



# NEWS & EVENTS

## First Christian Church, Guthrie

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Sharing Christ



First Christian Church of Guthrie

Growing in Faith

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December 6, 2022



## Christmas @ FCC

- ★ Dec. 11 – “A Child Is Born” Choir Cantata during worship, Youth Stocking Shopping Outing @ 11:30 a.m.
- ★ Dec. 17 – “Adult” Christmas Party for 30-50 year olds @ 6 p.m. @ Guthrie Golf & Country Club
- ★ Dec. 18 – Congregational Meeting following worship, Youth Party @ 11:30 a.m., Staff Christmas Party @ 6 p.m.
- ★ Dec. 19 – Young Adult Christmas Party @ 6 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grader “Grinch” Party @ 6 p.m.
- ★ Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service @ 5 p.m. (nursery provided)
- ★ Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Worship Service @ 10:30 a.m. – Come as you are!
- ★ Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day Brunch & Carols @ 9:45 a.m.

We are so close to meeting our goal of raising \$200,000 toward our **Capital Fund**. Every donation helps!




*A Child Is Born*

FCC Choir Cantata

**December 11**

**10:30 a.m.**

Join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for our annual Christmas Cantata! We are excited to hear the special music our choir has put together and appreciate Caroline Roettger directing them this year.

# FCC KIDS

## Prayer Requests

**We pray for our church family:** Stacey Johnston, Shana Bench, Deanna Case, Susan Davison, Dennis Ochs, Kameron Hopper, Natalie Hardin, Patsy Crick, Kim Crick, Dennis Lynch, Velma Cox, Steve Ochs, Mickey Eckley, George Dressen, Gerald Whitfield, Denise Shoun, Carl Biggs, Joan Dressen

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Charlotte Cascio, Bob Case, Jean Moses, Renley Ranck, Wes Weir, Wayne Simmons, Bill Seals, Eddie Tomlinson, Rae Lynn Lovelace, Phil Pingel, Pearl Speer, Shelly Jordan, Barry Resecker, Shane and Renee Leathers, Larry Nagel, James Stowe, Karen Nemecek, Karen Aukwell, Ed & Katherine Walton, Marty Stamp, Bradley Wilson, Joyce Brandes, Treva Seals


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

**3rd - 6th Grader GRINCHMAS Party**

Monday, Dec 19th from 6 to 8 pm, 3rd through 6th graders should make plans to join us in Whoville at FCC for a **GRINCH**ing good time!  
 Cost is \$5 per child.  
 RSVP and pay by Dec 15 to [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com)

**SNACKS**  
**GAMES**  
**CRAFTS**

**COSTUME CONTEST**  
**PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED IN WHOVILLE**



**fccYOUTH**

**WISHLIST**  
 A CHRISTMAS SERIES  
**December**

**January**  
**Not FEELIN' IT**  
 NEW YEAR SERIES

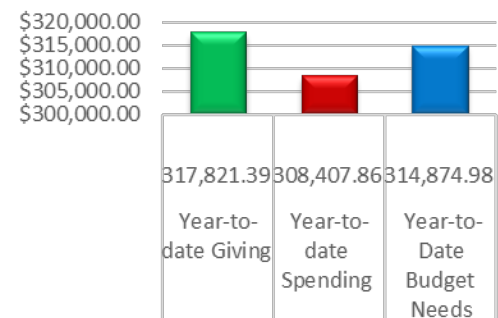
 [fccyouth\\_guthrie](https://www.instagram.com/fccyouth_guthrie)  [FCC youth—Guthrie](https://www.facebook.com/fccyouthguthrie)

## FCC Attendance

Dec. 4 – 174

Dec. Average Attendance – 174

## FCC Financial Update



## FCC YOUTH

🎁 Help us fill some Christmas wishlists... let's go buy some gifts! **THIS SUNDAY!** Meet at FCC at 11:30 am. Bring \$5 for lunch. We will go to Raising Cane's Chicken in Edmond for lunch then shop at Target. We will head back to FCC after shopping to sort and tag our gifts. We will be done by 3 p.m. Bring a friend to share this fun Christmas tradition. 🎄

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.

“Adult” 30-50 year olds

# Christmas Party

For everyone born between 1970 & 1990-ish!

Saturday, Dec. 17 6 p.m.  
Guthrie Golf & Country Club

Food & Water/Tea provided

“Beverages” available

Bring a “white elephant” gift (\$25 max)  
for those who want to participate

**RSVP to the church office**



## End of Year Gifts

As a reminder – all year-end gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2022 to be credited on your 2022 giving statement. Giving statements will be mailed by January 31, 2023 for all total donations over \$25.

## Ministry Survey



Several ways to access the survey!



1. Scan the QR code
2. Access from our website at [www.fccguthrie.org](http://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](http://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!

# That's a wrap...



on the Christmas Program and what a program it was!! The kids did an outstanding job reminding us all that the real reason we celebrate this season is to remember that the Son of God was born! While we may sometimes get caught up in how a Christmas program should look, what props we should include, or just how big the performance should be, we really need to just focus on the birth of Jesus! Shana and Staci's compilation of 51 years of Christmas programs into Sunday night's show did just that thanks to lots of help from such a great group of kids!

Many thanks to the kids with speaking parts who worked so hard to learn their lines, to the kids who learned all of those songs with the moves that went with the songs and danced their hearts out on stage, to the directors for creating such a wonderful show, to Michelle Gill for the perfect set design, AND to the audio/visual team in the balcony! I forgot to ask for a round of applause for our sounds guys Sunday night so if you see John Allen, Zach Allen, or Aiden Hardin this week, take a minute to tell them what a good job they did too! It would be a very quiet Christmas program without our AV team!

Also, tremendous thank you's to the volunteers who helped get snacks ready and for helping supervise the kids before practice got started each week: Deanna Davenport, Karla Morris, Alice Allen, Karen Allen and Michelle Gill. And lastly, thank you to all of our families for letting your kids participate, for making sure they were at practice each week, and for getting them into their wardrobe for the night of the show. I'm so proud of the kids and the effort each one of them put into the show! Bravo! Bravo!

*Natalie Hardin*  
FCC Children's Minister



FCC family,

Loved your invitation to come to the 2022 Christmas Children's Program. When I read that you were honoring the past directors, I thought I better come and defend myself. Who knew how I would get portrayed? After all, no one in the cast had ever heard of Cathy Clark. Little did I know what was in store. Staci, you did a great job of injecting humor while you peppered the script with real facts. For example, I was so delighted at the portrayal of Jane Weeks as the mediator. That was spot on. She has always been the backbone of Christian Education at FCC.

I think my favorite part of directing children's musicals is putting in all the work and time only to have the kids do just the opposite of their training and steal the show by being children. We, as directors get all worked up about correct notes and choreography that is in sync, only to find that the audience enjoys the kids showing their faith and doing so in a child-like manner.

Thank you, thank you for inviting me back for this performance. I thoroughly enjoyed it and I am grateful to the two students who suggested it. I haven't felt that old in a long time. However, I do have this knee problem... Maybe I should check with Shana's doctor.

Blessings,

*Cathy Clark-Mitchell*



Thank you to our Connections Team for organizing the Holiday Tasting Party and to all who brought treats to share! We also want to thank Santa  for the extraspecial visit! **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



More pictures  
are available  
on our  
Facebook  
page



# 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
17-Oct	Please, May I help you?	6 Days	2-Dec	Illuminate Advent	10 Days
18-Oct	Following Christ's Character	4 Days	3-Dec	Illuminate Advent	10 Days
19-Oct	Following Christ's Character	4 Days	4-Dec	Illuminate Advent	10 Days
20-Oct	Following Christ's Character	4 Days	5-Dec	Illuminate Advent	10 Days
21-Oct	Following Christ's Character	4 Days	6-Dec	Illuminate Advent	10 Days
22-Oct	"Do not be anxious" but how?	6 Days	7-Dec	We Need Christmas	5 Days
23-Oct	"Do not be anxious" but how?	6 Days	8-Dec	We Need Christmas	5 Days
24-Oct	"Do not be anxious" but how?	6 Days	9-Dec	We Need Christmas	5 Days
25-Oct	"Do not be anxious" but how?	6 Days	10-Dec	We Need Christmas	5 Days
26-Oct	"Do not be anxious" but how?	6 Days	11-Dec	We Need Christmas	5 Days
27-Oct	"Do not be anxious" but how?	6 Days	12-Dec	Carols and Lessons for Advent	5 Days
28-Oct	Unhindered Prayer	5 Days	13-Dec	Carols and Lessons for Advent	5 Days
29-Oct	Unhindered Prayer	5 Days	14-Dec	Carols and Lessons for Advent	5 Days
30-Oct	Unhindered Prayer	5 Days	15-Dec	Carols and Lessons for Advent	5 Days
31-Oct	Unhindered Prayer	5 Days	16-Dec	Carols and Lessons for Advent	5 Days
1-Nov	Unhindered Prayer	5 Days	17-Dec	Christmas Reflections	5 Days
2-Nov	The Power of Love	5 Days	18-Dec	Christmas Reflections	5 Days
3-Nov	The Power of Love	5 Days	19-Dec	Christmas Reflections	5 Days
4-Nov	The Power of Love	5 Days	20-Dec	Christmas Reflections	5 Days
5-Nov	The Power of Love	5 Days	21-Dec	Christmas Reflections	5 Days
6-Nov	The Power of Love	5 Days	22-Dec	Get Positioned for Christmas	4 Days
7-Nov	The Search for an Unoffendable Heart	5 Days	23-Dec	Get Positioned for Christmas	4 Days
8-Nov	The Search for an Unoffendable Heart	5 Days	24-Dec	Get Positioned for Christmas	4 Days
9-Nov	The Search for an Unoffendable Heart	5 Days	25-Dec	Get Positioned for Christmas	4 Days
10-Nov	The Search for an Unoffendable Heart	5 Days	26-Dec	Weary Traveler	3 Days
11-Nov	The Search for an Unoffendable Heart	5 Days	27-Dec	Weary Traveler	3 Days
12-Nov	As for Me and My House	9 Days	28-Dec	Weary Traveler	3 Days
13-Nov	As for Me and My House	9 Days	29-Dec	The New Year Workout Plan	3 Days
14-Nov	As for Me and My House	9 Days	30-Dec	The New Year Workout Plan	3 Days
15-Nov	As for Me and My House	9 Days	31-Dec	The New Year Workout Plan	3 Days