

Just one week until we kick off another 6 week series of Kidventure! In this series, Game Changer, kids will learn how to be on God's team and the qualities players on His team need to have. It's going to be fun, active, and awesome! If you have not signed your family up for it



yet, please email [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com) to sign up. We will meet every Wednesday afternoon starting February 6 thru March 13 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. We offer after-school pick up for any kids who need it but spots are limited and filling up very fast! If your child is 5-years-old through 6th grade, sign up now!

## Thank You

Thanks to all the ladies who fixed and served such a wonderful lunch for our families and friends. The food was excellent and very much appreciated.

The family of Roy Weathers, Sherry Logsdon, Debbie Burton and Nancy Troxel



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# The Tie That Binds First Christian Church

We are a family of faith  
sharing God's love by  
reaching out, touching lives  
and building relationships.

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Our circumstances do not have to dictate our response. We are only in January and there have already been tragic events in our community, our state, our nation, and our world. In a world where sin and darkness exists, these events will continue to unfold before us. And while we can rarely control what happens, we can control how we respond and how much we let it affect our lives and actions. When those events occur, we need to find time to pray and connect with God. God always needs to be our solid foundation, anything else will be unstable and unreliable. With God as our source we can weather the storms of life. We can choose to respond from a place of love and sacrifice, the same way Jesus did. It can still be our Best Year Yet, if we lose the weight, diet & exercise, have healthy relationships, and get a good return on our investments. "Best Return on Our Investments" is this Sunday's topic and our scripture is Matthew 25:14-30. See you Sunday!



## Prayer Partners

This year during Lent our Elders want a more intentional focus on prayer in our church. Every person in the church will have the opportunity to be prayed for and to pray for someone else. Watch for more details to come!

## Ash Wednesday

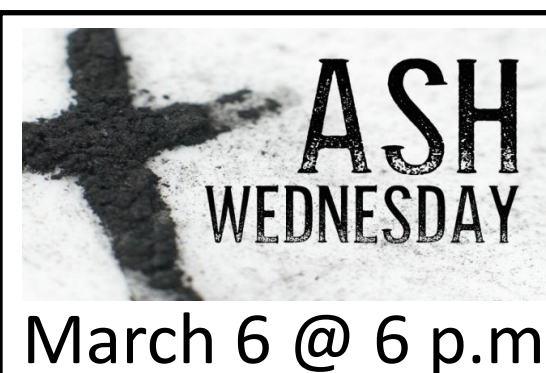
Our Ash Wednesday service will be March 6 at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars for this service that begins Lent, our 40 day journey to Easter.

## 10 for 10

What is 10 for 10? How will it help our church? How will it help our community? How can you be a part? Come this Sunday to find out more!

## Launching Rockets

Last fall we did a 2-week sermon series on parenting called "Launching Rockets" along with a parenting small group. We will revisit that series and parenting class opportunity again February 17 & 24. The class will be right after church and will include lunch and childcare. Mark your calendars to attend!



## What is the "2-3 Challenge in 2019"?

Ronnie has challenged everyone to make a commitment to make this the "Best Year Yet" and part of that is by attending worship regularly 2-3 times a month from January to Easter. Thanks for joining us each Sunday! Next week, invite a friend to join the challenge!







Our love and sympathy go to: David and Ellie Ball in the death of her father, Bill Canning. **We pray for our church family:** Kreed Walter, Gaylee McCoy, Sherry Canning, Margaret Hixon, Bill Cunningham, Ron Owen and Faeron Dewart. **Our friends and family:** Sherry Marshall, Shawna Walker, G.W. Kelley, Gil Oak, Matt Wieczorek, Judy Rutger, Wesley Hixon, Norval Madden, Mike Ivins, David Lockler, Valerie Cotton, Mary Jo McCoy, John Eddings, Stephanie Lowrance, Jerry Williams, Kayla Thetford, Houston Sneed, Tara Woods, Les Steenveld and Marissa Rhodes. **Our military all over the world including:** Kenneth LeGrande, Matt Gore, Dylan Hall, Garrett Canning, TJ Wilson, Brent Walton and Matt Byce.



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| Sunday Worship        | 163 |
| Sunday School         | 19  |
| Communion to Shut-Ins | 6   |



Weekly Receipts  
1/27/2019  
\$4,233  
Year-To-Date Receipts: \$22,730  
Year-To-Date Expenses: \$25,248

**Special Gifts:**  
  
**General Fund**  
In Memory of Roy Weathers  
By Lawrence & Judy Coburn  
Mike & Janie Carey  
  
**Memorial Fund**  
In Memory of Roy Weathers  
By Alan & Shirley Ford  
Gregg Gumerson & Rikki Metcalf  
Keith & Deannie Young



Join us on Feb. 10, 2019  
as the youth bring an  
inspiring message you  
won't want to miss!

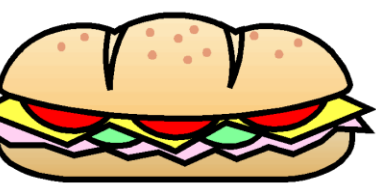
*\*PrayerWorks!*

**BABY/CHILD DEDICATION**

**FEBRUARY 24**  
DURING WORSHIP

**Sign your child up to participate in this meaningful event.**  
**22-4080**

If you have a child, up to elementary age, who has not been dedicated and you would like them to, please call the church office to sign up.



**Pick up your pre-ordered Super Bowl Subs on Feb. 3!**  
**Proceeds sponsor Youth events.**

**Super Bowl Sunday Feb. 3**  
If you did not get a chance to order, subs will be available for purchase for \$8 on Sunday, Feb. 3.

# Keeping Up With Karen



This past Sunday, we had an amazing sermon given by Mekaila Carey, a young woman who grew up in our congregation and is now a senior at Oklahoma State University. Mekaila has gone from sitting in the FCC pews listening to sermons as a child, to taking the pulpit and sharing her faith not only with our congregation but literally worldwide! She is completing a triple major at OSU, which includes international business and has included two stents with studying abroad.

On Sunday, she spoke about the importance of “community.” She shared how even Jesus surrounded himself with the Disciples (Jesus’ Posse as she called it) and how we too, need to be mindful of being a part of each other’s lives. She used powerful scriptures that remind us that “we were not created to be alone” and “how two are better than one.” She shared the passage that reminds us that “when one of us suffers all of us suffer and when one of us rejoices all of us rejoice.”

This week, we have been reminded of how powerful these words are, as tragedy struck our community again with the loss of four young lives in an apartment fire. While not everyone was directly affected, there is an impact that echoes throughout when so many young lives are affected because those we love in our community are facing such heart ache. The ripples went through out our schools, friends and families. It impacts each of us as we consider those verses that “when one of us suffers all of us suffer.”

I am never disappointed in how this community rises to support one another in a time of sorrow. I am also never disappointed in how we come together in times of celebration. As Mekaila shared, it is so good to know you are part of a “community” (church, city, organization, etc.) where you can count on each other and one that has your back.

Already this year has had its fair share of ups and downs. A lot has happened in our city that could cause us to feel uneasy about how things are going and what will happen next. I know many of you have had things happen in your lives that have shaken your foundation, whether it is a death in your family, a diagnosis or just an interesting start to the New Year.

Yet, each week, as a church we continue to share a sermon series about having your “Best Year Yet.” You may be wondering if we are living through rose-colored glasses or ignoring the obvious hits that have been coming. Having your “Best Year Yet” does not mean that you will live a perfect life. It does not mean that 100% of things will go your way.

When we look at the sermon topics that have been covered “Losing Weight,” “Diet and Exercise” and “Healthy Relationships” these haven’t been about your typical resolutions. The focus has been about how to lose weight through forgiveness and letting go of burdens. We have discussed “Diet and Exercise” by means of adding in some devotion time and drawing closer to God and exercising your relationship with Him. Then, finally, looking at what it means to build relationships with those who build you up and who you can help as well.

When we think about having our “Best Year Yet” it’s not about walking around boasting about how great we are or how proud we are that we have done great things. Having our “Best Year Yet” means our faith is strengthened so when our “community” needs us we are there – in the best of times and in the most difficult times. It’s about being at our best so we can help one another.

As Ronnie often says “we are better together” and having our “Best Year Yet” is always a work in progress toward having what Mekaila said is our “Best Life Yet!”

In Christ’s Service,  
**Karen**

**Ministry Opportunities for the week**

**TUESDAY, January 29**  
8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out

**WEDNESDAY, January 30**  
7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, January 31**  
8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out

**SUNDAY, February 3**  
9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
Pick up Sub Sandwiches

**Come join the fun!**

What is supper club? Supper Club consists of 6-8 adults meeting for dinner. Group members will decide together when and where to meet and eat! Your group will meet once a month for Feb. March and April. There are several options to choose from.

**Ready to Sign Up?**

Yes, I want to be in Supper Club! ☒

Any age, couples and singles welcome! Each Supper club will have a group leader responsible for presenting the topic of the evening. Don't worry, it will be super easy and tons of fun!

Put me into a group. I'm ready to meet new people! ☐

I am putting together a group and we are signing up! ☐

I need a \*kid-friendly group. Circle: Yes or No

\*Kid friendly means that kids would be welcome to participate and the group will decide how that is handled.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



# FEBRUARY Birthdays of the Month

1- Bill Bowles  
Clayton Carpenter  
Kathryn Smith  
Zachary Allen  
2- Luke Gill  
Vicki Jones  
3- Carol Smith  
Ron Owen  
Esther Waner  
Laura Benham  
Gary Brower  
Kaylee Abbott  
4- Heather Binda  
5- Debbie Considine  
LaMoyne Hardin  
Jonah Friese

7- Haley Gallo  
Kristin Boyett  
Mindy Reece  
Nick Bench  
Reagan Wilder  
8- Trey Griffin  
Doyle Webb  
9- Marsha Dewart  
Sharyl Padgett  
12- Ellie Ball  
13- Colton Lyons  
14- Gentry Hardin  
15- Don Hardin  
16- Corky Storm  
17- Diann Owen  
18- Emalyn Redman

20- Elizabeth Carpenter  
Kenneth Carpenter  
Bill Wade  
22- Maxine Bennett  
Glennette Meredith  
Sharon Keirns  
Jaxton Rice  
23- Donna Wheatley  
24- Pat Walters  
Bobby Davison  
25- Helen Welch  
Ryan Spencer  
26- Rod Stewart  
Janet Hudson  
Ali Ward  
David Bowman  
27- Tyler Biggs  
28- Nolan Crick

Buy your **RAFFLE TICKETS** to win a **HANDMADE CHILD'S QUILT!**  
**Register to win this beautiful quilt!!**  
**Buy Tickets for \$1 each or 6 for \$5**  
Drawing will be held February 10 at the Disciples Women's Potato Bar!  
Quilt donated by Sooner Quilts in Guthrie!



Hosted by **Disciples Women**  
**Baked Potato Bar**  
Sunday, February 10  
Following worship  
We'll have baked potatoes with all the trimmings including chili, cheese, butter, bacon bits, sour cream, chives, ham and much more! We will also have salad, desserts and drinks!  
**WE WILL ALSO DRAW FOR THE HAND-MADE CHILD'S QUILT!!**  
There will be kid-friendly foods including chicken nuggets and applesauce!




**MEN'S NIGHT**  
February 18 @ 7 p.m. at Stables  
Call Ronnie for more info: 535-8853

**THUNDER OKC**  
OKC Thunder vs. Denver Nuggets  
**Friday, March 29 at 7 p.m.**  
Reserve your tickets **TODAY!**  
**\$16 each**



Do You Feel **LUCKY?**  
**BINGO NIGHT!!**  
March 17, 2019  
5:00 p.m.  
It's **POTLUCK** so bring your favorite dish to share!



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1- Al & Alice Allen  
11- Jim & Kathryn Smith



14- Terry & Yvette Story  
Jeff & Jeanne Martin  
25- Gale & Trish Coker

**IT'S COMING...**  
**So get your ACT Together!**  
**Chicken Feed & Talent Show**  
**March 10, 2019**






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