

It's almost VBS time!! Have you signed your kids up yet?? Registration is easy, go to the church website and click the link to register. You can also sign kids up on Sunday mornings, we have a table set up in the entry way. Shirts are available for kids and adults for \$10 each. Go check out fccguthrie.org for the registration link. VBS is for 4 yr olds through 6th graders and takes place June 10 - 14.

We are still looking for a few volunteers to be crew leaders and help with other various tasks. If you are available any of our VBS days, we can use your help! There is a spot at VBS for your talents! We have nursery available for volunteers who have kids who are 3 or younger. Youth are welcome to volunteer too!

Thank you for all of our donations so far! We are enormously blessed by so much church-wide support! We only a few items left we need if anyone would like to still sign up to bring those items.

We will have our big VBS decorating night on June 7th starting at 5 pm. This event is open to anyone wanting to help transform the church into this year's theme of an African safari! We will have our volunteer training that evening at 6:30 with dinner provided. We will resume decorating after dinner and keep going until we are done!

Please be in prayer for VBS week. We pray that all of the kids leave our building hearing of the love that Jesus has for each of them. We also pray for our volunteers giving and helping with the message of that love!



VBS shirts are available for purchase!
Only \$10 each!
ALL Sizes from YXS to 3XL

New beginnings by the numbers... On Sunday, May 19 we celebrated graduations of 10 high school students and 2 college students, welcomed 9 sixth grade students into the Youth program, promoted 11 second grade students into the Kid's Worship Extra class and had Bibles available for 6 kindergarten students. What an exciting time in the life of our children and youth ministries! (note: If you were unable to be present to accept your gift, letter, certificate or Bible please contact the church office)



YOUTH SUMMERTIME kicks off on June 2nd with a trip to WHITE WATER to support Make Promises Happen. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch. We will leave FCC at noon and return by 6 p.m. TICKETS must be purchased in ADVANCE so request yours NOW (before Thurs. May 30th) Sign-up for *Remind* to stay up to date on Summertime happenings (text Staci @ 405-831-5509 to be added) remember – no regular evening youth until August!

The Tie That Binds (USPS 577280) is published monthly by First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). **POSTMASTER: Please send address changes to First Christian Church, 402 East Noble Avenue, Guthrie, OK 73044**

Periodical Postage Paid at Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044



402 East Noble Avenue
Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044
www.fccguthrie.org
(405) 282-4080
RONNIE FIELDS, Sr. Pastor
KAREN ALLEN, Associate Minister

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.

Disciples of Christ
Guthrie, Oklahoma
405-282-4080
www.fccguthrie.org



May 21, 2019
Volume 55, No. 5



Ronnie's Report

As I look back over the last few weeks I realize we have had a busy but good month. We've had some big celebrations with Easter, Mother's Day and Graduation Sunday. We also have some big things coming up with Worship in the Park, VBS, Summer Cinema Series, and a special Sunday event that you will hear about soon. All of these things could not take place without the help and support of our congregation.

I am thankful for the leaders who are "All In" for our church and it's ministries. I know it can seem overwhelming at times, but what we do is important. We are tasked with helping people to grow in their faith and this call of the church can never be taken lightly. As we continue our ministry here in Guthrie and beyond our walls may you be engaged and informed. And may you answer the call when asked to serve.

Ronnie will be leading a 6-week **Book Study** Wednesday evenings from 6-7p.m. at the church. It will run from June 26 through July 31. The books we will study are *Love Wins* by Rob Bell and *Erasing Hell* by Francis Chan. Growth only comes when we are challenged and this will be a growing opportunity. All ages adults are welcome! See you in June!



On June 30 we will have our patriotic service for 4th of July. Be sure and wear your red, white and blue!

Note: There will be NO Kids Worship Extra (for 3rd thru 6th graders) this Sunday.

Worship in the Park is coming on June 9

If you haven't ever attended Worship in the Park you may have some questions about how that works. So here's a quick Q&A!

Worship in the Park Q&A:

What time should I be there? - Potluck breakfast starts at 10 a.m. so come a little early if you are bringing some food so we can get it set out on the tables. Drinks are provided by the church.

Where will I sit during worship? – You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. There are some picnic tables in the pavilion as well.

When does worship start? – Worship will begin as soon as everyone fills a plate!! This allows us to end a little earlier before it gets too warm.

How long will the service last? – Worship will be a scaled-down, more relaxed version of our regular service and we will enjoy extra "old-time" gospel music by the Bovine Band and some sing-a-longs. We will have Communion, Offering and a short devotion.

Is there a nursery at the church or Kid's Worship? – No nursery or Kid's Worship. Bring your entire family to the park. In fact, a lot of the kids go play during the worship service and we totally understand that – we are at the park!

Last question... Can I invite my friends to "Worship in the Park?" – We'd be sad if you didn't! We hope to have a wonderful, spirit-filled worship time together and we can't wait to see the beauty God unfolds in that awesome setting.



Our love and sympathy go to: Marilee Camerer in the death of her mother, Mary Jo McCoy. Velma Cox and family in the death of her husband, Lloyd. **We pray for our church family:** Kim Betchan, Charlie Ball, Margaret Hixon, Kacie Carey, Mike Carey, Dorothy Herbert, Jake Carey, Clara Ketch, Doug Powell, June Patrick, Philip Moseley, Doyle Webb, Sharon Keirns, Sherry Canning, Ron Owen, and Faeron Dewart. **Our friends and family:** Bob Hanna, Ron Weir, Marcy Smithson, Bayler McKellar, Caleb Biggs, Pierson Wolf, Carl Underwood, Joe Yarbrough, Debbie Fillmore, Gregg Stewart, G.W. Kelley, Valerie Cotton, Judy Roetker, Wesley Hixon, Norvall Madden, Mike Ivins, Stephanie Lowrance, Kayla Thetford, Les Steenveld and Marissa Rhodes. **Our military all over the world including:** Stetson Martin, Kenneth LeGrande, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, and Matt Byce.



Worship
& Sunday School
Attendance

Sunday Worship	179
Sunday School	21
Communion to Shut-Ins	10

STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

Weekly Receipts

5/19/2019
\$2,539

Year-To-Date Receipts: \$124,015
Year-To-Date Expenses: \$132,863

Special Gifts for the Month of May:

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Janet Roulston
By Sammy & Joann LeGrande
Ruth Underwood

In Memory of Roy Weathers
By Gay Clark

In Memory of Janet Roulston
By Esther Waner

General Fund

In Memory of Lloyd Cox
By Katie McNeil



Lloyd Cox
1926- 2019

Services June 5 @ 2 p.m. at FCC.



Pray for our campers who are listed below.

June 3 – June 7

Chi Rho Campers:

Kyndal Carey
Makenna Bench
Abby Johnston

June 17 – 21

Junior Campers:

Colten Stevens
Max Fields
Clayton Carey
Chloe Hood

June 21 – 23

Discovery Campers:

Gabby Bench
Abigail Simpson
Aiden Hardin
Bailey Hardin
Ally Carey
Kenzie Mays
Garrett Reece
Anna Stevens
Reagan Wilder
Khloe Walker
Gavin Shults

June 24 – June 28

CYF Conference Campers:

Abbie Ball
Mikayla Johnston

Keeping Up With Karen



Congratulations to all of our graduates this past week! It has been a joy to see the excitement on the faces of these young men and women as they finish out their high school and college careers and take steps into new territory. This year it seems like I have had more involvement with graduation than some of the past years, as many of the graduates have had a lot of involvement in our church and I have been blessed to know several college graduates.

In some ways, I feel kind of old to know that “kids” I helped nurture along the way have now spread their wings and taken that final step of their formal education and turned their college tassel.

It is exciting to reflect on those relationships and how many of them have revolved around different experiences I have had in the church, both in Guthrie and when I was away at college in Norman and living in South Oklahoma City and Moore. I know there are alarming statistics on how many young people wander away from church once they leave high school and have trouble landing in a church setting once they are away from home and at college or wherever they choose to go. As a church, as ministers, we strive to instill in our young people the value of a relationship with Christ but just as important a relationship with those who can support them in a church setting.

I hope as these young people begin looking toward their next steps, you will be diligent in praying for them. I hope you will join me in prayer that they will find welcoming places to worship and will find an urge to seek out a community of faith. The days ahead will be exciting, challenging and full of opportunities. I hope the opportunity to continue their spiritual growth is a seed that has been planted by FCC Guthrie.

IN OTHER NEWS...

Connections and Outreach Teams NEED YOU! We are starting a joint venture with our Connections and Outreach Teams beginning in June. These two teams are planning to meet together June 19 at 6 p.m. to put their brains together and see what fun activities we can come up with that will include activities for the entire church as well as create a touch of “outreach” opportunities! Nursery will be available. What we mostly need are PEOPLE to come help us brainstorm. We need those gifted in the following areas:

- Creative thinkers!
- People who like to plan events
- Those who like to create excitement about events – promote things
- Those who have a vision for getting new people to attend
- People who have wacky ideas of what would be fun to do with all ages
- Can-do attitude type of people
- People who like to make spreadsheets
- Detail-oriented people
- Recruiters

We are not looking for a one-size-fits-all person! We need one or two of each of these types of people for this meeting. Our goal is to dream and vision some events for the next three to six months and then divide and conquer. Just because you show up at this meeting doesn’t mean you have to do anything long-term. You may just have the perfect idea that the rest of us can roll with! Lesley Cotton, Stacey Johnston and I will be leading this meeting, so mark your calendar for June 19! Please consider joining us, so that we can make FCC the best FCC it can be in this community.

God Bless and see you Sunday. I look forward to sharing the message “We Remember!”

Karen

Ministry Opportunities for the week

TUESDAY, May 21

8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out

2 p.m. – MDO Preschool Awards

WEDNESDAY, May 22

No Choir

THURSDAY, May 23

8:30 a.m. – Last Day of Mother’s Day Out

SUNDAY, May 26

9:30 a.m. – Adult Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

6 p.m. - No Youth

Gift Card



Shower

We will be holding a gift card shower for our music leader, Michael Johnson and his fiancé, Cambrea Lott on June 23. They will be getting married this summer and we want to shower them with well wishes as they begin their new life together. Please make plans to stay after church for a reception.

IT’S A FIESTA!
JUNE 23
3 – 5 P.M.

Ladies join us for a fun afternoon
of food and fellowship!

Bring an appetizer to share.



At the home of Shana Bench: 5450 N. Midwest Blvd. – Guthrie
If you would like to carpool meet at the church at 2:45 p.m.

JUNE Birthdays of the Month

1- Kennedi Hacker
Kathy Walter
Judy Coburn
Elden Waner
3- Fred Hayes, Sr.
Jacob Case
Roy Jones
5- Gale Coker
Jayma Johnston
6- Ally Carey
9- Gaylee McCoy
Natalie Hardin
Leon Spencer
10- Emma Russell
Shana Bench
11- Petina Price
12- Owen Wilder
14- Phyliss Stroup

15- Kelly Considine
16- Brian Reece
17- Marsh Powell
18- Janie Carey
Josh Ward
Kegan Payne
19- Paula Bowles
Kristi Blakemore
Jake Carey
Hank Hinkle
20- Avery Olstad
Tammy Schroder
Avie Abbott
Karen Yancey
Ava Yancey
Michelle Gill
Jace Gill

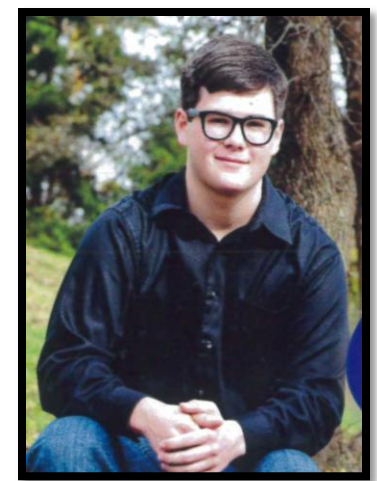
21- Evelyn Smith
Ella Tontz
Carissa Redman
Ethan Frey
Julie Wiss
22- James Carey
23- Amanda Shults
25- Chris Wilder
28- Sue Perry
29- Jacki Cowan
30- John Carpenter
Samantha Case
Terry Hinkle



Abigail Ball



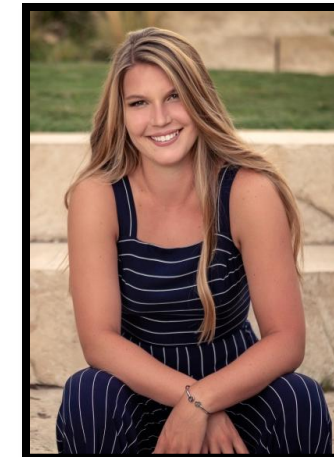
Ethan Frey



Jonah Friese



Josh Gill



Reagan Griffin



Brody Hinkle



Mikayla Johnston



Easton Plagg



Logan Reynolds



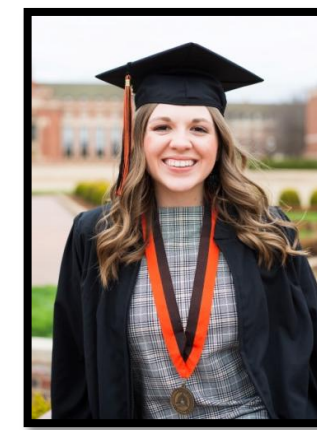
Josh Ward

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2- Brian & Janna Pierson
John & Karen Allen
3- Bill & Cynthia Cunningham
5- Ron & Juanita Plagg
6- Ron & Barbara Wilder
10- Ken & Kathy Walter
11- Jason & Desi Rice
12- Ben & Ali Gallo
15- Mike & Jean Ann Canning



18- Larry & Deborah Pepper
Boyd & Linda Rice
19- Matt & Jeana Backus
Len & Linda Tontz
22- Dennis & Karen Ochs
Verl & Ruth Plain
23- Nolan & Kim Crick
27- Thomas & Janet Hudson
28- Jerry & LaHonda Ball
30- Don & LaMoyne Hardin



Mekaila Carey



Katelyn Hinkle



class of 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 6 p.m. Youth</div>						<div>1Ezekiel 8-10</div> <div>*Say something nice to each person you speak to.</div>
<div>2Ezekiel 11-12</div> <div>Noon – Youth to White Water</div> <div>*Surprise someone with donuts for breakfast.</div>	<div>3Ezekiel 13-15</div> <div>Chi Rho Camp</div> <div>*Donate dog/cat food to an animal shelter.</div>	<div>4Ezekiel 16-17</div> <div>9 a.m. – MDO Summer Session begins</div> <div>*Take someone’s shopping cart back into the store.</div>	<div>5Ezekiel 18-20</div> <div>*Leave a filled candy dish on someone’s desk.</div>	<div>6Ezekiel 21-23</div> <div>9 a.m. – MDO Summer Session</div> <div>*Offer to run some errands for an elderly neighbor.</div>	<div>7Ezekiel 24-27</div> <div>5 p.m. – VBS Decorating 6:30 p.m. – VBS Volunteer Training</div> <div>*Sweep your neighbors sidewalk.</div>	<div>8Ezekiel 28-31</div> <div>*Hand out free popsicles to the neighbor kids.</div>
<div>9Ezekiel 32-34</div> <div><div>Worship in the Park!</div><div>10 a.m.</div></div> <div>*Surprise your best friend with a treat.</div>	<div>10Ezekiel 35-38</div> <div>VBS 9 - Noon</div> <div>*Leave pens in random places where people might need them.</div>	<div>11Ezekiel 39-41</div> <div>VBS 9 - Noon</div> <div>*Invite the neighborhood kids to swim or play in the water at your house.</div>	<div>12Ezekiel 42-43</div> <div>VBS 9 - Noon</div> <div>Noon – Youth Swim 6 p.m. – Board 7 p.m. – Elders Meeting *Donate some books to the library.</div>	<div>13Ezekiel 44-45</div> <div>VBS 9 - Noon</div> <div>*Weed a neighbors garden.</div>	<div>14Ezekiel 46-48</div> <div>VBS 9 - Noon</div> <div>*Hand out cold bottled water to someone working outdoors.</div>	<div>15Hosea 1-7</div> <div>*Smile at everyone you see today.</div>
<div>16Hosea 8-14</div> <div>Father’s Day VBS Sunday</div> <div>*Leave activity books and crayons in a waiting room.</div>	<div>17Joel 1-3</div> <div>Junior Camp</div> <div>*Bring extra sunscreen to the pool to share with others.</div>	<div>18Amos 1-5</div> <div>9 a.m. – MDO Summer Session</div> <div>*Call or visit with someone who is grieving.</div>	<div>19Amos 6-9</div> <div>6 p.m. – Connections/Outreach Mtg. 8 p.m. – Youth Swim</div> <div>*Set up a bird bath.</div>	<div>20Obadiah 1; Jonah 1-4</div> <div>9 a.m. – MDO Summer Session</div> <div>*Donate hygiene items to a shelter.</div>	<div>21Micah 1-7</div> <div>Discovery Camp</div> <div>*Leave positive feedback on a restaurant survey.</div>	<div>22Nahum 1-3; Habakkuk 1-3</div> <div>*Donate fresh produce to a local food bank.</div>
<div>23Zephaniah 1-3; Haggai 1-2</div> <div>Noon – Gift Card Wedding Shower For Michael Johnson and Cambrea Lott 3 – 5 p.m. - Ladies Day Fiesta @ Shana Bench’s house Discovery Camp</div> <div>*Offer a glass of iced tea to a neighbor working in their yard.</div>	<div>24Zachariah 1-7</div> <div>7 p.m. – Men’s Night</div> <div>CYF Camp</div> <div>*Hold the door open for others.</div>	<div>25Zachariah 8-14</div> <div>9 a.m. – MDO Summer Session</div> <div>*Hand out flowers to nursing home residents and staff.</div>	<div>26Malachi 1-4</div> <div>6 p.m. – Book Study (all adults welcome)</div> <div>*Place sidewalk chalk on park walkways for children to play with.</div>	<div>27Psalm 1-8</div> <div>9 a.m. – MDO Summer Session</div> <div>*Invite someone to coffee.</div>	<div>28Psalm 9-16</div> <div>*Hand out stickers to children.</div>	<div>29Psalm 17-20</div> <div>*Spread kindness and positive thoughts on social media.</div>
<div>30Psalm 21-25</div> <div>Wear Red, White & Blue!</div> <div>*Make someone laugh.</div>	Notes:					