

We have all kinds of news and updates for the FCC Kids! Here is what is happening in the next few weeks:

**Kidventure:** We wrapped up Kidventure right before fall break and had so much fun with close to 80 kids each week! Special thanks to all of our volunteers who made Kidventure happen for 7 Wednesdays in a row! Thank you to Alice Allen, Alex Allen, Karen Allen, Makenna Bench, Shana Bench, Janie Carey, Staci Carey, Audrey Evers, Ron Fields, Addie Gill, Michelle Gill, LaMoyne Hardin, Barbara Ketch, Courtney McLemore, Peggy Momsen, Janna Pierson, Sherry Porter, Emma Poupard, Carissa Redman, Amanda Shults, Jane Stewart, Linda Tontz, and Bill Warner!

**Children's Sunday:** This Sunday, November 3, is Children's Sunday! The kids have been working hard on their special service. Please join us this Sunday morning to support the kids and see how they spend the service helping us figure out just who God is!

**3rd - 6th grader breakfast at Braums:** postponed to Nov 10 for this month! All 3rd - 6th graders are welcome to join us at 9:30 to go eat together at Braums. We meet at the church and take a bus out there or meet us out there and catch a ride back in the bus in time for the service to start! Please send money for breakfast for your child; if they need help ordering or someone to hold on to the change until we return back to the church, we are happy to assist. Families are welcome to join us as well.

**1st and 2nd grader family event:** 1st and 2nd graders and their families are invited to stay after church on Dec 1 for a pizza lunch and special time making a nativity craft together. This will be a great family event and a chance to start the advent season together remembering the true meaning of the season. Please RSVP for this event by Nov 24. The cost of this event is \$15 per family and is due by the Nov. 24 RSVP date. Call the church office or email [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com) to sign up your family!

**Christmas Program:** Our 5-year-olds through 6<sup>th</sup> graders are already busy practicing for our annual Christmas program! They are doing great work and it will be a fun show! Any and all are welcome to come watch at 6:30 pm on December 8!



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### Ronnie's Report

All I can say is "Wow!" We have so many children in our church! And yes, that is a great thing. One of the ways to measure church health is to look around and see the age of the people sitting around you. Are we reaching multiple generations or just a couple? Are we doing things in worship and ministry that appeal to the generations we are trying to reach? Are there people up front from multiple generations? Yes, Yes, and Yes! I am so thankful to serve a congregation who understands and prioritizes ministry to children and youth as well as ministering to 5 generations.

Shameless plug: Vote for Ronnie  
for Territorial Governor!



The future is bright here at FCC Guthrie. But we still have work to do. Only 35% of Guthrie residents claim to have a church home. That means there are at least 7,000 people who do not attend church. Please remember to invite someone to worship or an upcoming church activity. Yes, this means you! I've invited wait staff, cashiers, fast food workers, neighbors, friends and family. I love our church and want other people to experience the blessing. There is a place at FCC for them!

Our "10 for 10" campaign is coming to a close (February thru November) and we want to thank everyone who committed to donating an extra \$10 per month for 10 months to go directly to outreach in our community. Your generous donations have allowed us to give \$4,740 to outreach projects such as Central Oklahoma Camp & Conference, Hands of Jesus Food Pantry, Lunch on Noble, and Logan County Community Action. The needs in our community are great and we could not support these causes without your donations.

Be on the lookout for a new campaign in early 2020 as we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Guthrie!







**Hospitalized at this time:** Mike Carey. **We pray for our church family:** Dave Williams, Cindy Reynolds, Mike Canning, Michelle Schroeder, Maxine Bennett, JoAnn LeGrande, Charlie Ball, Dorothy Herbert, Sherry Canning, Bonnie Reynolds and Ron Owen. **Our friends and family:** Edna Heilman, Katheryn Webb Feken, Norma Rasmussen, Denise Duffle, Wendy Britton, Susie Ellison, Roberta Coleman, Melvin Jacobs, Kinsley Murri, Cathy Carter, Keri K. Pam Billings, Cletta Day, Donnie Koehler, Judy Ravenas, Mary Schaar, Caleb Morris, Janetta Hibbler, Dana Blackledge, Joe Yarbrough, Debbie Fillmore, Mike Ivins, Stephanie Lowrance, Kayla Thetford, Les Steenveld. **Our military all over the world including:** Jonah Friese, Jared Ball, Justin Ball, Stetson Martin, Kenneth LeGrande, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, and Matt Byce.



**Stockings are coming!**  
Be watching for our display to pick a child to sponsor! We have done well in our collecting and will be topping off the bags with toys, hats and gloves. If you see any of these items on sale go ahead and make your purchase! You will be a step ahead in providing for a child this Christmas!



Sunday Worship	212	9/22/2019
Sunday School	16	\$6,525
Communion to Shut-Ins	8	Year-To-Date Receipts: \$262,944
		Year-To-Date Expenses: \$268,332

**Special Gifts for the Month of October:**

**General Fund**

In Memory of Lloyd Cox  
By Velma Cox

In Memory of Chip Fields  
By Ron Fields

In Memory of her father, Ramon Baker  
By Linda Sealy-Holtz

In Memory of Richard Walter  
By Lela James,  
Jess & Renee Marquardt  
Richard & Tiffany Brown  
Geraldine Sander

**General Fund**

In Memory of Margaret Hixon  
By Gary & Vickie Hixon  
Kathy Stafford

**Bereavement Fund**

In Memory of Richard Walter  
By Lela James,  
Jess & Renee Marquardt  
Richard & Tiffany Brown



**Wed. Nov. 20**

**Food at 5:30  
Bingo at 6**

**Join us for a fun night of games and food!**



**Lots of great prizes! You could even win a turkey!**

Mark your calendar for Turkey Bingo and soup night! Call the church office and let us know if you plan on bringing a crockpot of soup! 282-4080

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**December Dates to Remember:**

**Dec. 1** – Youth to Angel Tree Shopping.  
1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and families Nativity Gingerbread Making.  
**Dec. 8** – Worship Team Mtg. Children's Christmas Program Practice at Noon. Program at 6:30 p.m.

**Dec. 11** – Christmas Program Party & Caroling at 3:30 p.m. Board Meeting at 6 p.m.  
**Dec. 15** – Cantata Sunday. Lunch Bunch to Sam's Southern Eatery.

**Office will be closed Dec. 25, 26, 31. & Jan. 1.**

# Keeping Up With Karen



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Fall Festival was a success and it's fun to think back to the vision 15 years ago and know that we have blessed families for more than a decade. It takes everyone to make it a success. Thank you to everyone who donated items or money to purchase supplies. Thank you to those who set up on Thursday afternoon and those who helped clean up Sunday evening. Thank you to those who worked booths and helped cook and serve food at the food booth. Thank you to those who decorated their "trunks" and welcomed people in the parking lot at "trunk or treat." Whatever your role, even if it was praying for the event, THANK YOU for blessing the hundreds of people who attended.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY!!**

This Sunday, is one of my favorite Sundays of the year. Children's Sunday was something we started about 10 years ago and it has continued to develop into something very special over the years. If you've never been to Children's Sunday or are new to FCC, this Sunday, our children ages 4 years old to 6<sup>th</sup> grade will do every part of the worship service. They will greet people at the doors, do all the speaking parts of the service, music and serve communion.  
The children have been rehearsing for the past three Sundays during Kid's Worship and Kid's Worship Extra. There are more than 50 children involved in the service. I truly hope you will make it a priority Sunday to be here to support them as they continue to grow in their faith.

**COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS!**

This Sunday, we will begin a new venture as we change up what we have done in the past with our Blessing Tree. In November, we like to find a way for you to think about all you have been blessed by throughout the past year or just anytime in your life. Starting Sunday, we have a couple of picture frames decorated with the words "Blessing" and "Thankful." We would love to have you hold up the frame and take a "family" picture or do a video recording what you are thankful for or share a blessing. We will have photographers in the entryway to help. We will be playing these each week during our worship service, so we can start to think about all the ways God has blessed us.

**THANKFUL FEST!!!**

By now, you have probably heard the words "Thankful Fest!" This idea was one of our brainstorming sessions about ways we can express who we are as a church through events in our community. Sunday, Nov. 10 from 4-6 p.m. our first ever "Thankful Fest" will be held in the church parking lot. There will be a "Charlie Brown"-style meal where families can come and sit around the table and share their blessings. We will have games to play, fire pits for roasting smores and at 5 p.m. we will show "Charlie Brown" Thanksgiving. There will be an area for children to decorate a "box car" to watch the movie, and everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.  
Another big focus for this event is to bless anyone in need. We will be collecting canned food each week until Nov. 10. During "Thankful Fest" there will be a table of the items we collected in sacks, available for anyone to take if they are in need. We hope everyone will make an effort to invite their neighbors and friends, or if you hear of someone needing food for the holidays, share this event with them. We need everyone to spread the word! We truly want to make it a "Beautiful Day in our Neighborhood!" by sharing God's love throughout the community.  
We still need a few items for the event – transportable fire pits, yard games (like cornhole, ladder toss, giant Jenga, etc.). We also need large boxes (large enough for a child to sit in) for decorating. If you have any of these items you can call the church office or bring them on Sunday morning.  
Thanks for always being mindful of blessing others! We hope to see you this Sunday as we experience God's love through our amazing children.

**Karen**





## Vision 2020 Stewardship Appreciation

The stewardship Committee would like to thank those who have completed a pledge card. This assists in planning for all the ministries of FCC. If you have not filled out a pledge card, please consider doing that.

This year's campaign, Vision 2020, encourages contributing in many ways, including inviting individuals to join our congregation as well as financially supporting the work of the church. As a reminder, it takes about \$1,000 per day to support that work.

The FCC stewardship luncheon will be held Nov. 17 following worship service. We will be serving Golden Chick chicken and all the fixings, including desserts. Please plan on attending.

A big "thank you" to Jason Cotton for designing our Vision 2020 logo!



Join us on Nov. 10 as we honor our Veterans with a special gift. We will also be honoring the families of those who have lost loved ones in the past year with our All-Saints Day slideshow and Lighting of the Candles.

# NOVEMBER Birthdays of the Month

- |                    |                      |                       |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1- Kenneth Griffin | 6- Taylor Mays       | 17- Gavin Shults      |
| Shirley Powell     | Russell Storm        | 18- Devin Frey        |
| Yvette Story       | 7- Chase Davison     | 20- Amy Haskins       |
| 3- Jana Frey       | 8- Sarah Anderson    | 23- Brock Parker      |
| John Gauldin       | Gabby Bench          | 24- Ryker Price       |
| Eric McCoy         | Elise Ellis          | 25- Wheeler Coburn    |
| Flo Olds           | Nancy Powell         | Wayne Elder           |
| Brenda Rueb        | Toby Wilder          | Kendra McNew          |
| Cruz Tontz         | 10- Bill Cunningham  | Sherry Porter         |
| 4- Barry Anderson  | Rikki Metcalf        | 27- Jeff Cowan        |
| Jeana Backus       | Cynthia Russell      | 28- Vaughn Berkheiser |
| Tracy Lyons        | 11- Charles Stowe    | 29- Jeff Ball         |
| Lauren Parker      | 13- Jeffrey Russell  | Kim Biggs             |
| 5- Brayden Naney   | 14- Ryan Wiss        | Nicole Hubbard        |
| Scott Thompson     | 15- Margaret McNeely | Jeff Reeves           |
| Len Tontz          | Conner Wiss          | Desi Rice             |
|                    | 16- Paige Foster     | 30- Dane Canning      |
|                    | Barbara Ketch        | Lindsay Mays          |
|                    | Judy Reeves          |                       |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1- Dave & Pam Williams  
 3- James & Kendra McNew  
 9- Rick & Susan Martin  
 11- Terry & Jennifer Doll  
 14- Ken & Becky Wilkerson  
 16- Steve & Gretchen Hanna  
 18- Chris & Tammy Schroder  
 Ernesto & Jamie Pena






- 20- Kyle & Kristi Blakemore  
 21- Rod & Jane Stewart  
 Dennis & Marie Lynch  
 25- Roberto & Angela Pozuelo  
 Melvin & Judy Scheihing  
 Robert & Diana Dewart  
 26- Stan & Terryl Wiczorek

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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			<b>Christmas Poinsettias</b> Call the church office to order your Christmas Poinsettias by Nov. 25. Cost is \$10 each		<b>1</b> Matthew 21-22	<b>2</b> Matthew 23-24
<b>3</b> Matthew 25-26 Daylight Savings Time Ends <b>Children's Sunday</b>	<b>4</b> Matthew 27-28	<b>5</b> Mark 1-3 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>6</b> Mark 4-5 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Practice 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> Mark 6-7 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>8</b> Mark 8-9	<b>9</b> Mark 10-11
<b>10</b> Mark 12-13 Veteran's Day Celebration All-Saints Day Celebration 9:30 a.m. – Kids & Youth to Braums Noon – Worship Team Meeting 4 – 6 p.m. – Thankful Fest	<b>11</b> Mark 14 <b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>12</b> Mark 15-16 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>13</b> Luke 1 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Practice 6 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> Luke 2-3 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>15</b> Luke 4-5 5 to 7 p.m. – Youth Fry Frenzy	<b>16</b> Luke 6-7
<b>17</b> Luke 8-9 10 a.m. – Donut Fellowship Noon – Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon 12:30 p.m. - Connections/Outreach	<b>18</b> Luke 10-11	<b>19</b> Luke 12-13 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>20</b> Luke 14-16 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Practice 5:30 p.m. – Turkey Bingo 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal 	<b>21</b> Luke 17-18 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>22</b> Luke 19-20	<b>23</b> Luke 21-22
<b>24</b> Luke 23-24 Noon – Youth to Lunch No Evening Youth	<b>25</b> Ephesians 1-3 9 a.m. – Worship Team	<b>26</b> Ephesians 4-6 No MDO Monthly Newsletter Mailed	<b>27</b> Colossians 1-4; Philemon 1 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> Philippians 1-4 	<b>29</b> Acts 1-3	<b>30</b> Acts 4-6