



# NEWS & EVENTS

## First Christian Church, Guthrie

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First Christian Church of Guthrie

**Sharing Christ  
Growing in Faith**



**April 6, 2021**

### Updates from Pastor Ronnie

Happy Easter! I hope everyone had an amazing Resurrection Sunday. I know I did. There is nothing better than hanging out with my family and my church family to celebrate Jesus. For those of you who were able to attend worship in-person or online, hopefully you heard “the worst thing is never the last thing.” We as resurrection people are participating with God in the restoration of the world. If you want some actual data that backs up the fact that the world is getting better I highly recommend you check out “The Better Angels of Our Nature” by Steven Pinker. It’s an incredibly in-depth look at the decline of violence of over 600 pages of research. Basically, it shows beyond a shadow of doubt that God is at work and the world really is getting better. May you be resurrection people, living into the story that the worst thing is not the last thing!

#### Mask Update!

With the recent decline in Covid cases in Logan County, FCC is excited to announce that moving forward we will not require masks while attending worship or other activities in our building. We want everyone to be comfortable while in our building so anyone is welcome to wear a mask and we will still have them available. As always, we encourage social distancing when possible and hand sanitizing.



### #FCCAllIn

Sharing Christ  
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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



LifeLine is coming to FCC on Friday, April 23. Don’t let heart disease and stroke get in your way of the life you love. Call toll free 1-888-653-6441, or text the word, “circle” to 797979 to schedule your health screening. A package of 5 vital screenings is offered for only \$149.

### **We're Hiring!**

Our Mother’s Day Out program is hiring summer teachers and subs. Must be 18 years of age or older and pass a background check. Our summer work hours are Tues/Thurs. 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. We will open our summer session on June 1 and end August 12. If you are interested, please call Michelle Gill, MDO Director, at 405-282-4080 or email her at [michelle.m.gill@live.com](mailto:michelle.m.gill@live.com). Join our great team and work with the cutest kiddos in town!

FCC  
**KIDS & Youth**  
Ministries

## Kid's Worship

**When I Follow Jesus, I Can Celebrate Because He Is Alive!**

### Bible Story: The Resurrection (John 20)

On Sunday in Kid's Worship, we celebrated!! We had fun celebrating that Jesus is alive! We talked about why we celebrate Easter. Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, but He is alive now! God raised Jesus from the dead, and we can celebrate because He is alive!

**This week:** Continue talking about why we celebrate Jesus' resurrection throughout your week. Talk to your family about why you choose to celebrate Jesus and think of ways we can continue the celebration far beyond that special day.

**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:** Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to save us! It makes me celebrate knowing He did not stay dead, but He is alive! Thank you for loving me so much! Amen.

**FCC Youth Nights** resume this Sunday. All 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to attend...and invite a friend! 5 – 7 p.m. in the downstairs Fellowship Hall.

### March Celebrations!

Congratulations Grandparents! Congratulations to John and Kacie Hudson on the birth of Eliza Lynn Hudson. She was born March 16 and weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz. She joins big brother J.D. at home. Grandparents Tom and Janet Hudson are excited to welcome this new addition!

Congratulations to Chelsea and Chase Davison on the birth of Jennings Cheyanne Davison. She was born March 23 and weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz. She joins big sister JoJo at home. Grandparents Bobby and Susan Davison are excited to welcome this new addition!

Congratulations to Curtis and Rhonda Ketch who were united in marriage on March 28. We celebrate this wonderful occasion with them. Curtis is the son of Paul and Barbara Ketch.



**Our love and sympathy go out to:** Don Hardin & family in the death of his mother, Emma Lou Hardin.

**We pray for our church family:** Jaxon McNew (ear tubes 4/12), Jerry Yancey, Brittney Jarnagin, Ruth Underwood, Carol Barnes, Lawrence Coburn, Conna Dewart, Basil Belveal, Dennis Lynch, JoAnn LeGrande, Ron Fields, Larry Stinchcomb, Joan Dreessen, Sherry Canning, Dorothy Herbert

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Linda Beedle, Dawson Morgan, Jerry Resch, Jessica Selman, Jay Beuchaw, Hazel Carroll, Carol Garcia, Wes Weir, Anna Simmons, Dennis Stokes, Oliver Wolfington, Chuck Kyle, Scott Quick, Kevin & Karson Steffenson, Kimberly, Treva Seals, Mary Lear, Rhonda Loveland, Marc Prather, Joan Faye Meacham, Susie Ellison, Harold and Mary Hembree, Paula Jean Nulick, Darrin Robb, Wes Black, Rosemary Standerfer, Mary Coffin, Rod Richardson, 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 4/4/2021)

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Year-to-Date Income   | \$ 76,899  |
| Year-to-Date Expenses | \$ 83,129  |
| Year-to-Date Net Loss | (\$ 6,230) |



# Sharing Christ

## Growing in Faith

FCC Guthrie

As we wrap up March, it's a great time to look at "how are we growing?" Our weekly attendance in-person continues to grow and was up from 91 to 107 weekly average, while our online presence continues to be strong with approximately 56 households logging on each week. This past month has been extremely exciting as we hosted Pastor's Classes for our children and youth, where we had on average, 7 youth (ages 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders) attend and 21 children (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders).

We continue to measure all of our activities against our Core Values, such as Bingo – where we added in Bible Trivia and Scriptures to our prize bags. We hope everyone is excited to continue "Sharing Christ and Growing in Faith."

### Generosity

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

#### March 2021 Totals

|                             | <u>Receipts</u>          | <u>Expenses</u>            | <u>Net</u>                 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| March Giving                | \$69,224.13              | \$72,383.88                | -\$3,159.75                |
|                             | <u>Total Financial</u>   | <u># Who</u>               | <u>New Online</u>          |
|                             | <u>Giving Units</u>      | <u>Set-up Online</u>       | <u>Gifts</u>               |
| How People Give Financially | 84                       | 21                         | 4                          |
|                             | <u># People Involved</u> | <u>Volunteer Hrs Spent</u> | <u>Planning Ministries</u> |
| Team Meetings               | 51                       | 14                         |                            |
|                             | <u># People Involved</u> | <u>Hrs Served</u>          |                            |
| Volunteer Ministries        | 15                       | 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."

#### March 2021 Totals

|                | <u>Meal/In-person attendance</u> | <u>Online</u>             |
|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Funeral        | 200+                             | 550                       |
|                | <u>Donuts Provided</u>           | <u>Volunteers helping</u> |
| Donut Sunday   | 58                               | 4                         |
|                | <u>Total Posts</u>               | <u>Avg Reach</u>          |
| FCC            | <u>Per Post</u>                  | <u>Engagement,</u>        |
| Facebook Posts | 340                              | 2,839                     |
|                | <u>Texts</u>                     | <u>Avg. # of</u>          |
|                | <u>Messages Sent</u>             | <u>Interactions/Text</u>  |
| Texts          | 1,428                            | 204                       |

# GROW • GATHER • GIVE

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## Core Values

### Worship

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

#### March 2021 Totals

|                    | <u>In-person</u> | <u>Est. Online</u> | <u>Avg./Week</u> |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                    | <u>avg/week</u>  | <u>avg./week</u>   |                  |
| 10:30 a.m. Worship | 107              | 56                 | 167              |

### The Bible

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

#### March 2021 Totals

|                       | <u>Avg. Weekly Attendance</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Matchless Bible Study | 3                             |
|                       | <u>Online Participants</u>    |
| Bingo                 | 105                           |

### 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."

#### March 2021 Totals

|                               | <u>People Served</u> | <u>Hours Building</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|                               | <u>This Month</u>    | <u>Used</u>           |
| Outside Groups Using Facility | 39                   | 12.5                  |

*(Girl Scouts, Campfire, Narcotics Anonymous)*

### Children & Youth

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

#### March 2021 Totals

|                     | <u>Children</u>    | <u>Adult Volunteers</u>    | <u>Avg. Children /Wk</u>   |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Kid's Worship       | 44                 | 3 (avg. 1/wk)              | 11                         |
|                     | <u>Children</u>    | <u>Avg. Children /Week</u> |                            |
| Kid's Worship Extra | 13                 | 6                          |                            |
|                     | <u>Children</u>    | <u>Adult Volunteers</u>    | <u>Avg. Children /Wk</u>   |
| Kidventure          | 116                | 7                          | 58                         |
|                     | <u>Youth Group</u> | <u>Children</u>            |                            |
| Pastor's Class      | 7                  | 21                         |                            |
|                     | <u>Youth</u>       | <u>Adult Volunteers</u>    | <u>Avg. Youth/Week</u>     |
| Youth Group         | 20                 | 6                          | 6                          |
|                     | <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    | 53/day             | 10/day                     | 40                         |