

FCC Financial Update

Income Year-to-Date \$187,992
Expenses Year-to-Date \$207,738
Year to Date Net Loss (\$ 19,746)

Worship Attendance 8/29: 121

Stewardship Team Meeting

Stewardship Team will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 14. We will be planning our 2022 Stewardship Drive. We would love to have all who would like to participate. We will be meeting in-person and by zoom. Please reach out to Susan Davison - susanrdavison@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office if you would like a link to join us on-line or we would love to see you there.

VBS School Supply Update

School supplies are beginning to be dropped off at the local elementary schools thanks to the VBS kids! This summer, the kids were challenged to bring in their offerings to try to raise \$50 per crew (\$400 for the whole VBS group) to help purchase school supplies for their schools. The kids did an amazing job with their offerings and ended up bringing in way more than we could have hoped for! Their offering for this project totaled \$671.44! And then to add on to that, Dr. Dawn's Chiropractic offered to match the kids' amount! That's a whole lot of school supplies! We've been in contact with all of the local elementary schools and the upper elementary school to try to find a way to best meet their individual needs. Cotteral and Central received their supplies Friday morning, Charter Oak received their supply funds on Wal-Mart gift cards Monday morning, and Fogarty and GUES are still working on their request lists. This has been a fun project to be a part of and the Guthrie Public School staff has been so excited to be helped in this way! Updates on the final deliveries still to come!



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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: \$92,592



Lawrence Coburn
1933 - 2021



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Notes from Pastor Ronnie



Dear Church Family,

We have so many things to be thankful for at the church – lots of children and youth, regular visitors, many who are returning and some who are joining the church. We even gave the entryway a facelift after 30 years with money from the Memorial Fund.

But at the same time, we find ourselves in a tough financial position with our operating budget. As of today, we are **\$19,746** behind in money received vs. money spent. This is due to a cumulative effect of COVID, deaths, and the increasing costs of utilities and supplies.

In the past, we have had generous donors just make up for the gap, but we can no longer rely on that happening every year. If giving does not change, we will have to make very difficult decisions pertaining to the budget as our current spending has been reduced to salaries, supplies and utilities. I know that is difficult to read, but it's where we find ourselves. I know times are hard for so many of us, but as a church we must find ways to work within and be good and faithful stewards of what is so generously given.

At this time, I would ask that you first and foremost pray for our church and it's finances, and secondly, give what you are able to give. Scripture tells us that the faith of a mustard seed can move mountains, and I believe the same holds true for every donation. It takes all of us doing what we can to keep the ministries going at our church.

Grace and peace,

Ronnie



Child Check-In



GUARDIAN TAG



We had such a warm and awesome response to our new check-in kiosk! The success of this project depends on our families utilizing it so I was so glad to see so many families excited about it! Sometimes with new technology comes some extra kinks that remain to be worked out, but we know now what those challenges are and should be fully up and running by this Sunday, Sept 5th!

If your child will leave the service to attend Kid's Worship, Kid's Worship Extra, or drop-in at our nursery, please stop by the check-in kiosk prior to the worship service to get the kids checked in! Use the provided iPad to check your kids in and their name tag labels will be printed right there on the spot. Your child will wear theirs throughout the service and then you will keep the guardian label for pick up. If your child has any food allergies or any other important notes we should know, there is a space during check in for you to note that on their tags.

As we continue to grow in our worship attendance numbers and visitors, it's so very important that we have a record of every child in the building each Sunday. We appreciate your patience as we learn this new system together! There will be someone at the check-in station for the next few Sundays to help us all learn the new system!

KIDVENTURE

Signups for Kidventure are open! Check out the FCC Facebook page for a direct link or email nahardin@gmail.com for more information!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, we are able to fund supplies and snacks for our fall session of Kidventure without asking for donations from our Kidventure families! We are not offering transportation from the schools to the church after school this year so please be aware you'll need to coordinate how to get your child here each Wednesday. Kidventure is open to any child, 5 years old through 6th grade!

Kid's Worship

- I will obey God through the ups and downs

Bible Story: The Ups and Downs of Joseph's Life - Joseph interprets Pharaoh's dream

On Sunday in Kid's Worship, we picked up where we left off last week in Joseph's life. The kids are doing so well remembering the ups and downs of Joseph's life each week, I'm so impressed with how much they are remembering! They remembered from a few weeks ago that God gave Joseph the ability to interpret dreams, so when we started talking about when the Pharaoh needed someone to tell him what his dream meant, the kids already knew Joseph was the guy Pharaoh called on! Joseph was faithful to God, all through the ups and downs and listened to God, all along his way. Because of this, Joseph was put in charge of getting all of Egypt ready for the famine he knew was coming. We played a game where the kids got to hurry as fast as they could to pick up their "grains" before the famine came. This week we will wrap up our lessons about Joseph's life.

This week: Is there ever a time when you felt like God was telling you to prepare for something? Did you listen and do what He said? If you had an experience like that, share it with your family!

Memory Verse: "For I know the plans I have for you" says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

Pray with your family: God, help us to remember that you will show us the right way. You alone know the path for our lives, we must listen to that plan and prepare ourselves as you say we should. Amen.

Keeping Up With Karen



We have had a lot of exciting things happening the last few weeks at the church. We had a great turnout for our Educator Recognition and Backpack Blessing Sunday! Our Ministry Fair was a huge success with our first potluck in quite some time.

Also, this past week we hosted the Bluejay Football team for their annual "Feed the Bluejays" dinner. This was the 20th anniversary of the dinner that Janna Pierson and LaMoyné Hardin began when their sons were playing football. We appreciate all those who came to help serve the meal! It is always great to have the young men, trainers, coaches and the coach's families in our building for a meal.

Coming up...

SNACKCHAT

We are looking forward to the kickoff of Kidventure on Sept. 8. Check out Natalie's article for more info on how to sign up. Along with that, the Christian Outreach and Evangelism Team is adding a new feature on the last Wednesday of each month. In order to capture some extra time with those families who send their kids to Kidventure, we will be having a quick meal at 5 p.m. on Sept. 29. We have named this meal "SnackChat." This month's meal is "Spaghetti and Meatballs" with green beans, garlic bread and dessert. This is a FREE meal for anyone who wants to come and join us and share some time with the Kidventure families.

With that, we will be looking for a few helping hands to help provide \$\$ for the meal and to help prepare and serve it. Total expenses for this meal would be \$80 for the main course and \$15 for Dessert. If you are interested in helping cover the cost of the meal, please call the church office at 405-282-4080 or message me at 405-615-2240. You can also drop a donation in the offering plate and designate it as "SnackChat." If you would be interested in helping cook the meal or doing clean-up let me know as well.

We plan to make this a monthly dinner that encompasses several purposes. First, we want to build relationships with families who are coming to Kidventure. Secondly, we want to offer an opportunity for families to sit and eat a meal together and share quality time talking and enjoying each other without the hassle of cooking and cleaning.

CHURCH PICNIC

We have a new location for this year's picnic on Sunday, Sept. 26. We are excited to try it out! There is a beautiful pond that is perfect for canoeing, paddleboats or paddleboard, and of course, fishing. Deanna Davenport has offered this space along with some friends of hers and we are looking forward to it. Provided the weather cooperates there will be firepits to cook hot dogs and smores. The picnic is a great place to invite a friend or neighbor! We hope you are marking your calendar and making plans to attend.

SMALL GROUPS

As we approach Fall, we also want to take an opportunity to offer some Small Group Bible Studies and Dinner Groups. Many of you have participated in the past and we would love to see who all is interested in participating again. Sunday, when you "sign in" on the "Text in Church" app, you can let us know if you're interested. If you don't use "Text in Church" drop a note in the offering plate to let us know you're interested. We would love to start these groups by the end of September.

Have a great week. Stay safe and we'll see you Sunday online or in-person!

Karen



As we get back into school and routines, I hope you (or your youth) are excited to get back in to a fun and worthwhile Sunday night activity: YOUth Nights!

This season we hope to make an impact to our lives and the lives around us while we gather together, grow in faith and give of ourselves. We invite everyone in the 7th - 12th grade to join us on Sunday night from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for YOUth Nights!

For more information, please contact Staci Carey, Youth Minister at 405-831-5509

Prayer Requests

Our love and sympathy go out to: The family of Lawrence Coburn

We celebrate the birth of: Taron Keith Oak, born to Patrick Hardin & Gillian Oak and big sister Andi. Proud Grandparents in our congregation are Don & LaMoyné Hardin.

We pray for our church family: Sarah Anderson, Ruth Underwood, Clara Ketch, Gary Weeks, Velma Johnson, Kim Crick, Gerald Whitfield, Dennis Lynch, Sherry Canning, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Larry Stinchcomb, Joan Dreesen

We pray for our friends and family members: Lacey Hudson & Family, Jerri Brownlee, Jason Alexander, Family of Kelly Hopfer, Paul Bond, Francine Santillanes-Lopez, Trish Worster, Mick Leir, Bill Liddke, Willie White, Bob Bennett, Jeannie Foster, Michelle Minich, Rick Sanders, Mark Prather, Eugene Barron, Melton Lewis, Bradley Wilson, Linda Lucas, Joyce Brandes, Jim Carter, Jesse Wehrenberg, Don Coffin, Sherry Marshall, Linda Hicks, Pauline Beldin, Lee Pearce, Steve Ochs, Jerry Resch, Jay Beuchaw, Carol Garcia, Wes Weir, Anna Simmons, Scott Quick, Kimberly, Treva Seals, Joan Faye Meacham, 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: Court, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning

Celebrate!

September Birthdays!

2 – Jarrett McNulty

3 – Ron Plagg

4 – Coy Betchan

7 – Jim Case

8 – Kenzie Mays

Jerry Yancey

9 – Carol Field

10 – Donovan Hardin

12 – Justin Mays

Paisley Pena

Jackie Ross

14 – Grayden Beeson

Jamie Johnston

Holly Kinkade

Eli Plagg

15 – Gary Weeks

17 – Pat Ball

Andy Hacker

18 – Bob Powell

19 – Linda Holtz

20 – Karen Allen

Luke Lyons

22 – Esther Weir

24 – Bella Benham

Hadley Henning

25 – Josh Ball

Hank Hubbard

26 – Mary Lou Welch

27 – Lesley Rodger

28 – Levi Betchan

29 – Ethan Cotton

Michelle Schroeder

30 – Charlie Ball



Sunday, Sept. 26 • 4:30 p.m. Fishing and Games • 5:30 p.m. Dinner

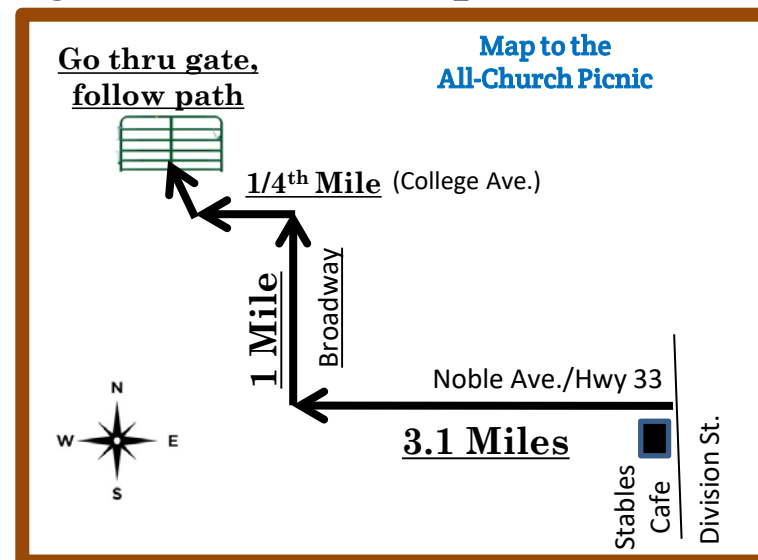
Where's it at? * new location this year *****

Directions to the picnic/pond:

- From the intersection of Division and Highway 33 (Noble Ave.) go approximately **3.1 miles west** to Broadway (just past the hospital).
- **Turn right** (north) on Broadway and go **1 mile** to where the road ends.
- **Turn left** (west) and go approximately **¼ mile** — look for a green gate on your right. (look for the balloons)
- **Turn right** (north) and drive thru the green gate and follow the mowed path. It will take you to the pond with places to park and you will see a house as well.

What can I bring for "fishing & games?"

- **Fishing!** (bring a pole and some bait)
- **Kayaks** (life jacket required)
Nothing with a gasoline powered engine please.
- If **swimming in pond**, a life jacket must be worn.
- **Bug spray & Sunscreen**
- **Walking shoes** if you want to hike
- **Lawn chairs**
- There are **restroom** facilities onsite.
- **INVITE** a friend or neighbor! The more the merrier!



What about food?

- **Hot Dogs and Buns** (church will provide and we will have some pre-cooked or you can cook over a firepit)
- **Side Dish** — bring an appetizer, salad, veggie or dessert.
- **Bottles of water** will be provided.

Questions?

- Contact a member of the Connections Team:
Jana Frey — 405-615-7764
Deanna Davenport — 405-802-2380
Karen Allen — 405-615-2240

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1 – Scott & Kim Biggs

2 – Robert & Michelle Gill

7 – Jim & Deanna Case

18 – Bob & Shirley Powell

19 – Lloyd & Caroline Roettger

22 – Jed & Carissa Redman

23 – John & Anita Riddle

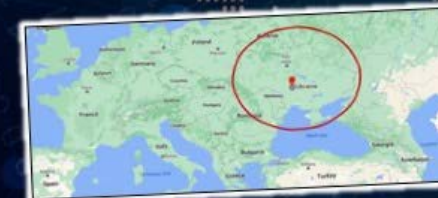
25 – Sammy & Joann LeGrande

26 – Josh & Betsy Ball

27 – Tommy & Amanda Zellers

"Change the World" Sunday

On the last Sunday of each month we are focusing on "World Outreach."
Any loose change or bills in the offering will go to support Missionary Leighton Schlabach, who is serving in Ukraine



If you are worshipping online you can give a designated gift online at www.fccguthrie.org
— Give online and choose:
Special Offering – World Outreach!



Sunday's Special Outreach Offering

We collected \$154.60 on Sunday to donate to Leighton's mission work in Ukraine!



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SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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 Daniel 9-10</p>	<p>2 Daniel 11-12</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>6 p.m. – Connections Team Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p>3 Ezra 1-2</p>	<p>4 Ezra 3-5</p>
<p>5 Ezra 6-7</p> <p>Wear your church shirt / casual dress Sunday</p> <p>Gene Owen preaching</p>	<p>6 Ezra 8-10</p> <p>Labor Day – No School</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer</p>	<p>7 Nehemiah 1-3</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer</p>	<p>8 Nehemiah 4-6</p> <p>KIDVENTURE</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure Kick-off 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting</p>	<p>9 Nehemiah 7-8</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>10 Nehemiah 9-11</p>	<p>11 Nehemiah 12-13</p>
<p>12 1 Chronicles 1-2</p> <p>11:45 a.m. – Outreach Team Meeting</p> <p>5 p.m. – Youth Kick-off</p>	<p>13 1 Chronicles 3-5</p> <p>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer</p>	<p>14 1 Chronicles 6</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 11:30 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance Meeting 5 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting 6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer 6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>15 1 Chronicles 7-8</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure</p>	<p>16 1 Chronicles 9-10</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>17 1 Chronicles 11-12</p>	<p>18 1 Chronicles 13-15</p> <p>4 p.m. – Girl Scouts Event in Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>19 1 Chronicles 16-17</p> <p>DONUT SUNDAY </p> <p>5 p.m. – Youth Meeting</p>	<p>20 1 Chronicles 18-20</p> <p>Teacher In-Service – No School</p> <p>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer</p>	<p>21 1 Chronicles 21-23</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer</p>	<p>22 1 Chronicles 24-25</p> <p>7:45 a.m. – See You at the Pole & GJHS & GHS </p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure</p>	<p>23 1 Chronicles 26-27</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>24 1 Chronicles 28-29</p>	<p>25 2 Chronicles 1-4</p>
<p>26 2 Chronicles 5-7</p> <p>OUTREACH OFFERING</p> <p>11:45 a.m. – Worship Team Meeting</p> <p>CHURCH PICNIC</p> <p>4:30 p.m. – Fishing & Fun </p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Dinner</p>	<p>27 2 Chronicles 8-10</p> <p>Newsletter articles due to church office by NOON</p> <p>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer</p>	<p>28 2 Chronicles 11-14</p> <p>Newsletter Mailed</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer</p>	<p>29 2 Chronicles 15-18</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure</p> <p>5 p.m. – "Snack Chat" Meal Time for Kidventure Families</p>	<p>30 2 Chronicles 19-21</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</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 Kendra: kendragmcnew@gmail.com Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com</p> 	