

FCC Financial Update

Income Year-to-Date \$115,930.06
Expenses Year-to-Date \$117,365.86
Year to Date Net Loss (\$ 1,435.80)

Capital Campaign

Our goal is **\$200,000** by March 2023. This will pay for the boiler replacement and help us replenish funds for future capital improvements.

Funds received to date: \$88,712

Vacation Bible School

Our VBS donation train has left the station! We are asking for donations to go toward the purchase of all of our VBS supplies, printed materials, decorations, snacks, and all of the other goodies required for our week. This year, we've made it super simple to help support this ministry, we'll do all the necessary shopping so you don't have to! Just drop your VBS donation in the offering plate in the entryway on Sunday mornings or you can even give to VBS online! Please include in the memo that it is a VBS donation or mark that it is for VBS in some way. Then, our directors will do the shopping for the supplies that are needed for the week. Every \$25 contributed will add one more train car to our donation train display in the entryway of the church! Can Jesus' power pull us through to our goal of 50 train cars? Of course He can, with help from you!

We are starting to seek out VBS volunteers and we would love to have your help! There are two main jobs we need volunteers for:

Station Leader - Station leader is responsible for teaching the curriculum to the kids. All of the curriculum is provided, plus materials and everything you could possibly need for your station! You just read through the lesson and go from there, no experience with teaching required. Here are some brief descriptions of the stations, check them out and see which one sounds like something you'd like to help with!

- 1) Imagination Station - hands on, experiment and experience based station
- 2) Bible Stories - interactive telling of the day's Bible story station
- 3) Games - different daily games to go along with the day's lesson station
- 4) Kid Vid - kids will watch video stories of kids all around the world and learn how Jesus' power pulled those kids through!

Crew Leader - Crew Leader will team up with a group of about 15-20 similar-aged kids and take them to their various stations. You'll stay with that group each day, help assist in the stations, and ensure the kids get to all of their rotations. You can even let us know what age group you prefer working with and we will do our best to match you up with them or close to that age.

If any of these opportunities sound like something you'd like to be a part of, we'd love to talk to you more about it! Reach out to Kacie or Mekaila Carey for more information or call the church office at (405) 282-4080! Whether you are available all week or just a few days, we still have the perfect volunteer spot for you! We will start signing up kids soon so stay tuned!

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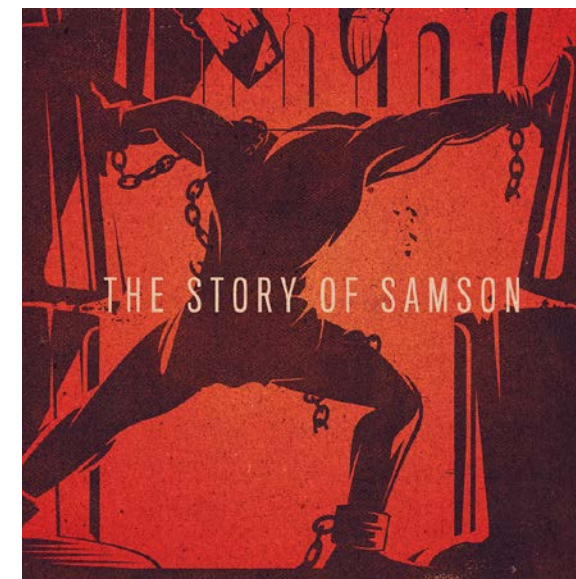
Updates from the Pastor

The Elders have discussed for several months now when we might go back to passing communion and offering trays during worship. We have also discussed when the best time would be to have fellowship dinners. In that effort, we will be putting out a survey to get your input and comfort level as to when we might reinstate both of these. Please watch your e-mail for a survey in regard to passing trays in worship and fellowship dinners.



THANK YOU DEREK & HOLLY!

In case you hadn't heard our custodians, Derek Shoun and Holly Evers, are resigning. For so many years they have kept our facility neat and tidy. Derek has fixed, repaired, and patched many things saving our church countless dollars. I know we have so appreciated all they have done. Please join me in thanking them for their hard work and service and wishing them well as they begin new ventures!



New Sermon Series starts
Sunday, May 30 – “Samson”
(thru June 13)

Summer Cinema series starts
June 27 (thru July 18)



Keeping Up With Karen



Kid's Worship: Pentecost - The Holy Spirit Comes (Acts 2:1-4)

On Sunday in Kid's Worship, we talked Pentecost! It took us a couple of tries to be able to remember and say that word but after a few practice attempts, we got it down! We learned that the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit as a gift is the day we call Pentecost. We talked about the Holy Spirit and even got to go outside to blow bubbles. The bubbles were full of air and that air guides them; just like we are filled with the Holy Spirit that guides all of us!

This week: Talk to your family about a time that you have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. Talk about ways that you can remember the Holy Spirit is present, even though we can't see it.

Pray with your family: Jesus, thank you for sending us your gift of the Holy Spirit. We pray that we learn to let the Spirit guide us to You. Amen.

fccYOUTH... WELCOME SUMMER!

We are so excited for you to join us. YOUTH group is a fun way for you to get to know others in your church and learn more about God, Jesus, scriptures, faith, prayer... you know, the "churchy" stuff! :) After all, it is church. During the school year, we meet on Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. but during summer, we meet weekly at different times - hoping to be a part of your busy summer plans.

Sign-up for remind texts to get the latest info and our Summer calendar! Text Staci at 405-831-5509 to get connected to fccYOUTH.

Did your child receive a Bible last Sunday or maybe last year? Does your child spend time reading a Bible or maybe not even know where a Bible is? Good, then you're just like me! I found a few resources to help us help our kids navigate and understand this amazingly complex book.

If you have some great ideas or resources that have helped you, please let me know! Also, feedback on this information would be helpful to me as well!

Copy this link to watch a clever video on what the Bible is:

bibleproject.com/explore/video/what-is-bible/

copy these links for some tips on how to help your child read the Bible:

bibleproject.com/explore/how-to-read-the-bible/

focusonthefamily.com/parenting/teaching-your-kids-to-read-the-bible/

desiringgod.org/articles/how-to-help-your-children-read-the-bible

These are simply some resources I found and liked, they are not a comprehensive list, just some thoughts from one parent to another...

Praying for a positive Bible experience for you and your teen or teen-ish child(ren).

Staci

It's time to sign-up for the **Progressive Dinner!** We will meet at the church at 4:30 p.m. on June 13 and carpool to the various destinations. Hopefully, you have read a little bit about it and are ready to enjoy a fun time with other adults for our three-part dinner. If you've never participated in a Progressive Dinner, it is so much fun! We will all meet at the church and divide into three rotations of 16-people each. Then, the groups will draw one of the three locations to decide if they will be eating appetizers, main dish or dessert first. Once you arrive at the specified location, your "team" will get the instructions for their next portion of the meal and where to travel.

We have three host homes that will provide food for each course. At each location, you will have time to visit as well as answer a few "Bible Trivia" questions. The trivia will be a group effort and most of the questions are "common knowledge," although a few are a little more challenging. As a team, you'll answer as many questions as you can. (5 questions at each stop). Each host will text me a team total when you leave and we'll keep you updated on our Facebook page as to which team is in the lead.

The children will also have an afternoon of fun! Children ages 5 and older can come and participate in a "create your own pizza" challenge and play in the gym, as well as have a dessert-making challenge. We will offer a nursery for those 4 and younger.

Cost for this event is \$5 per person (nursery is free) and will help cover the food costs. Deadline to sign up for this event (including nursery reservations) is Sunday, June 6. You can sign-up by calling the church office at 282-4080, texting Karen Allen at (405) 615-2240 or e-mailing at karenkallen@cox.net. There is also a sign-up sheet in the entryway on Sundays.

In other news, we have a **Connections Team meeting** on June 16. We will be meeting at Senor Lopez at 6 p.m. You may be wondering how to get involved and the Connection's Team is a great way to be "behind the scenes" of planning churchwide events. "Connections" is one of our Core Values as a church. Our Core Values state: *"We believe strong personal connections create the foundations of fellowship. Therefore, we will provide opportunities to build multi-generational relationships to create that connection of Christian support for all people."*

If designing events to get people involved and connecting them is your passion, then please take time to join us and help brainstorm ways we can do this as a church. If you enjoy the "behind the scenes" work at activities or feel like you are good at organizing, then Connections is the place for you! We are in need of 4-5 new members for this team and would love to see some creative minds come together at our June 16 meeting. If you have questions, please reach out to me, or Lesley Cotton (405) 535-4612.

If Connections isn't your cup of tea, then consider one of our other teams. Our teams include: Christian Education, Christian Outreach, Connections, Property, Stewardship, and Worship.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week! See you Sunday.

Karen

Prayer Request



Hospitalized at this time: Carol Barnes, Jenna North, Laurel North

Preparing for surgery: Barbara Wilder (5/25)

We pray for our church family: Leroy Barnes, Hank Hinkle, Gerald Whitfield, Dennis Lynch, Ruth Underwood, Denise Shoun, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Lawrence Coburn, Conna Dewart, Basil Belveal, Ron Fields, Larry Stinchcomb, Joan Dreessen, Sherry Canning

We pray for our friends and family members: Jesse Wehrenberg, Kevin Young, Don Coffin, Mary Coffin, Sherry Marshall, Linda Hicks, Pauline Beldin, Lee Pearce, Ronnie Koehler, Stephanie Sykes, Willie White, Steve Ochs, Jerry Resch, Jay Beuchaw, Hazel Carroll, Carol Garcia, Wes Weir, Anna Simmons, Oliver Wolfington, Scott Quick, Kimberly, Treva Seals, Joan Faye Meacham, Harold Hembree, Darrin Robb, Wes Black, 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

SUMMER CINEMA

Make your calendar for "Summer Cinema" Movie Night! We will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Mineral Wells Park on Friday, June 25. We have rented the Pavilion and will feature the movie "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids." Along with the movie, we will host an ice cream social. We'd love to see what homemade flavors everyone will bring, but if homemade is not your style, a carton of ice cream works too! Ice Cream Toppings will also be on the menu; so, feel free to bring those as well. Also, if you aren't in an ice-cream mood, then feel free to bring some cookies. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and hopefully it will be a nice, cool evening!



Congratulations on
your marriage!

Gregg & Rikki
Gumerson

May 21, 2021

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank everyone who reached out and sent prayers during our recent loss of our aunt, Mickey Mock. She was a long-time member of this congregation and loved worshipping with us when she was physically able. Over the past several years, as her health declined, many of you continued to reach out to her and send her cards and well wishes, as was obvious when we cleaned out her room at Golden Age last week. We are so thankful for everyone who loved and supported her, as well as us during these past several years with her care. Again, we are blessed to be a part of such a loving church family and thank you for all the ways you minister to families!

Sincerely,

The family of Mickey Mock



June Birthdays!

1 – Kennedi Hacker	16 – Brian Reece	21 – Ella Tontz
Kathy Walter	17 – Marsh Powell	Carissa Redman
Judy Coburn	18 – Janie Carey	Ethan Frey
Elden Waner	Josh Ward	Julie Wiss
3 – Roy Jones	Kegan Payne	22 – James Carey
5 – Gale Coker	19 – Paula Bowles	23 – Amanda Shults
Jayma Johnston	Kristi Blakemore	25 – Curtis Ketch
6 – Ally Carey	Jake Carey	29 – Jacki Cowan
9 – Natalie Hardin	Hank Hinkle	30 – John Carpenter
10 – Shana Bench	20 – Avery Olstad	Terry Hinkle
12 – Owen Wilder	Tammy Schroder	
14 – Phyliss Stroup	Ava Yancey	
15 – Kelly Considine	Michelle Gill	
	Jace Gill	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2 – Brian & Janna Pierson	19 – Matt & Jeana Backus
John & Karen Allen	Len & Linda Tontz
3 – Bill & Cynthia Cunningham	22 – Dennis & Karen Ochs
5 – Ron & Juanita Plagg	Verl & Ruth Plain
Brad & Janice Hand	23 – Nolan & Kim Crick
6 – Ron & Barbara Wilder	27 – Thomas & Janet Hudson
Ron & Linda Wrede	28 – Jerry & LaHonda Ball
10 – Ken & Kathy Walter	Mike & Kelly Simpson
11 – Jason & Desi Rice	30 – Don & LaMoynne Hardin
12 – Ben & Ali Gallo	
18 – Larry & Deborah Pepper	
Boyd & Linda Rice	

Lunch with Our Bunch!

Have you been attending for a while but still have questions about how our church operates; how to get involved or maybe just basic faith questions? Maybe you've been attending forever and still have those questions or you want to invite people but are afraid you won't have the answers if your friend asks questions about the church. Beginning in June, the staff will feature a quarterly opportunity to stay for lunch after worship and enjoy a quick time of learning more about the church and answering questions with the staff.

"Lunch with our Bunch" will be June 27 following worship. We will provide lunch and encourage anyone to stay! This lunch is for visitors, those who have been attending and have questions as well as anyone who has been inviting guests. We would love to have those who are inviting guests to invite their friends/neighbors to join them for lunch so they will be comfortable coming. Children are welcome to attend.



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JUNE 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Kid's Worship for 5 yrs – 2 nd grade every Sunday during worship **Kid's Worship Extra for 3 rd -6 th graders on the 2 nd & 4 th Sundays	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 Kendra: kendragmcnew@gmail.com Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com	1 Ezekiel 8-10 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out Summer Session Begins	2 Ezekiel 11-12	3 Ezekiel 13-15 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	4 Ezekiel 16-17 Church Office Closed	5 Ezekiel 18-20 9 a.m. – Girl Scouts Event in Downstairs classrooms & Fellowship Hall
6 Ezekiel 21-23	7 Ezekiel 24-27	8 Ezekiel 28-31 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	9 Ezekiel 32-34 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Board Meeting	10 Ezekiel 35-38 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	11 Ezekiel 39-41 Church Office Closed	12 Ezekiel 42-43
13 Ezekiel 44-45 11:30 a.m. – Youth Birthday Lunch 4:30 p.m. – Progressive Dinner & Kid's Cooking Challenge	14 Ezekiel 46-48	15 Hosea 1-7 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	16 Hosea 8-14 6 p.m. – Connections Team Meeting at Senor Lopez	17 Joel 1-3 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	18 Amos 1-5 Church Office Closed	19 Amos 6-9 Discovery Day Camp
20 Obadiah 1; Jonah 1-4  Donut Sunday!	21 Micah 1-7	22 Nahum 1-3; Habakkuk 1-3 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	23 Zephaniah 1-3; Haggai 1-2	24 Zechariah 1-7 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	25 Zechariah 8-14 Church Office Closed  7:30 p.m. – Summer Cinema @ Mineral Wells Park	26 Malachi 1-4
27 Psalm 1-8 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP TO APPROVE NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM 11:45 a.m. – Lunch with Our Bunch	28 Psalm 9-16 11 .m. – Staff Meeting Newsletter submission deadline JUNIOR CAMP thru July 2	29 Psalm 17-20 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out Newsletter mailed	30 Psalm 21-25			