

# First Christian Church Kids News VBS is coming June 10 - 14

VBS Donations have begun! We are asking for the following supply needs for this summer's VBS. Please consider donating items if you are able or money if you would like us to do the shopping for you! Item donations can be dropped off at the church office or in the entry way by the VBS display. We would like all donated items to be dropped off by April 7.

15 tubs of vanilla frosting  
3 containers of Stauffer's Animal Crackers  
4 boxes of rice chex cereal  
9 bags of dried banana chips  
7 bags of original flavor skittles (red bag)  
3 boxes of honey graham cereal  
10 foam pool noodles  
8 sheets of red poster board  
4 blue rectangular plastic tablecloths  
2 boxes of 40 count gallon ziplock bags

If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS during the week of June 10-14 from 9 am to noon each day or even just some of the days that week, we can use your help! Please call Mekaila Carey (405) 831-6922, Kacie Carey (405) 317-6600 or Natalie Hardin (405) 762-9330 to sign up or for more info!



## Tiny Toppers Church Challenge

Do you love to make hats for kids? *Sooner Success* and *Sealed With a Kiss* are partnering with churches in our community to provide handmade hats for every child. They collect the hats to distribute to the children of Logan County during the annual downtown trick-or-treat event.

You are invited to participate in the challenge. Last year, they handed out more than 700 handmade hats! They were amazed at the appreciation the kids and parents expressed when they were handed a hat. For some children this would be the only hat they had to keep warm throughout the winter. This year, they are hoping to double the number of hats, allowing them to reach even more children.

They are issuing a challenge to local churches; drop off handmade hats for our Tiny Toppers program at the Sealed With A Kiss shop (109 E. Oklahoma) by Oct. 28. They will keep a tally of how many hats are donated by each church. The group who donates the most hats will be treated to a special tea party for those who contributed. The winner will be announced on Oct. 30, and coordinate a date for the celebratory tea party at that time.

The shop receives donations of yarn from their customers, and would be happy to pass some along to participating hat makers. A small donation of yarn is available in the church office. Hats may be knit, crochet, loomed, or sewn. They just ask that they are handmade. All sizes and colors are welcome! If you have any questions about the Tiny Toppers program, please feel free to contact: Keely Northup: [swak@swakknit.com](mailto:swak@swakknit.com) or 282-8649.

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# The Tie That Binds First Christian Church

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## Ronnie's Report

Is it me or is this year flying by? Easter will be here before we know it and I wanted to make sure you knew about the worship experiences we have planned for you. Our Prayer Vigil will happen on April 12-13. You can sign up in an open time slot to spend time in prayer as we prepare for Holy Week. On Good Friday, April 19, from 3 to 8 p.m. we will have a prayer labyrinth set up for you to walk. A labyrinth is basically a maze with no dead ends. Walking a prayer labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice, but ours will have a modern flair to it. There will be various stations designed to help you pray and then take the experience with you. All ages are encouraged to participate in the prayer vigil as well as the labyrinth.

### Baby Dedication

Baby dedication is a time when parents and the church promise to do their part in raising a child to follow Christ for a lifetime. We will be having a baby dedication on Easter Sunday. If you have a child that you would like to dedicate, please contact the church office.

### We have 49 committed to our \$10 for 10 challenge!

We have 49 who have committed to the 10 for 10 Challenge. \$10 a month for 10 months with all of the proceeds going to local Guthrie outreaches. We have set a goal of 100 people participating so we are almost half way there! Great job and thank you to everyone who has accepted the challenge.

If you haven't taken the 10 for 10 challenge, it isn't too late to join. Make a little sacrifice here and there and help support someone in need.

thank you

A big THANK YOU to Ron and Linda Wrede for their hard work in our flowerbeds this past week. They did an amazing job and the flowerbeds look fresh and new for spring!

## '89ers Celebration! THE GREAT BED RACE



Come cheer for team FCC!  
Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m.  
(In front of the Jr. High)



\$10 for 10

If you need to know your up-to-date giving to the \$10 for 10 program or your annual pledge, please feel free to email Shana Bench, Church Administrator, at [shanabench@coxinet.net](mailto:shanabench@coxinet.net) or call her at 282-4080.

## Lenten Lunches

Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

**March 27** – Noble Avenue Baptist (Gene Hardimon speaking)  
**April 3** – 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist (Greg Hudson speaking)  
**April 10** – Community (Ronnie Fields speaking)  
**April 17** – First Christian (Hersey Hammons speaking)



# Prayer Request

**We pray for our church family:** John Shore, Audrey Evers, Vaughn Berkheiser, Janet Roulston, Philip Moseley, Doyle Webb, Sharon Keirns, Sherry Canning, Margaret Hixon, Ron Owen, and Faeron Dewart. **Our friends and family:** Donnie Bond, Rick Roulston, Kilsung Oak, Carl Underwood, Cindy Rice, Joe Yarbrough, Debbie Fillmore, Gregg Stewart, Smitty Watts, Judy Grindle, Betty Wright, G.W. Kelley, Valerie Cotton, Matt Wiczorek, Judy Rutger, Wesley Hixon, Norvall Madden, Mike Ivins, Mary Jo McCoy, 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.

## Worship & Sunday School Attendance

Sunday Worship	176	3/24/2019
Sunday School	22	\$4,568
Communion to Shut-Ins	6	Year-To-Date Receipts: \$75,903
		Year-To-Date Expenses: \$80,669

### Special Gifts for the Month of March:

**General Fund**  
In Memory of Jon & Babs Gumerson  
By Ron & Linda Wrede

**Youth Ministries**  
In Memory of Bill Canning  
By Sherry Canning



**Pastor's Class is set to begin this Sunday!** If you have a 5th or 6th grader interested in attending please call the church office and get them signed-up so Ronnie and Karen can plan accordingly. We are also excited to announce a pre-pastor's class for the 3rd and 4th grades.

## STEWARDSHIP A Way of Life Weekly Receipts



Hope you are remembering your prayer pal in prayer each day. We have been posting prayer prompts on Facebook every morning to help you as you pray for your pal through the Lenten season.

## BABY & CHILD dedication

**Easter Sunday  
April 21**  
Call the church office if you would like your child to participate in this meaningful event.



## Cantata

Palm Sunday the choir will share *The Journey to the Cross*, an examination of Holy Week through the lens of Jesus followers. This journey through song will include scripture, solos, flute and choral renditions. We encourage all to share in this offering

**Disciples Women Bake Sale**  
**April 14 10 a.m.**



**Easter Lilies**  
Order your Easter lilies in honor of, or in memory of a loved one.  
**\$12 each**

# Keeping Up With Karen



Easter is quickly approaching and with that comes 89ers Week! Wait... what? I know it sounds weird but the timeline of Easter and local events has put us in quite a quandary this year with gearing-up for and planning Lenten activities, while staying active in the community.

We will continue to have our regular slate of activities focused around Easter, as it certainly takes top priority at the church. Ronnie has highlighted many of the events for the prayer vigil through Palm Sunday and Holy Week activities in his article.

I am going to share how we will be sharing the message of Christ in our community during a time when people are more likely to be looking for a place to worship or engage in church activities.

During April we will be putting together a “bed” for the annual 89er Week Bed Race. We participated in this for the first-time last year and it was a huge hit! We had so much fun designing it and racing down Oklahoma Ave. in front of the Jr. High. Now that we have a year’s experience “under our mattress” we plan to bring our “A-Game” and need some help designing the bed, decorating and somehow creating an idea that will eventually tie it into the 89er Parade theme so it can be refashioned as a “float” for the Parade on Saturday.

The Bed Race is Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. We need our fastest (and strongest) runners to step forward and help us race. We will also need participants to help out on Saturday (April 20) as we walk in the parade. If you can help with design or décor leading up to the race that would be awesome as well.

The Connections Team is heading up the Bed Race Team and we would love your input. Please let me know if you can help in any fashion. You can call, text (615-2240) or email me ([karenkallen@cox.net](mailto:karenkallen@cox.net)) if you can help. Also, we will need people the day of both events (Thursday and Saturday) to help out. If you are available either day let me know.

The Youth Group will also have their long-standing food booth on the corner of Broad and Oklahoma in front of Dewart-Gumerson Insurance! We are so blessed to have Robert and Diana Dewart continue to support our Youth and let them use this space each year.

There is so much coming up in April and I hope you will find a way to get involved in all our Lenten activities as well as be involved in the community events around town. Be sure to invite someone to church each week and plant some seeds! Let’s see how much we can grow this Lenten season!

God Bless!  
**Karen**

**Ministry Opportunities for the week**  
**TUESDAY, March 26**  
 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out  
**WEDNESDAY, March 27**  
 11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ Noble Ave. Baptist Church  
 5:30 p.m. – H.S. Youth Meet & Eat  
 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal  
**THURSDAY, March 28**  
 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out  
**FRIDAY, March 29**  
 7 p.m. – Thunder Game (w/pre-purchased ticket) (3 tickets still available)  
**SUNDAY, March 31**  
 9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service  
 Noon – Pastor’s Class

## 89er Food Booth!

**Come support the FCC Youth Group**  
**April 20**  
**(serving by 10:30am)**



The Youth will be selling hamburgers and hotdogs at the **corner of Oklahoma and Broad**



Let’s do some spring cleaning! The Youth are planning a garage sale May 4. If you have anything you would like to donate for their garage sale please contact Staci Carey (831-5509) about your donations. Smaller donations may be dropped off at the church and she will make arrangements for larger items. This sale will benefit the youth in their summer mission trip!



# APRIL Birthdays of the Month

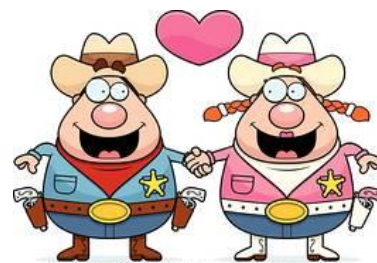
1- Taylor Schroder  
Lesley Cotton  
2- Crystal Vassar  
Andrea Stevens  
3- Debi Shore  
4- Delma Ward  
5- Laura Daigle  
6- Ella Gill  
Alma Hopkins  
8- Eryn Forsgren  
Ruth Underwood  
9- Judy Ochs  
Gary Hixon  
10- Jane Stewart  
11- Cathy Clark  
Jim Anthis  
Skyler Gill

12- Cade Carey  
Nancy Powell  
13- Bob Davis  
14- Jeff Martin  
15- Nathan Ames  
17- Alex Allen  
19- Mary Myers  
Leroy Barnes  
20- Brody Hinkle  
21- Nancy Van Auken  
Jim Ross  
Hannah Ross  
Jacob Friese

23- Diane Biggs  
Brandon Henning  
24- Brandon Sherwood  
Alice Allen  
Ben Gallo  
Cindy Ayers  
Dorothy Herbert  
27- Ali Gallo  
Melanie Ball  
28- Austin Reece  
Carol Doles  
Peyton Hayes  
29- Conna Dewart  
Nick Abbott  
30- Dawn Hacker  
Clara Price  
Abigail Ball  
Star Turner

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2- Paul & Christy Fincher  
6- OJ & Mary Myers  
Stacy & Donna Russell  
8- John & Jean Scott Gauldin  
11- Trey & A.J. Griffin



13- Josh & Krista Smith  
22- Randy & Elise Ellis  
27- Robert & Pat Purviance  
28- Jason & Sherri McCollough

## the AUTOMATE the IMPORTANT

Your Stewardship Team recognizes how busy you are and want to offer you the opportunity to continue to give to your church, even when you are away. Even when we are away, it is important not to let our faith go on vacation. During the coming months, FCC will offer some life-changing opportunities for our community, including a meaningful Lenten Season, Vacation Bible School, Summer Cinema, Worship in the Park, Drive-In Movie Night and so much more. Summer is also the time of year when our church has some of its highest expenses, due to increased utilities, semi-annual insurance payments. At the same time we sometimes experience lower attendance and offering. When you automate your giving you help your church family stay financially strong throughout the year. At the same time you experience the benefit of not having to worry about your giving while you are away.

Online giving is a great way to **Automate the Important!** You can visit our website at [www.fccguthrie.org](http://www.fccguthrie.org) and click on the "Give Online!" tab for easy access to our online giving program. At this site you can setup a repeating gift or make a one-time gift to the general budget or any other fund listed. It's easy to make weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly contributions tied to your bank account or credit card. It's safe, secure, and easy to use.

Would you be willing to set up an online giving profile and **Automate the Important?** Consider trying automated giving. If you don't like it, you can always cancel it at any time. Not only will you not have to bring a checkbook to church, you'll help us maintain ministries for your family during the entire year.

If you have questions about automated giving, feel free to contact our Church Administrator, Shana Bench, and she will be happy to help you through the process.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><u>Repeating Sunday Events:</u> (unless otherwise indicated) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 6 p.m. Youth</p>	<p><b>1</b> 1 Samuel 21-24</p> <p>*Gather all your loose change and donate it.</p>	<p><b>2</b> 1 Samuel 25-27</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Pick up litter down your block.</p>	<p><b>3</b> 1 Samuel 28-31</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ First United Methodist Church</p> <p>*Wear a blue ribbon and talk to your kids about safety.</p>	<p><b>4</b> 2 Samuel 1-3</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Send a thank you card or gift to the school librarian.</p>	<p><b>5</b> 2 Samuel 4-6</p> <p>*Donate to a local charity.</p>	<p><b>6</b> 2 Samuel 7-10</p> <p>*Tape change on a vending machine..</p>
<p><b>7</b> 2 Samuel 11-13</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Youth &amp; Kids to Braums Noon – 1:30 p.m. – Pastor’s class</p> <p>*Bake and deliver a coffee cake to someone..</p>	<p><b>8</b> 2 Samuel 14-15</p> <p>*Plant flowers in your neighborhood.</p>	<p><b>9</b> 2 Samuel 16-18</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Share a link to a free book your would recommend someone read.</p>	<p><b>10</b> 2 Samuel 19-21</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ Community Church 6 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>*Tell your siblings you love them.</p>	<p><b>11</b> 2 Samuel 22-24</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>Show appreciation for a child in a military family.</p>	<p><b>12</b> 1 Kings 1-2</p> <p>← 6 p.m. – 6 p.m. Prayer Vigil →</p> <p>*Leave positive sticky notes in random places.</p>	<p><b>13</b> 1 Kings 3-5</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Lifeline Screenings (by appt. only)</p> <p>*Take someone out to lunch.</p>
<p><b>14</b> 1 Kings 6-7</p> <p><b>Palm Sunday</b> 10 a.m. – Disciples Women Bake Sale 10:30 a.m. – Cantata Noon – Elders Meeting 6 – 7:30 p.m. – Pastor’s class</p> <p>*Surprise your spouse with a date night.</p>	<p><b>15</b> 1 Kings 8-9</p> <p>7 p.m. – Men’s Night</p> <p>*Donate copy paper to a local nonprofit office.</p>	<p><b>16</b> 1 Kings 10-11</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Hand out copies of your favorite inspiring poem to others.</p>	<p><b>17</b> 1 Kings 12-14</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ First Christian Church</p> <p>*Do 3 things to reduce your ecological footprint.</p>	<p><b>18</b> 1 Kings 15-17</p> <p><b>Maundy Thursday</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out 6 p.m. – Bed Race (in front of Jr. High)</p> <p>*Turn in all your plastic shopping bags for recycling.</p>	<p><b>19</b> 1 Kings 18-20</p> <p><b>Good Friday</b> 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. – Labyrinth</p> <p>*Leave kind comments on social media, blogs, or comment cards.</p>	<p><b>20</b> 1 Kings 21-22</p> <p>Youth 89er Food Booth</p> <p>*High five 5 people.</p>
<p><b>21</b> 2 Kings 1-4</p> <p><b>Easter</b> 10 a.m. – Donut Fellowship</p> <p></p> <p>*Invite someone to Easter brunch or dinner.</p>	<p><b>22</b> 2 Kings 5-8</p> <p>Noon – Newsletter information due</p> <p>*Sign up to be an organ donor.</p>	<p><b>23</b> 2 Kings 9-11</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out Newsletters mailed</p> <p>*Plant a tree.</p>	<p><b>24</b> 2 Kings 12-14</p> <p>*Thank volunteers for their service.</p>	<p><b>25</b> 2 Kings 15-17</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Bake zucchini bread for a friend or neighbor.</p>	<p><b>26</b> 2 Kings 18-19</p> <p>*Surprise an administrative professional with a small gift or treat.</p>	<p><b>27</b> 2 Kings 20-22</p> <p>Compliment a married couple you admire on their relationship.</p>
<p><b>28</b> 2 Kings 23-25</p> <p>*Tell someone why they are your personal superhero.</p>	<p><b>29</b> Isaiah 1-4</p> <p>*Do some repairs for a neighbor in need.</p>	<p><b>30</b> Isaiah 5-8</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</p> <p>*Donate items to an animal shelter.</p>	<p>Notes:</p> <div><p>THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER   MAY 2, 2019</p><p>★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★</p><p><b>LOVE ONE ANOTHER</b></p><p>LOVE ONE ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34</p><p>NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG #LOVE1ANOTHER</p></div>			