



NEWS & EVENTS

First Christian Church, Guthrie

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**Sharing Christ
Growing in Faith**



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March 2, 2021

Updates from Pastor Ronnie



Pastor's Class

All 4th – 6th graders are invited to join Pastor Ronnie, Karen & Natalie on March 24 & 31 from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Youth ages 7th – 12th grades will have class on March 21 & 28 from 5 – 7 p.m. Baptism Sunday for all ages will be held Sunday, April 11. Contact Pastor Ronnie at 282-4080 for more details.



#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

Pray for 1000

We have a goal as a church of praying for 1000 people during Lent. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, call the church office or email us at fccguthrie@coxinet.net.

Our next Elders meeting is Wednesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. followed by Cabinet Meeting at 7 p.m.

Be a part of the team!

Upcoming ministry team meetings include:

- Christian Education - March 7 @ 11:30 a.m.
- Outreach – Sunday, March 7 @ 2pm on Zoom
- Worship – Sunday, March 21 @ 3pm on Zoom

(meetings are in-person unless otherwise stated)

FCC VIRTUAL
Lucky BINGO NIGHT

Check out your card in the Narthex or stop by the church office!

Sunday, March 14th @ 6:30



Our love and sympathy go out to:
The family of Kristen Benham

Hospitalized: Mickey Mock

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

We pray for our friends and family members: Kevin & Karson Steffenson, Kimberly, Treva Seals, Mary Lear, Rhonda Loveland, Mark Prather, 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

Kid's Worship - Jesus Invites Me to Follow Him

(Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; 3:13-19; Luke 5:1-11; 6:12-16)

On Sunday in Kid's Worship, we started a lesson series to learn that when we follow Jesus, we can become more like Him! Our first lesson over this was all about that Jesus invites us to follow Him. We talked more about when Jesus called his 12 Disciples and that we have the greatest treasure in the world because we are all called to follow Jesus. That means that we just stop living how WE want to live and start following Jesus.

This week: Talk to your family about a time that you chose to follow Jesus rather than living just by how you want to live. When was a time you fully relied on God rather than yourself.

Memory Verse to work on: "Your word to me, your servant, is like pure gold; I treasure what you say." Psalm 119:140

Pray with your family: Jesus, thank you for inviting us to follow you. Help us to invite our family and friends to follow you too! Amen.

Kid's Worship Extra - "I'll take "Lent" for 500!

The 3rd-6th graders played a Lent themed round of Jeopardy that was full of the Who, What, and Why questions of the specifics of Lent season. This creative game was a great way to get our kids thinking about the details that led up to Jesus' crucifixion. Take a few minutes this week to see if your Kid's Worship Extra kiddo can quiz you to see how many Lent facts you know!

Pray with your family: Dear God, help us to remember how the events leading up to Jesus' death were all a part of your perfect plan for our forgiveness. While we know Lent is a season of remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice, let us always remember too that at the end of Lent, we celebrate that Jesus is Risen!

Youth Nights continued this week with our "Giving Up" series.

This series explores the meaning of Lent and helps us to apply it in a practical way, encouraging each student to determine what could be done to strengthen their relationship with Jesus. This week part of our time together was "given up" to allow us to serve (and grab some Sonic treats). The youth split up and finished delivering the "Love Your Neighbor" yard signs. We will continue our series next week. Be sure and sign up for the Remind texts for updated fccYOUth information and occasional questions from the youth nights lessons. Text "fccyouth" to 405-831-5509 to sign up!

WHO'S MY NEIGHBOR? Mission Trip, July 11th - 16th, Waco, TX. Sign up now!



Financial Update
(as of 2/28/2021)

Year-to-Date Income	\$ 44,433
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$ <u>51,284</u>
Year-to-Date Net Los	(\$ 6,851)

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.

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 7** by contacting Staci at 405-831-5509.

Love Your Neighbor



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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."

February 2021 Totals			
	Receipts	Expenses	Net
February Giving	\$ 19,706	\$ 24,211	-\$ 4,505
	Total Financial Giving Units	# Who Set-up Online	New Online Gifts
How People Give Financially	84	21	4
	# People Involved	Volunteer Hrs Spent Planning Ministries	
Team Meetings	47	15	
	# People Involved	Hrs Served	
Volunteer Ministries	14	5	

(Property Team – Boiler work and ice, Worship Team – Decorating for Lent, Flowerbeds, Audio/Video Production)

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

February 2021 Totals			
	Meals Provided	# of People Served	
Lent Kits	38	118	
	Donuts Provided	Volunteers helping	
Donut Sunday	65	4	
	Total Posts	Avg Reach Per Post	Engagement, Comments avg./post
FCC Facebook Posts	36	1,191	290
	Texts		Avg. # of Interactions/Text
Texts	1532		218

GROW • GATHER • GIVE

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Core Values

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

February 2021 Totals			
	In-person avg/week	Est. Online avg./week	Avg./Week
10:30 a.m. Worship	91	86	177

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

February 2021 Totals	
	Avg. Weekly Attendance
Matchless Bible Study	3
	Avg. Weekly Participants
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."

February 2021 Totals		
	People Served This Month	Hours Building Used
Outside Groups Using Facility	47	10.5

(Girl Scouts, Campfire, Narcotics Anonymous)

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

February 2021 Totals			
	Children	Adult Volunteers	Avg. Children /Wk
Kid's Worship	26	3 (avg. 1/wk)	9
	Children	Avg. Children /Week	
Kid's Worship Extra	12	12	
	Children	Adult Volunteers	Avg. Children /Wk
Kidventure	107	11	54
	Total Posts		Avg. Views
"Kids @ FCC" Online Interaction	31		54
	Youth	Adult Volunteers	Avg. Youth/Week
Youth Group	36	6	9
	Wkly Remind	Wkly Instagram	Youth Texting
Youth Interactions	45/wk	37/wk	25/week avg.
	Children	Teachers	Hours Building Used
Mother's Day Out	52/day	10/day	40