

# NEWS & EVENTS

### First Christian Church, Guthrie

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#### **Pastor's Class**

Pastor's Class is coming! Students in 5th and 6th grades who have not been through this class with Pastor Ronnie, Karen and Natalie are encouraged to mark their calendars for March 23 and 30. This class will meet right after school from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Even if you have attended but weren't ready to take the next step of accepting Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, we'd love you have you come again and answer any questions or learn more. In the past, we have also had some 4<sup>th</sup> graders attend the class, and really that is a personal decision for your student and family, as to their readiness for exploring their relationship with Jesus more. If you are interested in Pastor's Class please let Ronnie or Karen know.

### Online Bible Study with Pastor Ronnie

Beginning Wed., March 23, Pastor Ronnie will offer an online Bible Study at Noon via Zoom. If you are interested, contact the church office or Pastor Ronnie for a Zoom link.

There will not be a Lenten Lunch this week. Currently, the only Lenten Lunch is scheduled for April 13 at Noble Avenue Baptist Church.



ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY-OR NOT? This is the question for the next "Lucky Bingo"! We are putting a new "spin" on it this year! Join us at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 in the Fellowship Hall. This is the end of Spring Break which is why we are starting it a bit early. We are asking people to bring a dish to share that either starts with the letter "B", "I", "N", "G", or "O". Make it fun and creative! Invite a friend! This will be like no other Lucky Bingo we've had before! Feel free to join us at our next meeting when we will be finalizing details! Our next Connections Team meeting is this Thursday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. in the choir room. Dinner will be provided!

#### Volunteer Driver Needed

We have an individual who is needing picked up and taken home on Sundays. He lives in town near Springer and Pine area. He would need to be picked up in time for the 10:30 a.m. service and taken home following services. If you are interested in helping with this transportation need, please let us know. We would love to have a couple people and create a rotation. Call the church office at 405-282-4080 if you can help! We have one person who has volunteered but need a few more to create a rotation



Need to Know: God Cares About My Life

Bible Story: Birth of Moses - Exodus 1-2

Sunday in Kid's Worship we kicked off a new series all about Moses. Through this series, we will discover that God has a special purpose for each of our lives. We were introduced to the Isrealites and their struggle with being prisoners in Egypt under the Pharaoh's reign. We learned about the birth of baby Moses and him being kept in hiding for the first three months of his life before his mother made a basket for him and placed him in the river. God cared for Moses' life and protected him on the river, especially when the Pharaoh's daughter found baby Moses and took him to live with her!

Moses was the one who would eventually put a stop to how harshly the Egyptians were treating God's people and he wanted to do something to help. The Egyptians were treating the Israelites poorly, and they cried out to God for help. God heard their cries, and He had a special plan for Moses to lead the people out of Egypt.

God cared for His people by sending Moses to rescue them and He cared for Moses, even as a baby by keeping him safe. Just like God cared for Moses and the Israelites, we can trust that He cares for our lives, too!

**This week:** Point out ways that God shows you that He cares for your life. Talk about specific times you know that God kept you safe. How do you trust that God cares for our lives?

**Pray with your family:** Hey God! Thank you for helping us see that You have a special purpose for us. Help us to remember that no matter what, You care about every part of our lives. We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### Kid's Worship Extra Update

We did it! Our Kid's Worship Extra (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) kids solved the mystery and unlocked the code in our Parables "Escape Room!" We had 19 kids yesterday in that group. It was awesome! Each kid received a brass skeleton key and chain to begin collecting all four keys, as we plan to continue this "Escape Room" series. If your student missed this Sunday but has been there for some of the series, tell them to connect with Karen Allen or Staci Carey next Sunday and we'll help them solve the last clue and get them a key.

The next series will be "Salvation Scriptures" and should be fun as we talk about things like "What it means to be a Christian," "Is there only one way to salvation?" "What does it mean to be a true follower?" and "I believe, but I still make mistakes."

This class meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month during worship following the children's sermon. Our next KWX will be March 13.

## Prayer Requests

We pray for our church family: Julie Wiss (surgery 3/1), Clara Price, Bill Mahan, Linda Griffin, Sharon Holden, Sarah Schlueter, Phyliss Willbanks, Sharyl Padgett, Denise Shoun, Barbara Ketch, Dennis Lynch, Deanna Case, Kim Crick, Carl Biggs, Sherry Canning, Gerald Whitfield, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreessen

We pray for our friends and family members: Louise Cotton, Cade Freeman, DeAnn Larson, Amber Semler, Diane Robinette, Karen Nemecek, Joe Hall, Don & Jody Riepe, Sherri "Shash" Chase, Albert Tooley, Ellen Jean Weeks, Tim Lear, Karen Aukwell, Jennifer Hand, Gay Shaffer, Ed & Katherine Walton, Allee Merrill, Marty Stamp, Bill Tooley, Trish Worster, Valerie Cotton, Bob Bennett, Milton Lewis, Bradley Wilson, Emily Schwab, Joyce Brandes, Lee Pearce, Steve Ochs, Jerry Resch, Carol Garcia, Treva Seals, Joan Faye Meacham, Cathy Carter

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

#### **FCC Attendance**

February 27 – 168 Average Attendance for February - 156

#### **FCC Financial Update**



#### **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:

\$120,837

### **Chicken Feed and Talent Show is this Sunday!**

The chicken is ordered and the kids are practicing...it's nearly showtime! Please plan to join us this Sunday night, March 6 for a night of good food and great entertainment! Dinner will be served at 5 p.m.; the cost of this chicken strip dinner with rolls and sides is by donation. This dinner is put on by kids and youth who will be attending summer camp or mission camp as a way to earn credits towards funds raised to help offset summer camp costs. Any remaining funds will be applied to children and youth summer ministries and outreach projects. We will also have a dessert auction during dinner so make sure to check out the auction table for your chance to win a delicious dessert! The entertainment starts at 6:15 with a robust variety of talent acts that individuals of all ages have been working on putting together! It is going to be a fun evening!

#### Contact Staci Carey or Natalie Hardin if...

- -You would like to donate a dessert for the dessert silent auction. We still need several baked goods or treats for the Dessert auction table!
- -Your child or youth has expressed an interest in going to camp and you haven't already spoken to one of us, please make sure to get in touch with us for more information on helping with Chicken Feed and/or registration information. All camp fees and registrations are due by April 14th to the church office.
- -You are talented (or even if you are not!) we'd love to include you in the show!



#### **Lunch & Learn Update!**

Our "Lunch and Learn" Bible Study group that meets with Ronnie after church on Sundays continues to grow! We had 23 join us yesterday and there was a lot of learning and laughter. Thanks to those who helped with the Taco Pile-Up Bar on Sunday. They included Janie Carey providing the meat and our dessert makers — Barbara Mahan and Karla Morris. Thanks also to Karla for making some amazing homemade taco shell bowls. Thanks to Barbara and Debbie Hubbard for setting up the luncheon.

This group meets every Sunday after church in the classroom just north of the sanctuary at the end of the hall (also known as the Choir Room). We invite you to go in the Reception Hall and grab lunch and then go eat in the classroom and enjoy a quick time of fellowship before Ronnie starts the study.

There is also childcare for those ages 3 years old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This past week, we played "hide and seek" and next week we will watch a movie! We'd love to have more families with kids stay and join in the fun!

We have had several ask how they can help with meals or how they can donate toward them. If you would like to help set up a meal, donate food/dessert you can get in touch with Karen Allen via e-mail at <a href="mailto:karenkallen@cox.net">karenkallen@cox.net</a> or text/call 405-615-2240. Also, some have asked about financial donations toward it and we always love those! Each meal is costing around \$75-\$100. If you would like to sponsor part of a meal or an entire week, just send a donation to the church, drop it in the offering plate or give online. Be sure and designate "Lunch and Learn" on the memo. We are thrilled this new opportunity is going so well!



#### YouVersion Update

This week we kick off our Lenten Series on YouVersion. There are two plans to pick from or you can do both. The first is a study through the book of Exodus. You will read a chapter a day and there is a five-minute audio part that explains the chapter you are reading.

The alternate plan for Lent involves shorter studies like the ones we've been doing. Our first on that set is called "Uncommon" and is a five-day study and is designed to encourage us in this "uncommon life."

Karen Allen will be inviting everyone to both studies and you can pick and choose which ones you want to do. If you haven't joined our You Version studies, contact Karen karenkallen@cox.net or 405-615-2240 (text/call) and she will get connected. If you are already a YouVersion user, you can "friend" Karen and she will start inviting you to studies.





Exodus Explained Part 1 | Let My People Go