

DATES YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS:

-August 4: 3rd – 6th graders go eat breakfast at Braums. We will leave the church at 9:30 am and return just before the service starts.

-August 11: Kid's cooking class to coincide with the Meal Prep class. If your family has signed up to participate in the meal prep event on August 11 or if your 1st through 6th grade child just wants to come cook some yummy treats, there are still just a few spots left to sign up! Cost of the event is \$5 and we will be preparing apple muffins that can be frozen and stocked up for back-to-school breakfasts, frozen smoothie packs that can be thrown in a blender for a quick snack or breakfast option and possibly one more snack depending on how our time runs that day. There are only 4 spots left so if your child wants to participate, please sign them up quickly by calling the church office.

-September 4: Kidventure starts back up! We are looking for all kinds of volunteers for our Wednesday after-school program. If you are available to help for one Wednesday or even a few Wednesdays, please let me know! We need leaders to take the groups around to the different activity stations around the church and we need also volunteers to lead the station lessons and the games. The lessons and supplies for each activity are provided so there's no prep work needed for the station leaders! We also need volunteer drivers to help pick up kids at the various schools around town if you are able to provide that assistance. This is always a huge help to those parents who would like their children to participate but may not be able to get them here themselves! If you can help with any one of these positions, please get in contact with me! Nursery can be available if any volunteer should need it for their younger children while helping out during Kidventure.

Kidventure kid sign-ups are open now as well. Email nahardin@gmail.com to let me know if your 5-year-old through 6th grader would like to participate in this series of Kidventure! We will try to pick up as many kids as we can who need rides to the church to participate. As always, seats in the pickup vehicles are first come, first served but we will do our best to accommodate as many kids as possible. Kidventure starts September 4 and will last 7 weeks. It starts right after school (3:30) each Wednesday and pick up is at 5 pm.



August 18 will be Backpack Blessings for all school-aged kids, as well as Educator Recognition. We encourage everyone to wear your "All In" shirt, a Guthrie Bluejays shirt, or your school shirt!



Join us as we partner with the Guthrie Chamber of Commerce to "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies for Guthrie Public Schools. Supplies can be dropped off in the box in the entry way though August 11.

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Ronnie's Report

Since December 2017 we have partnered with Water4, an Oklahoma based ministry, and raised over \$4000 to help provide sustainable clean drinking water for people in Africa. Someone recently asked me for an update as to what is happening with Water4. While they are constantly working on various projects, I found this recent update especially inspiring. Here are a few excerpts from it.

Water4 and their partners are empowering women through access to safe water and employment. Here is the story of one of those many women they have helped. Meet Claudette: Claudette is a NUMA water station attendant in Nyarufunzo Village outside of Kigali where she's worked for over two years. The job has not only changed how her community sees her, but also how she sees herself. Claudette used to work basic and menial jobs like fetching water for people and selling things on the street, but her new job as a NUMA attendant has given her financial security and improved her status in the community.

Water4 also installed a well at Mutumbi Village that is serving almost 3,000 people. Mutumbi is located about 9 miles northeast of Bunia in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

If you would like to know more about Water4 please visit their website water4.org. Our church continues to place high value in outreach locally and globally. I'm thankful that our church strives to be the hands and feet of Christ in this world. Remember Matthew 25: 34-36.



Join us Sunday, August 4 as we welcome

Rev. Shannon Fleck to the pulpit!

Rev. Fleck is the Executive Director at the Oklahoma Conference of Churches. Shannon is the daughter of Peggy Momsen and grew up in our church family. You might have seen her adorable daughter, Marilyn, in worship with Peggy from time to time. We are excited to welcome Rev. Fleck as she shares a message on Unity.



Back to Church – Back Together! You Belong Here.

Mark your calendars for August 18, it's **Back to Church Sunday!** During our Back to Church Sunday, we will have a time of prayer for all teachers and faculty as they embark on another school year. All faculty, teachers, staff, administration and substitute teachers of all types of schools are welcome!

We will also have a **backpack blessings** for the kids during worship. Please have all of your school-aged kids bring their backpacks to church on this day. We will call the kids up to the front, say a prayer over the kids for the upcoming year, and have a small token for each of their backpacks so they can remember that they are supported and prayed for often by their church family. Whether your child is public, private, or home schooled; all kids are invited to participate!

Back to Church Sunday will also be a great time to sport that neighborhood school shirt, Bluejay shirt, or FCC All In shirt! It will be a casual dress Sunday as we kick off another great year of school!

Immediately following the service, 1st – 6th graders will go eat lunch out at Taco Mayo. We will meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall and we will all go eat together. Families are welcome to join us as well! If you do plan to drop your child off and have them ride the bus, please plan to pick them up back in the Fellowship Hall at 1 pm. They will need money to pay for their lunch; I'm happy to assist in any of their ordering or handling their money if they should need the help while we are there. Email nahardin@gmail.com if your child is coming to eat lunch with us on this day! Families are more than welcome to drive yourselves and meet the whole group there or if there are spots in the bus, we can all go there together! This would be a great opportunity to get in touch with any church family you haven't seen over the summer and let them know all that is happening on August 18! Tell them you've missed them and would like to see them at Back to Church Sunday!



Preparing for surgery: Nicole Hubbard. **Hospitalized at this time:** Bonnie Reynolds and Richard Walter. **We pray for our church family:** Margaret Hixon, Mike Carey, Hank Hubbard, Sherry Canning and Ron Owen. **Our friends and family:** Mallory Pinter & family, Cletta Day, Mariann Carroll, Selenna Amos, Troy Onstott, Donnie Koehler, Judy Ravenas, Mary Schaar, Caleb Morris, Janetta Hibbler, Dana Blackledge, Annetta Hailey, Ruth Thompson, Bob Hanna, Ron Weir, Bayler McKellar, Joe Yarbrough, Debbie Fillmore, Judy Roetker, Wesley Hixon, Norvall Madden, Mike Ivins, Stephanie Lowrance, Kayla Thetford and Les Steenveld. **Our military all over the world including:** Jared Ball, Justin Ball, Stetson Martin, Kenneth LeGrande, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, and Matt Byce.



Sunday Worship 140
Sunday School 14

Communion to Shut-Ins 5



Weekly Receipts

7/28/2019
\$4,794

Year-To-Date Receipts: \$176,285
Year-To-Date Expenses: \$187,805

Special Gifts for the Month of July:

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Philip Moseley & Sharon Keirns
By Keith & Deannie Young

In Memory of Philip Moseley
By Rita Cole

In Memory of Eddie Lou Halsey
By Anne Patton Schubert

General Fund

In Memory of Philip Moseley
By Tommy & Sharon Johnston
Mike & Janie Carey
Gleaners Sunday School Class

In Memory of Marissa Rhodes & Mary Jo McCoy
By Paul & Christie Fincher

In Memory of Gaylee McCoy
By Keith & Deannie Young
Esther Waner
Kip Stratton

Choir Fund

In Memory of Velma Case
By Cathy Clark
Cheryl Dyer

Bereavement Fund

In Memory of Philip Moseley
By Darla Trench

Seamans Christmas Fund

In Memory of Velma Case
By KC & Linda Griffin

Gleaners Class

In Memory of Philip Moseley
By Patsy Crick



Thank you

Thank you to all of the ladies that prepared and served food for Doyle's service. He truly had a wonderful church family.
De Anna Webb & the Webb family

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, texts, etc. Your support means so much to me and our family. *Blessings, Cathy Clark & the Velma Case family*

Church family, Thank you so much for sending me to camp. I had a great time! Thank you for my gift bag. It was a nice surprise. I had lots of fun meeting new friends and learning more about God!
Thank you, Ally Carey

Keeping Up With Karen



I am excited about the sign-ups for our first "Fill Your Freezer" event on Aug. 11. We already have 12 families signed up, which means we have 8 slots left. If you are interested in participating but hesitant about how it works, please give me a call. We will work as a team to prepare the meals and even if you aren't a "cook" we will find a way for you to help. The goal is to make meal-time easier for everyone and have some quick-fix meals as we head into "back-to-school" time and a busier time of year. Also, don't feel like you have to have a "family" to do these meals. These meals are great for "singles" who enjoy eating leftovers and can be split into several meals. Text or call me if you have questions – 405-615-2240. Deadline to sign-up is Aug. 4. We will meet Aug. 11 from 2-4 p.m. and end with a fun meal together.

BRAINSTORMING...

As we start preparing for fall, I have been meeting with several different teams – Connections, Outreach and Christian Ed. and one of the things we have been brainstorming is Fall Festival. This past year, we celebrated our 14th Fall Festival and as we began discussing this year's event, I challenged all of those committees as well as our staff to consider if this event is still serving the purpose, we want it to serve. As a congregation, I want to get your feedback as well. I love the excitement and crowd that Fall Festival has brought to our church over the years but also don't want to keep doing the same thing year after year just to keep doing it.

Many of you spend time donating supplies, volunteering and supporting this event and I never want to take for granted the energy you put into this ministry.

As we start to consider the number of similar events in town at that time of year and what other ideas we could explore, we are open to different ideas and would love your input. One idea that seems to be gaining some ground is a parking lot event earlier in October that could involve hayrides, an outdoor movie (short movie that plays often), cookout-style food, Smores, hay-maze, a few games, free-throw contest, dunk tank, etc. Thoughts at this point is that it would allow families more free time around Halloween and allow us to market the event to our "neighbors" and do more specific inviting. One of the targets we have identified in Christian Outreach is to be more aware of our "church neighborhood" and how we are "reaching out" and "touching lives" within the 2- to 4-miles radius within our church reach.

While we always strive to meet needs wherever God calls us, just as those serving in Jamaica this week or throughout the city of Guthrie, the state or wherever, it has become apparent that sometimes we fail to see that our "neighbors" are just a few steps away.

Anyway, be thinking, as we are in the next month how we can make "Fall Festival" the most effective event possible. If the consensus is that it needs to remain as it has and improve it from there then we will do it in that form, but if we need to be more fluid and find ways to increase the visibility of it; make it less hectic for families and freshen it up then we will work to make those changes as well. Please share your thoughts!

Along that same line... we are looking forward to our leadership retreat on Aug. 25. This is a chance for the Board, Elders, Team Leaders and Staff to gather and look at a vision for the next six to 12-months. If you have ideas, thoughts, concerns you would like us to discuss during this time, please visit with Ronnie or I prior to that meeting.

Have a wonderful week and I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday!

Karen



Join us in planning and visioning for 2019-2020

Leadership Planning Retreat from all Board Officers, Ministry Team Leaders, Elder, Diaconate & Staff

Sunday, August 25
4-6pm @ FCC

Annual GMA Picnic
Highland Park
5:00-7:00 pm, August 18th 2019
Swimming! Live Music! Fish Fry!
Family, Food & Fun
Free to the public! **GMA** All are welcome!
GUTHRIE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

Fill Your Freezer

>>>>>FAST and FUN<<<<<



MEAL OPTIONS

☐ Spaghetti Casserole

☐ 2 Servings (\$5.50) ☐ 6 Servings (\$15.50)

☐ 4 Servings (\$10.00) ☐ 8 Servings (\$20.00)

☐ Chicken Stuffing Casserole

☐ 2 Servings (\$7.75) ☐ 6 Servings (\$18.75)

☐ 4 Servings (\$11.00) ☐ 8 Servings (\$22.00)

☐ Beef Enchiladas

☐ 2 Servings (\$11.00) ☐ 6 Servings (\$27.00)

☐ 4 Servings (\$16.00) ☐ 8 Servings (\$32.00)

☐ Chicken Spaghetti

☐ 2 Servings (\$4.50) ☐ 6 Servings (\$13.00)

☐ 4 Servings (\$8.50) ☐ 8 Servings (\$17.00)

☐ Meatloaf

☐ 2 Servings (\$4.50) ☐ 6 Servings (\$13.00)

☐ 4 Servings (\$8.50) ☐ 8 Servings (\$17.00)

Order Total: _____

Make checks payable to First Christian Church.

Payment and registrations due by Aug. 4.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Yes, I have kids who will participate in the kid's class _____ # of kids

Yes, I need a nursery _____ # of kids _____

Price Total _____

Aug. 11
2-4:30 pm...ish

How it Works

1. Choose which meals your family will enjoy.
2. Choose how many servings you would like of each meal. (Serving sizes are based on adults)
3. Yes! You can mix and match or order more than one of some dishes and none of others – decide what works best for your family!
4. We purchase all the supplies and you just show up to cook!
5. On cooking day... we will divide and conquer in cooking stations.
6. NO you don't have to know how to cook to participate.
7. Can children come? There will be a cooking event at the same time for children ages 1st to 6th grade. Childcare is provided for those kindergarten and younger.
8. How long will it take? We will cook from 2-4:30.
9. Dinner afterward – we will have a group dinner afterward, with a twist – bring \$7 per adult; \$15 per family. It's a surprise – but no cooking involved!
10. Only 20 slots are available so sign-up now! (invite a friend to sign-up as well, this is open to anyone!)

AUGUST Birthdays of the Month

1- Jessica McLain
2- Staci Carey
Braylon Blakemore
3- Katy Anderson
Rick Savory
4- Todd Wilder
Linda Cameron
Chase Ketch
5- Sherri McCollough
Wilma Rogers
6- Barbara Withiam
7- Jerry Rucker
8- Neil Scheihing
Candy Staring
9- Henry Cotton
11- Codi Canning

12- George Hopkins
14- Pam Williams
15- Ashley Beeson
A.J. Griffin
Cherokee Rice
Les Welch
16- John Shore
Brandon Parker
17- Carolyn Chappell
19- Griffin Ball
20- Chris Schroder
21- Anna Stevens
Craig Benham
22- Bonnie Reynolds
24- Nikolas Pena
Terri Graybeal

26- Trish Coker
27- John Allen
Max Fields
28- Kiley Russell
Ginger Simpson
Anna Smith
Anita Riddle
Bill McLain
29- Gracie Ball
Stan Wiczorek
Emmett Hardin
30- David Ball
Justin Stevens
31- Mickey Weathers
Matthew Yancey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2- Rick & Susan Savory
6- Kevin & Alicia Carey
9- Ronnie & Shana Fields
11- Carl & Diane Biggs
12- Bobby & Susan Davison



15- George & Joan Dreessen
26- Greg & Elise Fries
Barry & Wendy Anderson
29- Keith & Deannie Young
30- Herb & Sheryl Reeve

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>Repeating Sunday Events:</u> (unless otherwise indicated) 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 6 p.m. Youth				1 Proverbs 19-21 9 a.m. – Last day of MDO Summer Session	2 Proverbs 22-23	3 Proverbs 24-26
4 Proverbs 27-29 9:30 a.m. – Youth & kids to Braums	5 Proverbs 30-31	6 Job 1-5 No Mother’s Day Out	7 Job 6-9	8 Job 10-13 No Mother’s Day Out	9 Job 14-16	10 Job 17-20
11 Job 21-23 2 p.m. – Freezer Fill-up/Meal Prep.	12 Job 24-28	13 Job 29-31 No Mother’s Day Out	14 Job 32-34 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting	15 Job 35-37 No Mother’s Day Out	16 Job 38-39	17 Job 40-42 Youth Lock-in
18 Solomon 1-8 Backpack Blessings & Teacher Recognition 10 a.m. – Donuts and Juice Noon – Kids to Taco Mayo 5 p.m. – Ministerial Alliance Picnic	19 Ruth 1-4	20 Lamentations 1-3:36 9:30 – Noon – Mother’s Day Out Meet the Teacher Guthrie Public Schools Resume 	21 Lamentations 3:37-5:22	22 Ecclesiastes 1-4 8:30 a.m. – MDO Resumes	23 Ecclesiastes 5-8	24 Ecclesiastes 9-12
25 Esther 1-3 4 to 6 p.m. – Leadership Training 7 p.m. – Youth Slip-n-Slide	26 Esther 4-6	27 Esther 7-10 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	28 Daniel 1-2	29 Daniel 3-4 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out 5 p.m. – Feed the Bluejays	30 Daniel 5-6	31 Daniel 7-8

Notes: