



March 19 from 11-3 we will take 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> graders to Main Event. We will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. and return to FCC at 3:45 p.m. for parent pickup. Cost is \$20 and includes \$10 fun card for arcade games, 4 hours of unlimited bowling, laser tag, and ropes course, 2 slices of pizza and a medium drink. Must have 8 kids signed up AND paid by March 5 to reserve our special package! Parents are welcome to go! Looking for at least one parent volunteer to help chaperone.

### Summer sign-up day, March 24:

Summer camp dates are listed below. Registration is currently open until April 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting Sign-up Day on Sunday, March 24, to answer any questions and help you complete the registration process. We encourage you to talk with your child about their hopes to go to camp. Have them invite friends! The group that went last year had so much fun and are ready to go back this summer! If you would like any of the church staff or former campers to talk to you or your child about what the camp experience is like, we would be happy to do so! FCC pays \$100 toward 1 camp for each of our active children & youth.

### CAMP DATES:

- Discovery Camp: June 21 - 23 (those completing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) Cost: \$225
- Junior Camp: June 17 - 21 (those completing 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade) Cost: \$360
- Chi-Rho: June 3 - 7 (those completing 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) Cost: \$390
- CYF: June 24 - 28 (those completing 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) Cost: \$365



In 2018 alone, your partnership with us made it possible for 21 Water4 partner enterprises across 15 countries in Africa and South America to quench the thirst of 203,101 people with safe and living water.

Every one of these numbers represents real people whose lives were impacted because of you. Thank you for every sacrifice you made last year to make a difference in their lives. When others were overwhelmed by the size and scope of the water crisis, you showed up.

Thank you for fighting to help create a world where every last person has access to safe water, and thank you for believing, just like we do, that the water crisis can be solved once and for all.

*Michael Mitchell, Director of Development*

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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  
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Ok, I have so much to share, so here goes!  
**10 for 10**

In case you haven't heard we have started the 10 for 10 campaign. We are challenging everyone to give \$10 a month for 10 months. This is a gift meant to be over and above what you already give to the church. We are hoping for at least 100 people to accept this challenge. This would generate \$10,000 that would be used for local outreach in our community. If you give up a drink a week when you go out to eat, you can generate about \$10 a month. It's that easy. So far we have 34 who have accepted the challenge, will you join us?

### Prayer Partners

The elders of the church feel led to increase the opportunities for prayer. We will begin this focus with Prayer Pals on Sunday, March 3. You will pick up a name following Sunday worship as well as some ideas for prayer. We ask that you pray regularly for the person you receive. This way on our journey towards Easter, everyone in the church will be lifted in prayer. If you are unable to attend worship contact the church office and we can get you someone for which to pray.

### Pastor's Class

Do you have a 5<sup>th</sup> grader or older who is curious about what it means to be a follower of Christ? Then sign up for Pastor's Class on March 17. Pastor's Classes will be Sunday evenings on March 31, April 7, and April 14. If you have questions feel free to call. (Please note this class is designed for older children. For the time being special considerations can be made upon talking with Karen or myself.)



The season of lent begins Wednesday, March 6 at 6 p.m. with a special Ash Wednesday service in our sanctuary. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-reflection and a time to focus on your relationship with God.

During our Ash Wednesday Service we will be spending time focusing on prayer and communing with God. We will have a service featuring congregational music, scripture and communion as well as a time for families and individuals to explore stations that give you insights into ways to experience the Lenten season. We will feature stations with prayer rocks, ashes, candlelight prayer cards and an oil station. There will be instructions at each station and guidance.

We hope you will make plans to join us during this meaningful service. A nursery will be provided.





**We pray for our church family:** Doyle Webb, Robbie Helton, Sharon Keirns, Sherry Canning, Margaret Hixon, Ron Owen and Faeron Dewart. **Our friends and family:** Linda Lucas, Marc Simmons, Alicia Simmons, Smitty Watts, Judy Grindle, Betty Wright, G.W. Kelley, Valerie Cotton, Kilsung Oak, Matt Wieczorek, Judy Rutger, Wesley Hixon, Norvall Madden, Mike Ivins, David Lockler, Mary Jo McCoy, John Eddings, Stephanie Lowrance, Jerry Williams, Kayla Thetford, 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.

*thank you*

To our church family: Keith was diagnosed with cancer 25 years ago this month. Keith has been on the prayer list at different times. We want to thank all of you for all your prayers, calls, cards and support. May God bless each and every one of you. Keith had an appointment this Wednesday and the doctor was pleased with how he is doing.

Thanks again, God's love  
Keith & Deannie Young



Sunday Worship	205	2/24/2019
Sunday School	21	\$5,125
Communion to Shut-Ins	3	Year-To-Date Receipts: \$52,126
		Year-To-Date Expenses: \$49,554

Special Gifts for the Month of February:	
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Memorial Fund</b>
In Memory of Roy Weathers By Lawrence & Judy Coburn Mike & Janie Carey June Patrick	In Memory of Roy Weathers By Alan & Shirley Ford Gregg Gumerson & Rikki Metcalf Keith & Deannie Young Lloyd & Velma Cox Joan Robinette Jim & Kathryn McGee
In Memory of Mac McNeil by James & Bonita Johnston	In Memory of Roy Weathers & Bill Canning By Jimmy & Alma Hopkins
In Memory of Bill Canning by Brian & Janna Pierson	In Memory of Bill Canning By Ronnie Fields Mike & Janie Carey
<b>Seaman's Christmas Fund</b>	<b>Bereavement Fund</b>
In Memory of Roy Weathers By KC & Linda Griffin	In Memory of Mac McNeil & Roy Weathers By Sherry Canning
<b>Children &amp; Youth Camp Fund</b>	In Memory of Bill Canning By David & Ellie Ball Fifi Canning
In Memory of Andy Anderson By Sarah Anderson	



# Keeping Up With Karen



One of my commitments for 2019 was to find more variety in my Bible Study life. If you are like me I would always dive into Bible Studies that were ambitious and sometimes long and enduring only to find myself giving out midway through or getting behind a day or two and then struggling to find my way back on track.

This year, I have found success in engaging in multiple studies with shorter life spans. To a lot of people's surprise, I have never been much of a reader, so getting stuck in a long devotion isn't my best fit.

In case you have found yourself in this same boat, I wanted to share a few of the successes I have happened onto this year that have kept me on track with my study time and increased it each week. If you have a Smartphone or device where you can download apps, you can download the "YouVersion" of the Bible on the device. On it, you will find 1000s of Bible studies that range from 3 days to 30 days or more. Each study has a topic and most begin with a devotion and then have multiple scripture references after them. You can read the short version of the scripture or take a longer look at the passage.

While I have done some of these studies from time to time, the thing that I have done to make them more engaging this year is to interact with people on the app. A member of our congregation was the first to reach out to me and do this initially and since then, I have found it interesting to "friend" people on the app and ask them if they would like to join a Bible Study together. By doing this, it simply means you are reading the same study on your app and if you choose at the end of each day you can share what you've learned or you can just go on to the next day. For whatever reason, there is something unique and encouraging about knowing that someone else is studying along with you or sharing the same experience with you in Bible Study. Just last week, I learned through this online studying that a friend was interviewing for a new job, and needed prayer. Another friend I was doing a different study with shared that he had a friend whose newborn son had developed heart complications and was in need of prayer. Beyond gleaning more from scripture, it has been a blessing to develop deeper relationships with people through these studies.

To give you an idea of the studies on "YouVersion," I just completed one titled "Renew, Rebuild, Restore – a 21-Day Prayer Devotional" as well as one titled "That Last Words of Jesus."

If you are interested in being a part of an online Bible Study with me or anyone else, I would encourage you to try the YouVersion app or something like it, and find a study that fits you.

The other Bible Study product I have enjoyed from time to time is called "First 5." It too is an online resource but can be found on the internet at [www.first5.org](http://www.first5.org) or by downloading the app on a smart device. There are a number of free Bible Study options on the device. The newest First5 Study begins on March 4, titled "Opposition and Opportunity – a study on Ezra and Nehemiah."

In the "First5" Study I have been working my way through a 31-day plan on Proverbs. The First5 site has a lot of books of the Bible if you are interested in looking at different books and going through those.

I know everyone has different ways of studying and it's definitely not a one-size-fits-all approach. If you would like to "friend" me on the Bible app, I would love to do a group study with several of us or if you want help learning how to download any of these apps, I would be happy to help. As we move into the Lent season I hope you will find a way to spend a little more time in prayer as we select our prayer partners this week and a few more minutes studying scripture.

Ministry Opportunities for the week	
<b>TUESDAY, February 26</b>	8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out
<b>WEDNESDAY, February 27</b>	3:30 p.m. – Kidventure
	7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURSDAY, February 28</b>	8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out
<b>SUNDAY, March 3</b>	9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School
	9:30 a.m. – Youth & Kids to Braums
	10:30 a.m. – Worship Service
	11:45 a.m. – Connections Team Meeting

**We hope you will join us for this special night as our own Ronnie Fields has been chosen to lead the prayer before the game!**

**Tickets on sale now!**

**Only \$16**

**Friday, March 29 @ 7 p.m.**

**Reserve your tickets today! 282-4080**

**Feeling Lucky?**

**FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!!**

**March 17, 2019**

**5:00 p.m.**

**IT'S POTLUCK, SO BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE!**

Have a blessed week!

**Karen**

**Potluck meal and family bingo!**



# MARCH Birthdays of the Month

1- Brian Pierson  
Jennifer Doll  
Dennis Lynch  
2- Ron Fields  
George Dreessen  
Catherine Turner  
4- Ron Wilder  
Bryce Anderson  
Calee Lyons  
Sharon Johnston  
6- Carolyn Kirschstein  
LeAnn Morlan  
7- Debbie Hubbard  
Brayden Pena  
8- Joanna Thompson  
Scott Biggs  
Jean Scott Gauldin

10- Jason Rice  
Sam Porter  
11- Corey Cain  
12- Mickey Mock  
13- Randi Stoll  
15- Avery Schroder  
Ernesto Pena  
16- Holly Evers  
18- Lillian Stevens  
Francie Krittenbrink  
Tia Yancey  
19- Linda Tontz  
Doug Hehn  
Chloe Hood  
20- Mickey Eckley  
Dustin Bowman

21- Tommy Johnston  
Peggy Momsen  
Gretchen Hanna  
Leia Johnston  
22- Margaret Hixon  
24- Kenneth Eyster  
Robert Gill  
27- Lillian Johnston  
T.J. Wilson  
Mitchell Biggs  
Ty Biggs  
28- Emily Carpenter  
Kim Crick  
30- Garrett Reece  
Kacie Carey  
Reagan Griffin  
31- Asher Abbott  
Knox Abbott  
Ken Wilkerson

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Donut Ministry Needs a Volunteer

Looking for a Ministry to Get Involved In? We may have just the fit for you! Every third Sunday we have Donuts, juice and milk just before the worship services. We have a rotation of two people who take care of picking up the donuts on Saturday from Missy's and delivering them to the church for Sunday morning. We are in need of someone to pick up on the odd months (March-May-July-September-November). You can set your pick-up schedule and the donuts are prepaid and we can schedule the church to be opened at your convenience. The other option is for you to pick up on Saturdays and bring them at 9:30 on Sundays in time for set-up. The second part of this role is making sure there are cups and napkins on the serving table on Sunday morning and setting out the juice and milk around 10 a.m. If you can help with this ministry, let Karen Allen know or call the church office at 282-4080.

## We Need Curtains!

There are several areas in the church that could use some freshening up with a few curtains. If you enjoy sewing and could help us spruce up these areas with some new window coverings let the church office know and we can work with you on some ideas. The areas we would like to address include: Men's and Women's bathrooms behind the Reception Hall, the downstairs kitchen and upstairs kitchen, and the large doorway area at the back of the Reception Hall. We are also seeking a solution for the doorway in the downstairs kitchen where the swinging door recently broke. We look forward to addressing some of these much-needed improvements! Call the office if you can help at 282-4080.

This Sunday, there will be a Connection's Team Meeting immediately following the worship service at 11:45 a.m. in the Reception Hall. We will have taco salad/tacos for lunch and a meeting to discuss plans for church-wide events for the next several months.

This team hasn't met in a several months so now is a great time to jump in and get involved if you are looking for a place to get active at FCC.

The Connection's Team Plans activities like "Bingo Night" and potluck dinners, we have also been brainstorming some other fun ways to get people involved and would love some input and fresh ideas from those who love to do new and exciting things.

A couple of ideas we are floating around include: Progressive Dinners, Scavenger Hunts, Cooking Nights (Battle of the Sexes – cooking nights too!), Game Nights, as well as some ideas for getting new people to come to church. We will also be talking about ways to get involved in the community – such as building an 89er Float and the 89er Bed Race.

If you have ideas, are great at event planning or just love to be "behind the scenes" at events and help, the Connection's Team is the place for you. We would love to have 8-10 people on this team! Lesley Cotton has recently taken leadership of this team and looks forward to your input! If you have questions, text or call her at (405) 535-4612.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



6- Jim & Jackie Ross  
10- Todd & Sarah Wilder  
12- John & Emily Carpenter  
14- Jeff & Melanie Ball  
16- Tommy & Lori Payne

20- Brian & Mindy Reece  
22- Dane & Codi Canning  
Gary & Karon Brower  
Chalk & Ashley Beeson

## Chicken Feed & Talent Show

**Church camp edition**

**March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5 p.m.**

**Got Talent?**

Call Staci or Natalie to sign up to be part of the show!



Please RSVP the church office, Staci or Natalie to let us know you will be there!

Donations are being accepted to send FCC kids to summer camps. Also, if you would like to bring a dessert for the silent auction let us know.

## VBS is coming June 10 - 14

VBS plans are well underway! We are planning ahead and gathering supplies. Our first focus is large boxes. We mean LARGE! If you have,

or are planning to have, any appliance size boxes we need them. Anything larger than 3 ft x 3 ft can be used. Please bring them to the church so we can start building sets!



<p><u>Repeating Sunday Events:</u>  <u>(unless otherwise indicated)</u>            9:30 a.m. Sunday School            10:30 a.m. Worship Service            6 p.m. Youth</p>	<p><b>First Christian Church</b>  <b>(Disciples of Christ)</b></p>	<p><b>MARCH 2019</b></p>	<p>402 E. Noble, Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044            (405) 282-4080 Website: <a href="http://www.fccguthrie.org">www.fccguthrie.org</a>            Office (secretary): <a href="mailto:fccguthrie@coxinet.net">fccguthrie@coxinet.net</a> Rev. Ronnie Fields: <a href="mailto:ronnie@coxinet.net">ronnie@coxinet.net</a>            Karen: <a href="mailto:Karenkallen@cox.net">Karenkallen@cox.net</a> Shana: <a href="mailto:Shanabench@coxinet.net">Shanabench@coxinet.net</a> Natalie: <a href="mailto:nahardin@gmail.com">nahardin@gmail.com</a>            Staci: <a href="mailto:carey.staci@yahoo.com">carey.staci@yahoo.com</a> Michelle: <a href="mailto:michelle.m.gill@live.com">michelle.m.gill@live.com</a> Sadie: <a href="mailto:sadieporter0@gmail.com">sadieporter0@gmail.com</a>            Caroline: <a href="mailto:caroline.roettger@gmail.com">caroline.roettger@gmail.com</a> Michael: <a href="mailto:mrjohnson139@gmail.com">mrjohnson139@gmail.com</a></p>
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1Deuteronomy 5-7	2Deuteronomy 8-10  3 p.m. – Youth to Winter Jam
3Deuteronomy 11-13  9:30 a.m. – Youth & Kids to Braums 11:45 a.m. – Connections Team Mtg.	4Deuteronomy 14-16	5Deuteronomy 17-20  8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	6Deuteronomy 21-23  11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ First Southern Baptist Church 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 6 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service	7Deuteronomy 24-27  8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	8Deuteronomy 28-29	9Deuteronomy 30-31
*Thank someone in the military for their service.	*Donate art supplies to a classroom.	*Send a friend a note letting them know you are thinking of them.	*Invite someone to share our Ash Wednesday service..	*Donate cereal or cereal coupons to a local food bank.	*Donate your old eyeglasses to a local Lions Club.	*Take shopping carts back into the store for shoppers.
10Deuteronomy 32-34  5 p.m. – Chicken Feed 6:15 p.m. – Talent Show	11Joshua 1-4	12Joshua 5-8  8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out MDO Spring Pics	13Joshua 9-11  11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist 3:30 p.m. – Last Kidventure 5 p.m. – Jr. High Meet & Eat 6 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting 7 p.m. – Elders Meeting	14Joshua 12-15  8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	15Joshua 16-18	16Joshua 19-21
*Plant flowers in a community garden.	*Pay off a student’s lunch debt.	*Pack a lunch for someone else.	*Leave a compliment on a business comment card or online survey.	*Tell someone in your life why they are important to you.	*Thank a community worker for what they do for your community.	*Craft a gift for someone.
17Joshua 22-24  10 a.m. – Donuts and Fellowship 5 p.m. – Family Bingo Night No Youth tonight	18Judges 1-2	19Judges 3-5  No Mother’s Day Out 10:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. – 3 <sup>rd</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grades to Main Event	20Judges 6-7  11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ Macedonia Baptist Church	21Judges 8-9  No Mother’s Day Out	22Judges 10-12	23Judges 13-15
*Hand out green pins or stickers for St. Patrick’s day.	*Do some spring cleaning and offer unwanted items to local clothing box.	*Hand out healthy snacks to friends or coworkers.	*Surprise someone with chocolate.	*Donate craft supplies to a local childcare facility.	*Leave a sticky note with encouraging words on a bathroom mirror.	*Offer to help a single mom with a few hours of fee childcare.
24Judges 16-18  10 a.m. – Summer Activities Sign-up	25Judges 19-21  Noon- Deadline for Newsletter Submissions 7 p.m. – Men’s Night	261 Samuel 1-3  8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	271 Samuel 4-8  11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ Noble Avenue Baptist Church 5:30 p.m. – High School Meet & Eat	281 Samuel 9-12  8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	291 Samuel 13-14  7 p.m. – Thunder Game!	301 Samuel 15-17
*Give a gift of books to a child. Take time to read with them.	*Leave a basket of Easter goodies for a friend or neighbor.	*Volunteer to clean the home of a sick friend or family with a newborn.	*Drop off crossword puzzle books to a hospital waiting room.	*Donate new pencils or crayons to a classroom.	*Shop at a local “mom and pop” business.	*Leave positive feedback on someone’s social media page.
311 Samuel 18-20  6 – 7:30 p.m. – Pastor’s Class	Notes:					
*Volunteer at a food bank or food kitchen.						