



# NEWS & EVENTS

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**December 7, 2021**



### Christmas Stocking Update

It's time to do the last step in our Stocking Drive! We will be compiling the stockings Sunday after worship. We will be taking student's assigned number and making a sack with their toy, socks, gloves and toiletries.

At one point we had discussed doing a store for parents to come shop in, but we feel like a better solution at this point would be to do the traditional sacking up the stockings and letting the school staff distribute them to parents.

If you want to help on Sunday, please let Karen Allen (405) 615-2240 or Stacey Johnston (405) 637-5190 know. We are trying to get a count so we can order food from Senor Lopez. We will take donations toward lunch. All ages are welcome to help!



### Dinner Group Christmas Party



The Small Dinner Group met again this past Friday and had a great time eating Taco Soup and exchanging their favorite \$1 gifts. This group has met three times and will be looking to branch out and create a second group after the first of the year. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Karen Allen at 405-615-2240 or Desi Rice at 405-612-0499.

The groups have met in homes, restaurants or at the church. They enjoy a time of fellowship and dinner. We would love to hear what kind of group you'd like to be a part of in the future. The next dinner group will be Jan. 6.

## HOLIDAY HELPERS

Gift wrapping made easy:



Drop off your gifts in the church office between 9 am - 2 pm on Monday - Thursday or by appointment. Most gifts ready the next day. Delivery & pick-up available.

### Christmas Traditions Devotion Books

It's not too late to pick up a copy of the Christmas Traditions Devotional. You can also find the daily devotions on our Facebook page - First Christian Church of Guthrie.

### Christmas Special Music

Join us Sunday, Dec. 12 at 10:30 a.m. for a worship service full of special music by our choir!



**The Holidays are here...  
Are YOU ready?**

**HOLIDAY HELPERS can help...**  
**House cleaning, decorating,  
shopping and more!**

Contact Staci Carey at 405-831-5509 for more information about this youth fundraiser

Make plans to join us for the Christmas Eve Service at 5 p.m.

"The Best Gift Ever" - **Need to Know:** Jesus is God's Promise

**Bible Story:** Jesus is Born - Genesis 2-3, Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2, Luke 1:26-55, 2:1-20, Matthew 1:18-25, 2:1-11

On Sunday in Kid's Worship, we started our Advent series! We started talking about all of the gifts that we want for Christmas, but the true best gift ever of Christmas was baby Jesus! We learned that God kept His promise to send Jesus. Long before Jesus' birth, God sent messages through prophets to remind people of His promise. One prophet named Isaiah had a message for God's people that a special woman would have a baby boy. Another prophet named Micah told people that the Savior would be born in a town called Bethlehem. God's people listened to God's promises and waited for God to send a Savior. Finally, after all of that waiting, God had a big surprise for a special girl named Mary who was engaged to a man named Joseph. Even though it was hard to understand, Mary remembered God's promises from long ago and trusted God's promise to her. All of this happened because it's exactly what God promised long ago! This was God's way of coming to be with His people. Because of Jesus, we can be friends with God forever!

**This week:** Keep discussing God's best gift ever, Jesus. As you are making Christmas lists, Christmas shopping, or just out and about, help your kids remember that baby Jesus is God's promise to us fulfilled.

**Pray with your family:** Hey God! Thank You for keeping Your promise and sending Jesus. Help us remember that He is the best gift ever! We love You! Amen.

NOTE: No Kids Worship EXTRA this week. Enjoy the Choir performance at 10:30.



All 7th – 12th graders are invited to join Ms. Staci for **"Reindeer Games"** this Wed., Dec. 8 from 6 – 7 p.m. in the Reception Hall (upstairs). Invite a friend and join in the Christmas fun!

Next up, **Angel Tree Shopping** day! This Sunday!! Join us as we share the love of Christmas by helping to connect and strengthen families impacted by incarceration. Meet in the Reception Hall (aka: gym) at FCC at 11:30 am or immediately following Worship. Bring \$5 for lunch at Raising Cane's and your best gift finding abilities. We will try to be done by 4 pm.

## A few shout outs!

Thank you to Brandon Henning, our Property Team Leader, who reworked the steps on the north entryway of the sanctuary. He put new forms and concrete as well as replaced the footing on each stair. This was a big project and greatly improves the stability of the stairway. Thank you, Brandon!

Thank you to John Allen for replacing the lights in the upstairs kitchen. One had been out for quite some time and now with new LEDs it is much brighter than before! Thanks for also maintaining the batteries in the emergency lights. Thanks John!

Thank you to everyone who brought toys for our stockings! It was great to have everyone adopted so early in the stocking drive!

Thanks to the crew on Sunday who helped set up and take down our set for the Christmas Program. We also appreciate Jana Frey and the Connection's Team organizing the Tasting Party and to everyone who brought tasty treats!

**Love & sympathy:** Melanie Ball and family in the death of her grandmother

**Hospitalized at this time:** Nick Bench

**Preparing for surgery:** Barbara Ketch

**We pray for our church family:** Linda Griffin, Dennis Lynch, Deanna Davenport, Carol Smith, Deanna Case, Kim Crick, Carl Biggs, Gary Weeks, Marilee Camerer, Sarah Schlueter, Sherry Canning, Gerald Whitfield, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreessen

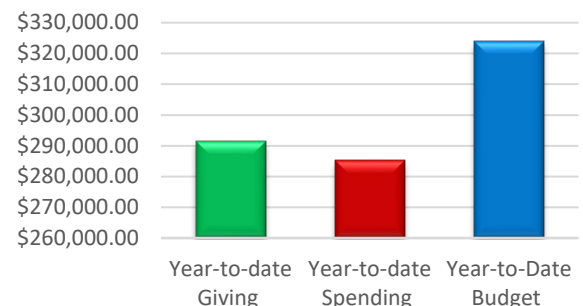
**We pray for our friends and family members:** Larry Esmeyer, Jerri Brownlee, Tim Lear, Karen Aukwell, Jennifer Shirley, Jennifer Hand, Gay Shaffer, Ed & Katherine Walton, Midge Mixon, Judy Oneill, Allee Merrill, Marty Stamp, Bill Coburn, Karen Wallis, Jay Louton, Bill Tooley, James Wallis, Sandy Smith, Renee Riebe, Trish Worster, Valerie Cotton, Francine Santillanes-Lopez, Bill Liddke, Bob Bennett, Michelle Minnich, Mark Prather, Melton Lewis, Bradley Wilson, Joyce Brandes, Jesse Wehrenberg, Don Coffin, Linda Hicks, Lee Pearce, Steve Ochs, Jerry Resch, Jay Beuchaw, Carol Garcia, Wes Weir, Anna Simmons, Scott Quick, Kimberly, Treva Seals, Joan Faye Meacham, Brenda Piland, James Stowe, Cathy Carter, Pam Billings, Janetta Hibbler, Kayla Thetford

**Our military all over the world:** Court, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning

## FCC Attendance

December 5 – 160

## FCC Financial Update



# Children's Christmas Program

Our 2021 Children's Christmas Program was so much fun!! Titled "Isaiah Jones and the Seekers of the Lost Christmas Treasure," it brought to life a fun message that involved video games, seeking earthly treasures and realizing the real story of Christmas is finding Baby Jesus and then sharing His story and love with everyone we meet.

We had 50 kids join together to present this amazing message. Special thanks to Shana Bench and Staci Carey for directing the program, to Michelle Gill for designing all the colorful props and backgrounds, to our Children's Minister Natalie Hardin, to our snack helpers – Deanna Davenport and Amanda Shults, to Zach Allen for running the soundboard, to Darl Doles for doing the video/livestream and John and Karen Allen for assisting with mics, music, lights and everything else! A huge thanks to our children - everyone did great!! Thanks also to their families for getting them to rehearsals and coming out to support them! We are so blessed to have each and every one of you sharing the message of Christ's love at Christmas!

You can find dozens of pictures on our Facebook page – First Christian Church of Guthrie.

