, Lesley Rodgers, Dennis Lynch, Joann LeGrande, Carol Barnes, Sarah Anderson, Dorothy Smith, Barbara Wilder, Ron Fields, Larry Stinchcomb, Joan Dreessen, Sherry Canning, Dorothy Herbert

We pray for our friends: Troy Strader, Strader Family (COVID), Mary Lear, Rhonda Loveland, Mark Prather, Family of Josh Kuykendal, Family of Lori Woodard Wallis, Mark Gellenbeck, Joan Fay Meacham, Susie Ellison, Cheryl McKendrick, Harold and Mary Hembree, Paula Jean Nulick, 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

FCC Super Bowl of Chili Cook-off

Cheer your team on by submitting your best-looking Chili in this year's contest!

The annual Chili Cook-off is taking on a football feel this year with the FCC Super Bowl of Chili Cook-off! Who will win the Super Bowl? We'll have a prediction by Sunday, Feb. 6 as you submit photos of your award-winning, photographic chili. Vote for your favorite team with each submission.

How it works:

- Start cooking today, tomorrow or whenever and submit your best-looking chili for this year's competition. When you e-mail, post on Facebook or drop by a photo of your favorite chili let us know your prediction for the winner of this year's Super Bowl – Chiefs vs. Buccaneers.
- We will collect all entries and announce on Sunday, Feb. 7 during worship our predicted winner for

this year's Super Bowl (game is Feb. 7 at 5:30 p.m. on CBS).

- If you post on Facebook be sure and include #FCCSuperBowl #FCCAllin.
- Invite your friends to participate as well to help ensure your team wins!
- Submit your favorite scripture to cheer your team on to victory! See if you can find a scripture about food or competing!
- "Contest" period is Jan. 23-Feb. 6.

We know things are different this year but would love to have you participate in our "virtual" Chili Cook-off.

To e-mail entries, send them to karenkallen@cox.net or text them to 615-2240. We will post your entry with the group on Super Bowl Sunday on our Facebook page at First Christian Church of Guthrie as well as our website at www.fccguthrie.org

 **GO Chiefs!**



GO Buccaneers!



"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." – Psalm 34:8

February Birthdays of the Month

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| 1 – Bill Bowles | 9 – Linda Wrede | 20 – Elizabeth Carpenter |
| Clayton Carpenter | Marsha Dewart | Kenneth Carpenter |
| Kathryn Smith | Sharyl Padgett | 22 – Maxine Bennett |
| Zachary Allen | 10 – Alice Olstad | Glennette Meredith |
| 2 – Luke Gill | 12 – Ellie Ball | Jaxton Rice |
| 3 – Carol Smith | 13 – Colten Lyons | 23 – Brent Biggs |
| Laura Benham | 14 – Addison Doles | 24 – Bobby Davison |
| 5 – Debbie Considine | Gentry Hardin | 25 – Helen Welch |
| LaMoyne Hardin | 15 – Don Hardin | 26 – Rod Stewart |
| Jonah Friese | 17 – Diann Owen | Janet Hudson |
| 6 – Gracie Shults | 18 – Emalyn Redman | 27 – Tyler Biggs |
| 7 – Nick Bench | | 28 – Nolan Crick |



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 11 – Jim & Kathryn Smith
- 25 – Gale & Trish Coker

OFFICE HOURS



The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We have staff lunch on Mondays and we are closed on Fridays.

THANK YOU!

The Worship Committee wants to THANK all of you who helped with the removal of the Christmas decorations from our sanctuary after church on the 10th. We had all ages assisting and appreciated your time and energy in accomplishing this project in short order. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Darla Trench, Co-Chair



FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Kid's Worship for 5 yrs – 2 nd grade every Sunday during worship **Kid's Worship Extra for 3 rd -6 th graders on the 2 nd & 4 th Sundays	1 Lev 1-4 7 p.m. – “Matchless” Bible Study via Zoom	2 Lev 5-7 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. - Campfire	3 Lev 8-10 3:40 p.m. - Kidventure	4 Lev 11-13 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 9:30 a.m. – OK Home & Community Ext. Meeting (Parlor)	5 Lev 14-15	6 Lev 16-18 Chili Cook-off submission deadline
7 Lev 19-21 Laity Sunday Super Bowl Sub Sales 11:45 a.m. – Christian Ed Team Meeting 2 p.m. – Outreach Team Meeting	8 Lev 22-23 7 p.m. – “Matchless” Bible Study via Zoom	9 Lev 24-25 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts	10 Lev 26-27 3:40 p.m. – Kidventure 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Board Meeting	11 Num 1-2 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	12 Num 3-4	13 Num 5-6
14 Num 7  Youth Sunday #Prayfor1000 kick-off	15 Num 8-10 No School for GPS President's Day 10 a.m. – Worship Team to decorate for Lent 7 p.m. – “Matchless” Bible Study via Zoom	16 Num 11-13 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. - Campfire	17 Num 14-15 Ash Wednesday 3:40 p.m. – Kidventure 6 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service	18 Num 16-17 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 6 p.m. – Caregiver Group	19 Num 18-20	20 Num 21-22
21 Num 23-25 Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church will join us in worship Donut Sunday 	22 Num 26-27 7 p.m. – “Matchless” Bible Study via Zoom	23 Num 28-30 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts	24 Num 31-32 3:40 p.m. - Kidventure	25 Num 33-34 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	26 Num 35-36	27 Deut 1-2
28 Deut 3-5 11:45 a.m. – Connections Team Meeting 3 p.m. – Worship Team Meeting					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	

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