



NEWS & EVENTS

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First Christian Church of Guthrie



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PRAY FOR 1000!!!

Beginning this Sunday, we are setting a HUGE GOAL for our Lenten season and we will need everyone to be "All In" to make it happen! Between now and Easter we want to "Pray for 1,000" people. We want to "Love Our Neighbors" and pray for them. We want to pray for you. We want to pray for our nation. We want to pray for our schools, our city, our world, our healthcare, our leaders... we have so much to pray for and we believe in the power of prayer!



Over the next 7 weeks – by Easter — we believe that through prayer we can change things through the power of prayer and love on our neighbors.

This Sunday, we want everyone to grab a FREE yard sign that says "Love Your Neighbor" and share that you are praying by posting our logo "Pray for 1,000" through Facebook, e-mail, text, share on a phone call, however you can! *If you aren't getting out, we will deliver a yard sign to you! Just let Karen Allen (615-2240) know that you want one and a member of our Outreach and Connections team will get one to you.*

We will be adding names to post-it notes on our front Sanctuary wall to visually see what it looks like to pray for 1,000 people/things by Easter. No need is too small! No need is too big! The only thing we ask, is that you don't share something that isn't yours to share. What do we mean by that? Some people don't want their personal needs shared, so we ask that you share on behalf of you and encourage others to share on behalf of them. We will post needs as they are shared and respect the privacy of others as we join this journey together.

We can't wait to see how God answers us and guides us in this Lenten season!

#FCCPrayfor1000

#FCCAllin

#FCCLoveYourNeighbor

Yard Sign



Christian Outreach Needs Your Help

Christian Outreach is busy working on their initiatives for 2021 and one of those involves assessing the assistance programs and facilities available in Guthrie to help those in need throughout our community. By doing this, we hope to get a better grasp on how our church can better meet needs and not overlap when it comes to promoting programs and debuting ministry opportunities within our church.

Our first step is creating a list of places who offer assistance and then creating a common list of questions we would like those places to answer. This is not a small task, so we need your help!

We need 3-4 people who have daytime hours available to make calls to a few of these places. When you call you will ask if they would be willing to fill out our pre-written survey. The Christian Outreach team has the survey put together, a script written for when you call these places and the contact info for each place. We just need a few willing people to help out. Examples of places you would be calling include: the youth shelter, God's Food Bank, Lunch on Noble, the Red Cross, etc.

We are planning to have a zoom call on Thursday at 6 p.m. to go over how to approach the calls and divide up the 11 places we will be calling in the first round. Right now, there are already three people willing to help, so the more people we have helping the fewer places you would have to call.

Please contact Karen Allen at 615-2240 via text or call to let her know if you can help! You can also e-mail at karenkallen@cox.net. She will send out the zoom link to you once you sign up. If you aren't comfortable on Zoom, Karen or Stacey Johnston can explain it to you over a phone call as well.

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KIDS & Youth Ministries



KID'S WORSHIP

Jesus Tempted in the Wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

In Kid's Worship this week, we talked about when Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. We talked about each of the three different times he was tempted to sin but each time, he relied on scripture to resist the temptation. We talked about how if we study and memorize scripture, it can help us if we are ever tempted to not do the right thing too. We had to make it all the way through our lesson staring at a very tempting jar of M&Ms, but luckily we resisted the temptation to eat them too early and waited until the end of our time together to enjoy a small treat!

This week: Talk to your kids about a time that you have been tempted to do the wrong thing because it may have been easier than following the path God had for you. Discuss how you relied on scripture and God's plan to resist that specific temptation.

Pray with your family: Dear God, We know that we will go through times when we are tempted to take the easy way out or to do something we know we are not supposed to do. Please help us remember that when these times happen, we are to lean on Your Word for guidance and direction and resist that temptation just as Jesus did. Amen.

Natalie Hardin, Children's Minister

YOUTH NEWS!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Super Bowl Subs fundraiser! Our sales were down but spirits were up and the youth enjoyed getting to do something for someone else!

Speaking of youth, another, "thank you" goes to you - you showed up and got busy and even made deliveries, you all are the best! The youth giving their best will be evident this Sunday! They have been planning and preparing for a heartfelt Sunday service. (Get it? it's Valentine's Day ☺)

Seriously, they have put their heart into bringing their church family a special service with a special message! We hope you will join us in-person or online. The youth are truly blessed to be a part of this church family with an opportunity to lead and share their gifts to celebrate the love of Christ.

See you Sunday!

Staci Carey, Youth Minister

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, Mary Lear, 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



Financial Update (as of 2/8/2021)

Year-to-Date Income	\$ 31,596
Year-to-Date Expenses	<u>\$ 40,447</u>
Year-to-Date Net Los	(\$ 8,851)



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!

Chili Cook-off

Our first virtual Super Bowl Chili Cook-off was a lot of fun and even though our predicted winner didn't win the actual Super Bowl we had a lot of fun looking at all your versions of chili! Congrats to our Buccaneer Chili Cooks – Lesley Cotton, Deanna Davenport/Andrew Hardin, and JoAnn and Sammy LeGrande — on your prediction! We also thank our Kansas City Chiefs entrants — Paula Bowles, John Allen, Tara Yancey, Tommy Johnston, Diann Owen and Terryl Wieczorek.

TB Buccaneer's Chili



KC Chiefs Chili



Ash Wednesday Service

We hope you are making plans to join us for a wonderful Ash Wednesday experience on **Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.** We will be offering several stations for experiential moments including how our palm leaves become the ashes used for Ash Wednesday. We will also look at the oil used to place the ashes, as well as the launch of our #prayfor1,000 station where you can write a prayer request for the Lenten season. We will also have a space for you to make a bracelet that will serve as a reminder of a commitment you are willing to make during this Lenten season. This bracelet will travel with you over the course of the next seven weeks.

Music, communion and prayer will also be a part of this service. You will also receive a take home "Resurrection Garden" kit.

If you are unable to attend in person, we would love to equip you with the pieces to do this service at home, as it will be livestreamed as well. Please get in touch with the church office at 282-4080 prior to Tuesday, Feb. 16 so we can drop-off a kit at your home.

Resurrection Garden

