

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: \$68,703

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FCC Financial Update

Income Year-to-Date \$38,025.63
Expenses Year-to-Date \$49,596.65
Year to Date Net Loss (\$11,571.02)

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of FCC Guthrie. If you would like more information about setting up *online giving*, please contact Shana in the church office at 282-4080. Online giving allows you the flexibility of giving weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or on a designated day each month. It is safe, secure and hassle-free!



The Tie That Binds

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**Sharing Christ
Growing in Faith**

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Pastor's Class

Back by popular demand - Pastor's Class! That's right, do you have a child 4th grade and above who would like to know more about becoming a Christian? In this class we will answer questions, cover some basics, and do our best to launch our students on their lifelong journey growing in Christ. We will offer a 2-part class for 4th - 6th graders on Wednesdays, March 24 and 31 from 3:30 – 5 p.m., and we will offer a 2-part class for 7th - 12th graders on Sundays, March 21 and 28 from 5 – 7 p.m. If your student needs to Zoom in, please let us know. Baptism Sunday will be April 11. Please note - just because your child goes through this class does not require them to be baptized.

If you are an adult wanting to learn more about baptism, feel free to reach out to me. I would love to visit with you about that step of faith. Baptism can happen to a person at any time in their life.

Grace & Peace,

Ronnie



The Connections team will meet on Sunday, Feb. 28 immediately after church in the Choir Room or via Zoom. The meeting will be to discuss details of Lucky Bingo and look into upcoming events for the Spring. Hope to see you there either in person or via Zoom! Please email or text Lesley Cotton (lesleys01@hotmail.com or 405-535-4612) if you have any questions or need the Zoom link.

Don't forget to "like" and "share" our Facebook posts. Also, we want to see your Resurrection Gardens & "Love Your Neighbor" yard signs. Share your pics on Facebook with [#FCCAllin](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/FCCAllin) and [#FCCLoveYourNeighbor](https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/FCCLoveYourNeighbor)

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Outreach updates

We will be meeting Sun., March 7 at 2 p.m. via Zoom to continue to work on our Vision 2021 goals and reaching the needs of our community. For the months of February thru April we are 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 News!

Jesus Calls His Disciples (Matthew 4:17-22; Mark 1:14-20;2:13-17; Luke 5:1-11; 27-32; John 1:35-51)

On Sunday in Kid's Worship, we talked about fishing! We learned about the story of Jesus first calling his 12 disciples. Jesus approached Peter and Andrew and asked them to push Him out to the middle of the lake so that He could teach the crowd from the boat. Once the crowds went away that day, Jesus told the men to throw out their nets! They caught more fish than their nets could hold! Jesus then asked the men to put down their nets to become fishers of men.

In our time together on Sunday, we looked at some fishing equipment and tried to decide how many people we could catch with our fishing gear. Jesus probably had a better way to "catch" people. We also talked about how we can be disciples too and learned a song to remember the first 12 disciples. See if your little one can sing part of the song back to you!

This week: Talk to your family about some ways we can be like the first disciples. Jesus called them to be fishers of men; how can we be "fishers of men"?

Pray with your family: Dear God, help us to remember that Jesus gave all of us the job to be your disciples. Please help us this week to see the opportunities when and how we can share all about Your love and forgiveness to others. Amen.



3RD - 6TH GRADERS ARE GOING TO...

SKYZONE!

TUESDAY, MARCH 16TH
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Cost is \$20 per jumper for 2 hours of private access to all Skyzone has to offer, skyzone socks, PLUS pizza lunch.

We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 am and return for parent pickup at 12:30 pm in the church parking lot. We need one additional adult sponsor to join us for our morning of fun too!

A minimum of 12 kids must be signed up and paid by March 10th to lock in our reservation. Masks are required by the facility while not jumping or eating.

Text Natalie at 405-762-9330 to sign your kids up or to volunteer to join us as a sponsor!



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Attention all 6th – 12th graders!
Our **Mission Trip to Waco, TX** is quickly approaching. Here are the details you need to know.

Dates: July 10 – 16, 2021
Total Cost: \$400
First deposit of \$50 due April 1
Next deposit of \$150 due May 1
Final payment due June 1

The church will pay \$100 toward the cost for each active youth participant. In addition, many of you have earned credits through fundraisers. Reserve your spot by March 15 by contacting Staci at 405-831-5509.

Love Your Neighbor

It is probably fair to say in the 125-plus year history of FCC that we have never kicked-off a Lenten season quite like we did this past week. With all of us juggling to stay warm in historic sub-zero temperatures and anticipating eight-plus inches of snowfall, many of us gathered on Wednesday evening around our televisions or electronic devices to share in our online Ash Wednesday Service and plant Resurrection Gardens.

I began planning for the service and gathering supplies a few days ahead of the forecasted snow storm as we delivered kits the Saturday prior to the wintery blast. So yes, I received many strange looks as I went into Ace Hardware looking for grass seed with an impending forecast of a historic snowstorm. I received similarly strange looks when I went to Wal-Mart shopping for potting soil and planter bases. I am sure cashiers thought I was the eternal optimist as I checked out with my bags of soil and grass seed!

I smiled as I thought about how true it is! As Christians we are always the eternal optimists! No matter what trials and tribulations we face here on earth we know that the best is yet to come! We had nearly 40 families plant Resurrection Gardens and those who have posted photos of them online look like they are doing an amazing job. We can't wait to see how they grow throughout the Lenten Season.

Also, during Lent, we have created a campaign called "Pray for 1000." Our goal is to add as many people as we can to our prayers during this Lenten season and realize what it means to truly "Love Our Neighbors." Many of us have those who rest on our hearts that we pray for often and this is our chance to reach out to them and let them know that we'd love to share their name to our "Prayer Wall." It's a chance to let our neighbors know that FCC Guthrie cares about them.

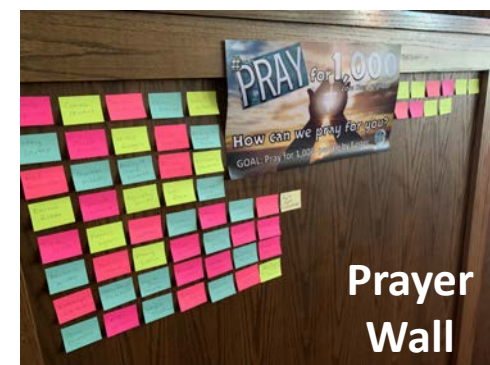
How does this work? If you know of neighbor or friend, or see someone post on Facebook or anywhere that they are in need of prayer, reach out to them and simply say "would it be okay if we added you to our "Prayer Wall" at First Christian Church? We are praying for 1000 people during the Easter Season and would love to pray for you." Once you have their approval to add them, call the church office or e-mail me (karenkallen@cox.net) or text me (615-2240) and I will add them. In our first week, we have added 68 names to our list. I am working this week to get all those names posted to our website so that there will be an ongoing place where you can go to see what needs are listed each day and join in praying for each and every one listed.

Likewise, if you haven't received one of our church yard signs and would like one let us know. The signs simply say "Love Your Neighbor" and lets the community know that we are united in prayer and care for one another. Message me if you would like a sign delivered or come by the church to pick one up. We only have 25 remaining.

I hope each of you will find time throughout this Lenten Season to be an eternal optimist, unite in prayer and love your neighbor!
Have a great week!

Karen

#Prayfor1000



Prayer Request



Our love and sympathy go out to: Mike Canning, Jana Frey & Families in the death of Mike's mom, Joyce Revis

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

We pray for our friends: Kimberly, Mary Lear, Rhonda Loveland, Mark Prather, Mark Gellenbeck, Joan Faye Meacham, Susie Ellison, 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

March Birthdays of the Month

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| 1 – Dennis Lynch Brian Pierson Jennifer Doll | 10 – Sam Porter Jason Rice | 21 – Gretchen Hanna Leia Johnston Tommy Johnston Peggy Momsen |
| 2 – George Dreessen Ron Fields Catherine Turner | 12 – Shannon Doles Mickey Mock | 24 – Robert Gill Kenneth Eyster |
| 4 – Sharon Johnston Calee Lyons Ron Wilder | 15 – Ernesto Pena Avery Schroder | 27 – Mitchell Biggs Ty Biggs T.J. Wilson Livi Johnston |
| 6 – Carolyn Kirschstein | 16 – Holly Evers | 28 – Kim Crick Emily Carpenter |
| 7 – Debbie Hubbard Brayden Pena | 18 – Francie Krittenbrink Tia Yancey Lillian Stevens | 29 – Garrett Reece |
| 8 – Scott Biggs Joanna Thompson Jean Scott Gauldin | 19 – Chloe Hood Linda Tontz | 30 – Kacie Carey |
| | 20 – Mickey Eckley | 31 – Ken Wilkerson |



Lucky Bingo is scheduled for March 14 @ 6:30 p.m. We are hopeful this will be our last *online* Bingo! More details to come soon!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 6 – Jim & Jackie Ross | 16 – Tommy & Lori Payne |
| 10 – Todd & Sarah Wilder | 20 – Brian & Mindy Reece |
| 12 – John & Emily Carpenter | 22 – Dane & Codi Canning |
| 14 – Jeff & Melanie Ball | Chalk & Ashley Beeson |

It's time to sign up for



Contact Staci Carey or Natalie Hardin for more information!

DONUT SUNDAY

Join us this Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for Donuts, Juice & Milk! Invite a friend for donuts and worship!



BASKET BLESSINGS – Supplies Needed for Central Elementary Teachers

On Valentine's Day, the focus is on relationships. You may feel this focus is only on romantic relationships but during our Youth Sunday service the youth encouraged us to consider all the relationships in our lives and the importance of these. This year, FCC has been blessed by a unique relationship with one of our local public schools, Central Elementary. As an appreciation of the hard working teachers who give every day to the future of our world, FCC will be collecting items for these amazing men and women. A list of suggested items is below, but you can give whatever your heart calls you to give. Remember, something that seems basic to you may be a blessing to them. This year FCC has been able to share with Central School things like hand sanitizer, cleaning wipes, sonic drinks and gift cards. The church office has had people call and ask how to help. So here is your opportunity to be a part of this gifting. Items can be placed in the basket during our 10:30 Worship Service time or brought into the church office during office hours. We will be collecting items until Monday, March 8th.

These "gifts" will be presented to Central School just in time for spring break. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ with our neighbors at Central School!






Suggested items: Individually-wrapped candies for prize boxes, masks, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, paper towels, paper cups, #2 pencils, colored pencils, glue sticks, colored pens, dry erase markers, pencil-top erasers, crayons, etc.



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402 E. Noble, Guthrie, OK 73044

MARCH 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p><u>Repeating Sunday Events:</u> (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>**Kid's Worship for 5 yrs – 2nd grade every Sunday during worship</p> <p>**Kid's Worship Extra for 3rd-6th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> | <p>1 Deut 6-7</p> <p>7 p.m. – "Matchless" Bible Study via Zoom</p> | <p>2 Deut 8-10</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>3:30 p.m. - Campfire</p> | <p>3 Deut 11-13</p> <p>3:40 p.m. - Kidventure</p> | <p>4 Deut 14-16</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> | <p>5 Deut 17-20</p> | <p>6 Deut 21-23</p> |
| <p>7 Deut 24-27</p> <p>11:45 a.m. – Christian Ed. Team Meeting</p> <p>2 p.m. – Outreach Team Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>5 p.m. – Youth Meeting</p> | <p>8 Deut 28-29</p> | <p>9 Deut 30-31</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Campfire</p> <p>6 p.m. – Girl Scouts</p> | <p>10 Deut 32-34</p> <p>Payment due for SkyZone</p> <p>3:40 p.m. – Last Kidventure</p> <p>6 p.m. – Elders Meeting</p> <p>7 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting</p> | <p>11 Joshua 1-4</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> | <p>12 Joshua 5-8</p> | <p>13 Joshua 9-11</p> |
| <p>14 Joshua 12-15</p> <p><i>Move Your Clocks Ahead!</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. – ONLINE Lucky Bingo!</p> <p>No Youth Meeting</p>  | <p>15 Joshua 16-18</p> <p>Spring Break</p> | <p>16 Joshua 19-21</p> <p>9 a.m. – Noon – 3rd thru 6th graders to SkyZone</p> | <p>17 Joshua 22-24</p>  | <p>18 Judges 1-2</p> | <p>19 Judges 3-5</p> | <p>20 Judges 6-7</p>  |
| <p>21 Judges 8-9</p> <p>Donut Sunday</p>  <p>5 p.m. – Youth Meeting & Pastor's Class</p> | <p>22 Judges 10-12</p> | <p>23 Judges 13-15</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Campfire</p> <p>6 p.m. – Girl Scouts</p> | <p>24 Judges 16-18</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Pastor's Class for 4th – 6th graders</p> | <p>25 Judges 19-21</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> | <p>26 1 Samuel 1-3</p> | <p>27 1 Samuel 4-8</p> |
| <p>28 1 Samuel 9-12</p>  <p>5 p.m. – Youth Meeting & Pastor's Class</p> | <p>29 1 Samuel 13-14</p> <p>11 a.m. – Staff Meeting</p> <p>Deadline for newsletter articles</p> | <p>30 1 Samuel 15-17</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Campfire</p> <p>Newsletter mailed</p> | <p>31 1 Samuel 18-20</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Pastor's Class for 4th – 6th graders</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> | | |