

NEWS & EVENTS

First Christian Church, Guthrie

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Sharing Christ Growing in Faith

First Christian Church of Guthrie #FCCallin



November 22, 2022

"Hanging of the Greens" is this Sunday!



The Christmas season is upon us and no better way to start it than joining your church family at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings! This Sunday, we will "Hang the Greens," which simply means decorate the sanctuary with with various symbols of the season mean and throughout the service we will explain why they adorn our Sanctuary and Hallways.

THANK YOU to everyone who stayed this past Sunday to help get all the décor ready and in its places. We will have the children help with the service on Sunday, so if your child would like to be a part, have them in the Reception Hall at 10:15 a.m. and we will give a few instructions about how the service will go. Sunday's service will feature lots of carols, scripture and decorating as we kick off the Advent Season!





Angel Decorations!

Thank you to Karla Morris for creating two beautifully lighted Angel glass decorations for the front of the sanctuary.



Pamela **Smith**



Brenda **Niles**

Interested in joining our church family or being baptized? We would love to have that conversation with you anytime! Feel free to call the church office at 405-282-4080 and visit with Ronnie.

New Members!

On Sunday, we had two new members join our congregation. Pam Smith joins our congregation transferring her membership from New Life Fellowship in OKC. She is friends with Debbie Williams. who invited her to church several months ago!

Brenda Niles also joined our church family and has become an active part of our church family.

Both attend the Gleaner's Sunday School class, Lunch and Learn, and many other activities.

We are thankful to have both of you joining us as we "Share Christ and Grow in Faith!"



Our special "Hanging of the Green's" service is this Sunday! Any kids who want to participate in this will need to be at the church at 10:15 a.m.. We will meet in the Reception Hall across from the sanctuary and give the kids a quick rundown of what their role will be in the service. We will give them their items, they will walk them into the sanctuary and give it to an adult who will place the item they are handed in it's designated spot. There is no need to rsvp for your child's participation, just show up that Sunday morning and meet us in the Reception Hall for a quick chat at 10:15 before the service! Kids of all ages are invited to participate as long as they are old enough to carry the items and follow the directions of who to take it to once they enter the sanctuary. Due to the interactive nature of this special service there will be no Kid's Worship or Kid's Worship Extra that day, but the nursery will still be open for our 0-3 year olds!

Advent Guides:

Advent Guides will be available for pickup this Sunday if your family would like a paper copy of the guide. A digital version will also be available in the Kids@FCC Facebook group if you'd like to check there. Each week's guide will be posted on the Sunday just before the week starts. Try to set aside a little time each week to check it out!

3rd-6th grader Grinchmas Party:

Please make plans for your 3rd-6th grader to join us for our Grinchmas Party on Dec. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m.! We will have snacks, games, and a very grinchy craft. There will also be a prize for best costume in Whoville so have your child come dressed in their best Whoville or Grinch attire for their chance to win the prize! Cost for this night of fun night is \$5; RSVPs and money are due by December 15th to save your spot!

YOUTH NEWS

Thankful Thursday @ YOUR house [™] have a wonderful Thanksgiving! Don't forget to give thanks & giving this week... It's more than just Turkey & pie [™] but what do you do with the leftovers? Bring some to church Sunday and find out at youth! See ya then! p.s. you might bring a change of clothes [™]

Help Needed

Logan County Aging
Services needs delivery
drivers for Meals on
Wheels. If you are
interested, call 282-1803.

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:

\$173,836

Prayer Requests

Preparing for surgery: Stacey Johnston (Nov. 30)

We pray for our church family: Shana Bench, Deanna Case, Family of Kyle White, Susan Davison, Kevin Kemper, Dennis Ochs, Kameron Hopper, Natalie Hardin, Patsy Crick, Kim Crick, Dennis Lynch, Velma Cox, Steve Ochs, Mickey Eckley, George Dreessen, Gerald Whitfield, Denise Shoun, Carl Biggs, Joan Dreessen

We pray for our friends and family members: Noah Cline, Vera Young, Vicki Lubelan, Charlotte Cascio, Bob Case, Jean Moses, Family of Justin Blake, Family of Andrew Allison, Family of Jamey Daves, Renley Rank, Wes Weir, Wayne Simmons, Bill Seals, Eddie Tomlinson, Rae Lynn Lovelace, Phil Pingel, Pearl Speer, Shelly Jordan, Barry Resecker, Lindsay Szwed, Shane Weathers, Renee Leathers, Larry Nagel, James Stowe, Karen Nemecek, Karen Aukwell, Ed & Katherine Walton, Marty Stamp, Bradley Wilson, Joyce Brandes, Treva Seals, Cathy Carter

And our military all over the world: Court Machtolff, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning, Sonny Crick

Prayer List Updates

Periodically, we try to "clean up" the prayer list to make sure we aren't missing any updates or need to take someone off who is better. If you have a friend or loved one on the list and haven't updated us in a while, feel free to text Karen Allen at 405-615-2240 and let us know! Also, if you have someone you would like to add, we are happy to do that. We believe in the power of prayer and sharing one another's burdens!

FCC Attendance

Nov. 20 – 162 Nov. Average Attendance – 158

Tis the Season to Give!

Christmas Stockings!

Our "Christmas Stocking" Drive is underway! Each year, our Outreach Team organizes more than 200 gifts filled with toys and toiletries for students in Guthrie Public Schools. This has been a long-standing tradition of our church and God never ceases to amaze us with the ways He orchestrates all the gifts coming together and the lives that are blessed because of everyone's generosity. We hope you will choose to be a part of this amazing opportunity to share Christ with families in our community.

How can you participate?

- ☐ Visit the tables in the entryway on Sunday morning and select a tag with the student's grade and gender on it.
- ☐ If you can't be here on Sunday, call the church office at 405-282-4080 and reserve a tag(s). You can also text Karen Allen at 405-615-2240 to get a tag(s)
- Consult the list and see what items would be good for the age student you received and make sure to view the "not okay" gifts (listed to the right).
- ☐ "How much can I spend?" ... Purchase a toy or toys totaling \$25 or less per student (we want to keep all gifts similar in price).
- ☐ "I don't like to shop!" ... Then, donate \$25 and we will purchase a gift card, which are used for our high school students.
- ☐ <u>"I have a toy, now what?"</u> ... Bring it to the church, <u>unwrapped</u>, <u>with the tag/student number attached that you received!</u>
- "When is it due?" ... We need all gifts in by Sunday, Dec. 4. Feel free to bring yours early if you are done shopping.
- ☐ <u>"I'm still unsure how to help"</u> ... call the church office at 405-282-4080 and visit with a staff member for more information.

Gift Ideas for Each Grade/Age

Pre-K/Kindergarten

Babies, Barbies, dolls, dress-up and accessories, purses, plushies, pretend play, coloring/marker sets, books, dinosaurs, remote control cars, board games (Hedbanz, Guess Who), Magnatiles, Matchbox cars, trucks, sport balls, tractors, Legos, action figures

Hot Characters for Pre-K and Kindergarteners: GooJitZu, Sonic the Hedgehog, Paw Patrol, Bluey, Disney princesses, Marvel, Star Wars.

REMEMBER: No Nerf guns or weapons can be handed out at the schools.

1st and 2nd Grade

Barbies, Surprise Minis, Squishmallows, art sets, kinetic sand, books, remote control cars, games (Trouble, Connect Four, Uno), Hot Wheels, super heroes, Legos, action figures

Hot Characters for 1st and 2nd graders: Scruff a Luffs, , Descendants, Star Wars, Marvel, Minecraft, Pokemon,

Also: anything surprise or mystery package related, sketch pads, stickers, unicorn or llama for girls, sport balls for boys.

REMEMBER: No Nerf guns.

3rd and 4th grade

Barbies, Squishmallows, Surprise minis, hair/nail accessories, American Girl, art sets, diy craft kits, books, remote control cars, kinetic sand, games (Monopoly, Jenga, Uno, Pokemon Cards), science kits, coding and STEM activity kits, Legos. NO NERF GUNS.

Hot Characters for 3rd and 4th graders: Calico Critters,
Descendants, Big City Greens,
Star Wars, Minecraft, Marvel,
Pokemon. **Also:** anything
surprise or mystery package
related, llama, or jewelry for girls,
sport balls or Bluejay gear for
boys.

5th and 6th grade

Hair/nail accessories, art sets, diy craft kits, journals, fun pens, stickers, books, games (Monopoly, Blokus, Apples to Apples Jr., Jenga, brain-teasers and logic puzzles), science kits, coding and STEM activity kits, NERF balls, Legos, Bluetooth headphones or speakers, Pokemon and Magic the Gathering Cards.

Toiletries for 5th and 6th graders:
Axe body soaps and deodorants
for boys and bath bombs,
deodorants and body sprays for
girls. **Also:** Fidget or Rubiks
cubes, jewelry and keychains for
girls, sport balls, sport clothes and
Bluejay gear for boys.

NO NERF GUNS or WEAPONS





THIS SUNDAY!! Change the World Loose Change Offering for November

Our 4th Sunday Change offering for November will benefit Logan County Council on Aging. This long-standing program has benefitted countless elderly in our community. They deliver hot meals to 200-225 individuals each week and an additional 550 frozen or shelf-stable meals. The meals are delivered by volunteer drivers throughout Logan County and they are always in need of delivery drivers. Each route has about 15 stops and takes between 1-1.5 hours to deliver. Drivers can work as few or as many days of the week as they wish, or can be put on a call list as needed.

As for our donations for our 4th Sunday Change Offering, we will be helping to offset the cost of the daily meals, which runs approximately \$6.50/meal.

If you are interested in helping to drive meals, you can reach out to Logan County Council on Aging at 405-282-1803 or visit their website at: https://www.logancountycouncilonaging.com/.

WHAT DO YOU DO? Bring any loose change/bills and drop them in the offering plate THIS SUNDAY!



Christmas Program is Dec. 4!

Can you believe we're celebrating 51 years of FCC Children's Christmas Programs!? This year's program was the idea of two of our 6th graders and the kids cannot wait to share their program with you! Be sure to mark your calendars for Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. for "The Best Christmas Program Ever...51 years in the making!"

There will be a "Tasting Party" following the Children's Christmas program. We encourage everyone to bring a sweet treat to share as we celebrate 51 years (drinks will be provided)!

Ministry Survey



Several ways to access the survey!



1.Scan the QR code

2.Access from our website at www.fccguthrie.org and click on the blue button on the front page.

3. Paper copy Is available in the Sanctuary welcome center

TAKE THE MINISTRY SURVEY

The Christian Outreach Team is interested in learning more about you! We would love to have you fill out our "Plugging into Ministry Survey" and share a little about your interests. It's a quick five question survey. You can scan the QR Code, go to www.fccguthrie.org and click the blue button on the home page or ask for a paper copy on Sunday. We'd love to have everyone participate!



Turkey Bingo was a blast!

This past Sunday, We had more than 130 people join us for Turkey Bingo and Walking Taco night! It was so much fun and we are grateful to those on our Connection's Team who donated prizes, as well as everyone who brought something to share for dinner! We had a lot of visitors as well and hope you had a chance to introduce yourself to some of them!

Also, thanks to Hometown Foods and Brian Johnston for donating our "big prizes" of two turkeys.

Congratulations to Makenna Bench and Taylor Mays who won the turkeys!















Thanks to our Connection's Team members for setting up the dinner and decorating!

DIG IN to the Word...Bible Study with us!

We have an ongoing group of people who do Bible studies together on the YouVersion Bible app. If you want to join the group and discussion, download the app, send a friend request to Karen Allen and she will invite you to each study.



YouVersion Reading Plan — October-December						
Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan		Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Oct	Jesus Followers	6 Days		16-Nov	As for Me and My House	9 Days
2-Oct	Jesus Followers	6 Days		17-Nov	As for Me and My House	9 Days
3-Oct	Jesus Followers	6 Days		18-Nov	As for Me and My House	9 Days
4-Oct	Jesus Followers	6 Days		19-Nov	As for Me and My House	9 Days
5-Oct	Jesus Followers	6 Days		20-Nov	As for Me and My House	9 Days
6-Oct	Jesus Followers	6 Days		21-Nov	Remember to Give Thanks!	6 Days
7-Oct	Healing	5 Days		22-Nov	Remember to Give Thanks!	6 Days
8-Oct	Healing	5 Days		23-Nov	Remember to Give Thanks!	6 Days
9-Oct	Healing	5 Days		24-Nov	Remember to Give Thanks!	6 Days
10-Oct	Healing	5 Days		25-Nov	Remember to Give Thanks!	6 Days
11-Oct	Healing	5 Days		26-Nov	Remember to Give Thanks!	6 Days
12-Oct	Please, May I help you?	6 Days		27-Nov	Illuminate Advent	10 Days
13-Oct	Please, May I help you?	6 Days		28-Nov	Illuminate Advent	10 Days
14-Oct	Please, May I help you?	6 Days		29-Nov	Illuminate Advent	10 Days
15-Oct	Please, May I help you?	6 Days		30-Nov	Illuminate Advent	10 Days
16-Oct	Please, May I help you?	6 Days		1-Dec	Illuminate Advent	10 Days
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