



NEWS & EVENTS

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Sharing Christ

 First Christian Church of Guthrie

Growing in Faith



February 2, 2021

Updates from Pastor Ronnie



I can't wait for Sunday! It is our annual Laity Sunday. Laity is a church word for congregation members. That means congregation members will be in charge of the service. Our preacher for Sunday is Jeff Ball. Jeff grew up in our church and is currently serving as the principal of Charter Oak Elementary. He has been a youth minister, is currently serving as an elder, and was part of our Strategic Leadership Team. You might also recognize Jeff as part-owner of Guthrie Nutrition.

I look forward to Sunday and hearing how God uses Jeff to minister to all of us!

Grace & Peace,
Ronnie



#FCCAllIn

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"We dream of being a welcoming church family that invites everyone into God's home."

We are **ALL IN** for...

- The Bible
- Children & Youth
- Worship
- Generosity
- Evangelism & Outreach
- Connection

Christian Education Team will meet this Sun., Feb. 7 following worship. All are invited to join this team as they plan for upcoming "Grow Groups," Vacation Bible School, Mission Trip and more!

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.



KID'S WORSHIP

I can talk to God Anywhere (How Jesus and His Believers Prayed – Luke 5:15-16; Mark 1:35, Matthew 26:36, Acts 12:1-17)

Jesus is the best example of how to pray everywhere we go! Even though He is God's Son, Jesus made sure He got quiet to pray and spend time with His heavenly Father. This Sunday, we talked about several times when big things were happening in Jesus' life but that he still made time to pray and talk to God about what was going on. The Bible tells us that Peter taught others how to pray after learning how to pray from watching Jesus. These stories show us that we can pray anywhere!

This week: Talk to your kids about a time when you stopped in the middle of something big to pray. Bonus points if you can tell them the strangest place you've ever prayed! Quiz your child over the memory verse and see if they can say it from memory now!

Pray with your family: Dear God, help us to remember our memory verse this week that no matter what happens, we can tell you everything, ask for what we need, we can praise you and that we can thank you. 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

Our love & sympathy go out to: Family of Linda Cameron; Dave Williams and family in the death of his brother, Jerry; Craig Benham and family in the death of his uncle, Jim; John Shore and family in the death of his cousin, Steve Shore

Hospitalized at this time: Judy Killebrew

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

We pray for our friends: Treva Seals, Caroll VanDeventer, Kim Tomlinson, Mary Lear, Strader Family, Rhonda Loveland, Mark Prather, Mark Gellenbeck, Joan Faye Meacham, Susie Ellison, Cheryl McKendrick, Harold and Mary Hembree, Paula Jean Nulick, Darrin Robb, Wes Black, Rosemary Standerfer, Mary Coffin, 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 Youth

Sub Sandwich

Fundraiser



6" Sub
Only \$5

To order your subs, complete the form on our website
www.fccguthrie.org

Contact Staci Carey, Youth Minister
for more info 405-831-5509



Join us Sun., Feb. 14 at 10:30 a.m. for a special worship service led entirely by our Jr. High & High School Youth!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE!

Due to some of our children and youth summer camp dates being rescheduled, VBS has also been rescheduled for July 19-23. Please change your calendars to the new date! We know how important it is to include all ages in our VBS week, whether it is by participation or volunteering, and moving the dates for VBS to later in the summer allows our youngest of volunteers an opportunity to get involved! We are still actively planning and looking forward to a great week of fun and ministry! If you are available to help out for this new date, please let us know by emailing Natalie Hardin, Children's Minister at nahardin@gmail.com!



**** CALENDAR UPDATE! ****

**FCC VBS is now
Monday, July 19th
through Friday, July 23rd**

Now signing up adult and youth volunteers!
Email nahardin@gmail.com or call the church office for more information.
Child sign-ups will open mid-June. All kids ages 4 years – 6th grade are welcome!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Summer Time is right around the corner and even though life still has some different obstacles, we are looking ahead because we know God is making a way. If God's way includes the youth serving others this summer, then here's what we are planning! An exciting week in Waco, TX organized by YouthWorks, "Teenagers need to encounter Jesus outside their normal context to deepen their faith and broaden their perspectives. Plus, communities need to be valued-not as mere recipients but as partners who have stories worth sharing in. When we bring the two together, incredible things happen." - YouthWorks website. You can check it out at YouthWorks.Com. On July 11 - 16 our group will have the opportunity to partner with a variety of social service organizations meeting on-going community issues. These include partners who come alongside education initiatives with children, those serving the homeless, and those with disabilities. Also in the evenings, we will get to explore downtown Waco, attend a local church service, and celebrate the week with new friends. YouthWorks is working with and listening closely to Service Partners when determining the safest and most respectful ways to serve this summer. They will be making some adjustments as needed. We might experience things like...

- Smaller service crews.
- Serving only with your own group.
- Updated vehicle or transportation guidelines and requirements.
- Specific guidelines for engaging with community members.





Did you know? In addition to being the home of Baylor University and the Dr. Pepper Museum, Waco, Texas is also the home of Chip and Joanna Gaines, and the setting of the HGTV show, "Fixer Upper."

You know Pastor Ronnie is going just for the Dr. Pepper!

If you are interested in traveling with us, let Staci Carey know by Feb. 14. The cost for this trip will be around \$350.00 (that includes: 14 meals, lodging, transportation, tools, activities). Exact costs and details will be available closer to trip. Fundraising options and scholarships for this opportunity are available!



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.

-  Chi Rho Camp (for those who completed 6-8th grades) – June 7-11 @ Oakridge Camp in Anadarko
-  Discovery "DAY" Camp (for those who completed 2 & 3rd grades) – June 19 @ 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

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. 5 as you submit photos of your award-winning, photographic chili. Vote for your favorite team with each submission.

 **GO Chiefs!**



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

**GO
Buccaneers!**



(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. 5.

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

Matthew 4:4 "But he answered, 'It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"



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We just concluded a 5-week sermon series on our new Mission, Vision and Core Values for the Church! As we continue to grow into our new pathway, one of the things the church staff has begun doing is tracking some different things like worship attendance (online and in-person), youth and children involvement, outreach involvement and study/prayer growth opportunities.

Today, we are sharing some of those numbers with you to give you an idea of our "starting point" for tracking, so we can see what kind of growth we have over the course of the next year as we strive to put these values into place. We encourage everyone to look over these Core Values and start to visualize where you could serve and how you are working "Sharing Christ and Growing in Faith."

Generosity "We will intentionally use our time, talent and resources God has given us."

January 2021 Totals			
	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
January Giving	\$24,727	\$27,073	-\$2,346
	<u>Total Financial Giving Units</u>	<u># Who Set-up Online</u>	<u>New Online Gifts</u>
How People Give Financially	84	21	4
	<u># People Involved</u>	<u>Volunteer Hrs Spent Planning Ministries</u>	
Team Meetings	38	5.5	
	<u># People Involved</u>	<u>Hrs Served</u>	
Volunteer Ministries	25	18	

(Property Team – Boiler work, Worship Team – Undecorating Sanctuary from Christmas, Flowerbeds, Audio/Video Production)

Connection "We will provide opportunities to build multi-generational relationships to create that connection of Christian support for all people."

January 2021 Totals			
	<u>Meals Provided</u>	<u># of People Served</u>	
Meal Ministry	9	10	
	<u>Donuts Provided</u>	<u>Volunteers helping</u>	
Donut Sunday	65	5	
	<u>Total Posts</u>	<u>Avg Reach Per Post</u>	<u>Engagement, Comments avg./post</u>
FCC Facebook Posts	27	412	88
	<u>Texts Messages Sent</u>	<u>Avg. # of Interactions/Text</u>	
Texts	1303	186	

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Core Values

Worship "Worship permeates every aspect of our lives, whether gathered together or individually."

January 2021 Totals			
	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Est. Online</u>	<u>Avg./Week</u>
10:30 a.m. Worship	411	377	158

The Bible "We believe the Bible is the rock and foundation that will inspire us to seek greater relationship with God."

January 2021 Totals	
	<u>Avg. Weekly Attendance</u>
Matchless Bible Study	12
	<u>Avg. Weekly Participants</u>
Caregiver Group Study	4

Evangelism & Outreach "We will share our faith and invite others to hear Christ's teaching and love. We will seek opportunities to serve our neighbors."

January 2021 Totals		
	<u>Avg. People Attending/Week</u>	<u>Avg. Hours Building Used/Wk</u>
Outside Groups Using Facility	18	5
<i>(Girl Scouts, Campfire, Narcotics Anonymous)</i>		
HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR	43	2

Children & Youth "We will dedicate resources to educate, equip, and empower the next generation."

January 2021 Totals			
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adult Volunteers</u>	<u>Avg. Children /Wk</u>
Kid's Worship	42	5 (avg. 1/wk)	8
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Avg. Children /Week</u>	
Kid's Worship Extra	16	8	
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adult Volunteers</u>	<u>Avg. Children /Wk</u>
Kidventure	108	8	54
	<u>Total Posts</u>		<u>Avg. Views</u>
"Kids @ FCC" Online Interaction	31		54
	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Avg. Youth/Week</u>	
Youth Group	41	8	
	<u>Wkly Remind</u>	<u>Wkly Instagram</u>	<u>Youth Texting</u>
Youth Interactions	45/wk	37/wk	25/week avg.
	<u>Children</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Hours Building Used</u>
Mother's Day Out	47/day	10/day	42