

FCC Financial Update

Income Year-to-Date \$140,081

Expenses Year-to-Date \$143,685

Year to Date Net Loss (\$ 3,604)

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: \$90,526



The Tie That Binds

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VBS Update



We did it! Thanks to everyone who contributed to VBS we accomplished our fundraising goal!! Not only did we accomplish our goal, but then you all blew it out of the water! We have received over \$1,500 in VBS donations which amounts to 60 trains on our display in the entryway! 10 more than our goal of 50 trains before VBS kicked off! WOW! We are so excited at the support you all have shown and know it's going to be such a great week of teaching how Jesus' power pulls us through!

If you haven't registered your family for VBS, there is still plenty of time to do that! Go to our website (www.fccguthrie.org) and there is a direct link to sign up there. Kids ages 4 years old through those entering 6th grade are welcome to participate. Invite your friends, neighbors and teammates! VBS is July 19 – 23, 9 a.m. to Noon each day. If you are an adult available to volunteer your time for this week of fun, please call the church office or mark your availability on the VBS registration form. We would love to have your help! Nursery is available for volunteers who have kids not yet old enough to participate.

If you have already volunteered to help during VBS, we will have two training opportunities for you to come to, please plan to attend one of them. Friday, July 16 at 9 a.m. or Sunday, July 18 right after church. Both opportunities will be in the Fellowship Hall on the 1st floor. Decorating times will immediately follow the volunteer trainings, so if you are able to come up us transform the church into our Rocky Railway train station, we need your help!

Decorating times will be split into two sessions this year: 1st session is Friday, July 16, 9:30 a.m. to Noon and the 2nd session is Sunday, July 18, starting at Noon, and we'll go until we are finished or for as long as your own schedule allows for. The Sunday decorating session is when we will need the most help as we fully transform the sanctuary! But for both sessions, we need all of the help we can get, so we hope to see you there!

Notes from Pastor Ronnie



I am so excited about what is coming up! July is going to be an exciting month in the life of FCC. We have fun and unique moments planned for worship, VBS, and children and youth events. And it all kicks off this Sunday as we celebrate July 4th (be sure to wear your red, white and blue) with special music. This Sunday, we will also resume passing communion and offering trays and begin offering prayer time with our elders following the worship service for anyone in need of prayer. Exciting things are coming, don't miss out!

Notes of Appreciation

FCC Church Family –

Thank you for the diapers, baby blankets and the gift cards. We have already added the diapers to our stash and the baby blankets are ready for her to use as soon as she comes home. The gift cards are going to be a tremendous help over the next few weeks. We are still trying to navigate the NICU life and now we won't have to worry about meals. We appreciate all of the prayers and support and we can't wait to bring Laurel to FCC!

Love, Jenna, Jared & Laurel North

First Christian Church –

On behalf of The Gideon's of Logan County and The Gideon's International, we want to express our sincere thanks to you and the congregation for your support of the Gideon work. The offering, which was given in the amount of \$200, is tangible evidence of the love the congregation has for making the Word of God available to those whom otherwise may not have a copy. We sincerely appreciate your support for this ministry.

Sincerely yours, Ron Schnuelle, Logan County Camp

FCC KIDS go to Summer Camp

Thank you to our supportive congregation for helping all of our kids who wanted to go to camp this year! We had three 2nd and 3rd graders who participated in Discovery Day Camp and four 4th and 5th graders who got to go to the week long Junior Camp this year. They were able to go to camp at a heavily discounted rate to their families because of the donations made to the camper fund throughout 2019 and 2020. At camp, the kids get the chance to learn about how God speaks through His creation: nature and the outdoors. It's a very unique experience they will not get within the walls of our building and the opportunity to go is very much dependent on FCC's support! The kids that went to the day camp had such a great time and we are excited to hear back from our Junior campers when they return on Friday, July 2. Junior camp is currently in progress so please be in prayer for these four girls - Gabby Bench, Bailey Hardin, Savannah Schlueter, and Reagan Wilder - throughout this week!



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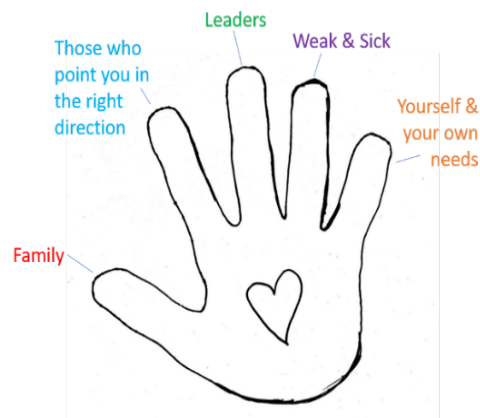
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Kid's Worship (ages 4 yrs thru 2nd grade) - God Promises to Hear My Prayers - Bible Story: A Wise King (Kings 3 & 4)

On Sunday in Kid's Worship, we continued our unit on God's promises and learned that God promises to hear our prayers. We can pray to Him about anything and we can trust that He can hear us. In the Bible there was a man who prayed to God, God heard his prayer and answered it! God answered Solomon's prayer by giving Solomon wisdom. God promises to hear our prayers, too. We know that we can talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything!

This week: Practice praying with your child. Talk about times you pray and why those times of day are best for you. If you need some help, just look at your hand for a guide! Thumb: Pray for those closest to you, like your family. Pointer: Pray for those who point you in the right direction. Index (tallest): Pray for those that lead you. Ring (weakest): Pray for the weak or sick. Pinkie(smallest): Pray for yourself and your own needs. Try to pray each night this week with your family, using this 5 finger prayer as a guide!



Memory Verse to work on: "For Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. You rule throughout all generations." Psalm 145:13

Pray with your family: God, thank you for your promise to hear our prayers. Thank you that we can pray to you anytime about anything! We know that you will hear and answer our prayers. We love you! Amen.

Water Slide day

Hey kids! Join us 3-4:30 p.m. on July 8 for waterslide day in the parking lot! There will be a big bouncy waterslide set up and sno cones for our FCC KIDS to enjoy. Bring suits and towels! Children 3 years and younger must have a parent stay to go down the slide with your child and help supervise. Contact Natalie Hardin for more information at nahardin@gmail.com.

Children's Music Opportunity

Our Praise Team is working on a few children's pieces for some of the special music times during our Sunday morning service for the upcoming year. The team would work with the kids on song selection, help compile an ensemble if they do not want to sing alone, and practice with the kids before performing. If your child has ever expressed any interest to participate in the special music portion of the worship service, we would love to try to get them plugged in. Please email nahardin@gmail.com for more information.

No Kid's Worship Extra (KWX) in July: We will not have KWX for our 3rd - 6th graders during the Summer Cinema sermon series. This age group will not want to miss out on the movie-centered messages that are packed into this Sunday series! We will pick back up with our regular schedule of 2nd and 4th Sunday KWX classes on August 8.

MOTHER'S DAY OUT



Summer Fun!



Summer is in full swing at FCC and we have so many exciting things going on. Sunday, Ronnie and I hosted a group of those who have been visiting and want more information about the church. It was a great time for the Elders to interact with some of our newer families as well as share about our Mission, Vision and Core Values.

One year ago, this Sunday is when we returned to in-person worship and our growth with new families and individuals has been exciting to see. When we made invitations for our luncheon on Sunday, we were excited to send out 24 invitations that encompassed 60 people who have joined us as new families in the past year. We are thrilled that everyone continues to invite friends and neighbors to be a part of our ministry at FCC!

We will continue to do these luncheons quarterly so that we can always have a place for new people to come inquire and begin to join in at a deeper level with our ministries.

A few shout outs...

We've had a lot of activities going on in June and I want to take moment to thank those who have been a part of making those happen.

- Our Progressive Dinner was a huge success. Thank you to our host homes – Shana and Nick Bench, Mike and Janie Carey, and Tom and Janet Hudson.
- Our sound booth has gotten some additional help over the past several months. We are delighted to have Baylor Wilhelm helping. He has learned both the sound and computer side of running the worship services. We also have Alex Allen helping with the computer piece during worship. It's great to have additional people upstairs joining our long-time volunteers, Darl Doles on camera and John Allen on soundboard.
- Movie Night at Mineral Wells was great! Thanks to Diann and Gene Owen for helping with setup/teardown and to all those who pitched in during clean up. Thanks also to those who brought cookies including Alice Allen, Diann Owen, Janet Hudson, Sharyl Padgett and Pam Williams. Thanks to Peggy Momsen for the delicious homemade Peach Ice Cream!
- Thank you to members of the youth group who worked last Thursday on their Service Project Day. The group cleaned the downstairs kitchen and restocked all of the pew Bibles and Hymnals. Thanks to Alex Allen, Zach Allen, Makenna Bench, Clayton Carey, Landon Schlueter and youth leader, Staci Carey.

Coming up...

We have tons going on in July with VBS, Mission Trip to Waco, Summer Cinema Sundays and team meetings. If you haven't connected with a ministry team, now is a perfect time to get involved. Christian Education will meet July 11 immediately following worship, Stewardship Team will meet July 14 at 6:30 p.m. and Connections Team will meet at 6 p.m. on July 28 at Jana Frey's home (let me know if you need directions!). If you ever want to know how to plug-in to these teams or any of the activities going on, please feel free to text or call me anytime at 405-615-2240.

Vacation...

Just as I say text or call me "anytime," I wanted to let you know I will be out of the office this Tuesday through Friday on vacation. I am traveling to Branson with my kids, my dad and stepmom for a quick getaway. Looking forward to getting away! So thankful for the time away and we'll be back in worship on Sunday, July 4th!

Have a blessed week!

Karen

Prayer Requests

Our love & sympathy go out to: The Family of Willie Mae Rubrecht

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

We pray for our friends and family members: Elton Lewis, Bradley Wilson, Jeanne Foster, Alan Ford, Linda Lucas, Joyce Brandes, Jim Carter, Jesse Wehrenberg, Kevin Young, Don Coffin, Mary Coffin, Sherry Marshall, Linda Hicks, Pauline Beldin, Lee Pearce, Stephanie Sykes, 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



July Birthdays!

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| 1 – Patsy Crick | 14 – Khloe Walker | 25 – Colin Simpson |
| 3 – Larry Pepper | 16 – Janna Pierson | Cindy Reynolds |
| Gregg Friese | 17 – Pam Henning | 26 – Randy Ellis |
| 4 – Jennifer Guinn-Mannas | Hallie Ross | Jean Ann Canning |
| Mikayla Johnston | 18 – Jenna North | Linda Griffin |
| 6 – Jerry Ball | 20 – Lindsey Ball | Hunter Betchan |
| Susan Davison | Stacey Johnston | 27 – Diana Dewart |
| Jamie Pena | 21 – Sharon Holden | Becky Wilkerson |
| 7 – Mike Canning | Lauren Stinchcomb | 29 – Lakyn Redman |
| Addie Gill | 22 – Carson Wilder | Vivian Blakemore |
| 8 – Sammy LeGrande | 23 – Brian Johnston | Jason Cotton |
| 10 – Kyle Blakemore | 24 – Anna Frey | 30 – Mike Carey |
| 12 – Rita Stowe | Stacy Russell | Logan Payne |
| 13 – Sue Martin | | 31 – Caroline Roettger |
| Steve Hanna | | Donna Koch |
| Dennis Ochs | | |
| Brenda Niles | | |

July Worship participants:

- 4th: **Max** - Scripture Reader
18th: **Bella** - Scripture Reader &
Jaci - Children's Sermon
25th: **Kyndal** - Scripture Reader



July Activities:

Water Slide & Snow cones, July 8, FCC Parking Lot, 4 – 5:30 pm

VBS Sonic & Swim Party, July 22, Carey Pool, meet @ FCC @ Noon- back by 3 pm

Birthday Lunch, July 25 -- celebrating July Birthdays: Carson & Hallie, Braums

(bring \$5 unless you are Carson or Hallie) meet @ FCC @ 11:45 am – back by 1:30 pm

VBS: July 19th – 23rd Youth volunteers: be at FCC @ 8:45 am, unless otherwise directed.

Volunteer training (optional) Fri. 16 @ 9 am. Or Sun. 18 @ Noon

Decorating Fri. 16 9:30-noon and Sun. 18 after church.

Youth Swim party (and Sonic lunch) on Thurs., July 22 after VBS until 3 pm.

Youth are so beneficial to the VBS ministry, thank you to all of you who are able to help!

July Bible Study options:

Week 1 = Matthew 22

Week 2 = Romans 15

Week 3 = Luke 10

Week 4 = 1st John 4:11-12 & John 13:34-35

****The Bible App study:**

“How to Love Your Neighbors” A 4 day study to be completed daily or to complete once a week.

“Love God, Love Others” (3 day study)

“NEIGHBORS”: A journal study – available after July 16

YOUTH Mission Trip: July 11 – 16

Our group will have the opportunity to partner with a variety of social service organizations meeting on-going community issues in the city of Waco, Tx. Mission work is always an inspirational and unique experience. We appreciate the support of our church family to make this type of ministry possible.

Please join us in prayer for: Staci Carey, Ronnie Fields, Jake Carey, Audrey Evers, Keegan Simpson, Jarrett McNulty, Makenna Bench, Kyndal Carey, Zach Allen, Max Fields, Clayton Carey, Chase Doles, and Blake Doles during this week of hands-on church ministry.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 1 – Kevin & Jana Frey | 17 – Jason & Lesley Cotton |
| 2 – KC & Linda Griffin | Gary & Jane Weeks |
| 7 – Kendall & Amanda Shults | Virgil & Lesley Rodgers |
| David & Tara Hood | Coy & Kim Betchan |
| 9 – Wheeler & Von Coburn | 20 – Tommy & Sharon Johnston |
| 11 – Mike & Janie Carey | 23 – Scott & Joanna Thompson |
| 15 – Tom & Linda Holtz | 25 – Donovan & Lacey Hardin |
| | 28 – Marsh & Nancy Powell |
| | 29 – Andy & Dawn Hacker |
| | 31 – Roy & Vicki Jones |

VBS and Back-to-School Drive-in Night

Our drive in night is scheduled for the evening of Monday, August 16th. We hope that your family will join us for a hot dog dinner and fellowship night at the drive-in! Mark your calendars, more details to follow.



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JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Kid's Worship for 4 yrs – 2 nd grade every Sunday during worship	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 Psalm 26-31 JUNIOR CAMP →	2 Psalm 32-35	3 Psalm 36-39
4 Psalm 40-45 	5 Psalm 46-50	6 Psalm 51-57 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	7 Psalm 58-65 6 p.m. – Elder's Meeting 7 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting	8 Psalm 66-69 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3 p.m. – FCC Kids Waterslide Party 4 p.m. - Youth Waterslide Party	9 Psalm 70-73	10 Psalm 74-77
11 Psalm 78-79  NO Kid's Worship Extra 11:30 a.m. – Christian Ed Team Meeting Youth Mission Trip to Waco, TX	12 Psalm 80-85	13 Psalm 86-89 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	14 Psalm 90-95 6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Team Meeting	15 Psalm 96-102 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	16 Psalm 103-105 9 a.m. – VBS Training 9:30 a.m. - Vacation Bible School Setup	17 Psalm 106-107
18 Psalm 108-114 Donut Sunday!  Noon - Vacation Bible School Training & Setup	19 Psalm 115-118 	20 Psalm 119:1-88 NO Mother's Day Out	21 Psalm 119:89-176	22 Psalm 120-132 NO Mother's Day Out Noon – Youth Swim Party @ Carey's	23 Psalm 133-139 	24 Psalm 140-145
25 Psalm 146-150 No Kid's Worship Extra VBS Sunday VBS Clean-up after worship 11:45 – Youth Birthday Lunch	26 Proverbs 1-3 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting Noon – Newsletter Deadline	27 Proverbs 4-6 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out Newsletter Published	28 Proverbs 7-9 6 p.m. – Connections Team Meeting @ Frey's	29 Proverbs 10-12 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	30 Proverbs 13-15	31 Proverbs 16-18 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. – Girl Scout Event in Fellowship Hall