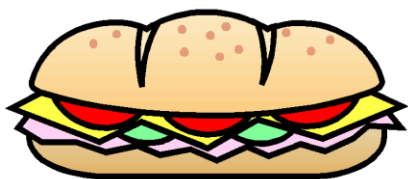


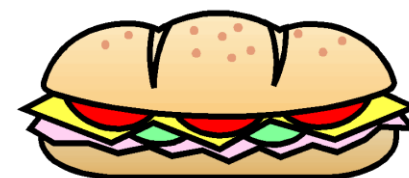
Jan 3 - Trip to the Regional Food Bank: What better way to wrap up Christmas break than to spend it at the Food Bank helping others? We will leave the church at noon, make a stop on the way for a quick lunch and then go volunteer at the food bank and be back at the church about 4:45 for pickup. Kids must be 8 years old through 6th grade to participate in this event. Please send money with them for lunch. I am also needing at least one adult volunteer to join us on the trip; if you are available to help, please let me know! The last day to register for this event is Dec. 31 because we will need to give the food bank a headcount of volunteers attending. E-mail Natalie at nahardin@gmail.com to let her know your child will be coming.



**Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 2**

**Super Bowl Sub Sales
will begin January 19.
Mark your calendar so
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Proceeds sponsor
Youth events.**

**Super Bowl Sunday
Feb. 2**



**FINANCIAL
PEACE**
University

Jan. 12 thru March 15

- Lesson 1:** Build a Starter Emergency Fund and Learn How to Budget
- Lesson 2:** Pay Off All Debt
- Lesson 3:** Save a Fully Funded Emergency Fund
- Lesson 4:** Invest for the Future and Build Wealth
- Lesson 5:** Buyer Beware
- Lesson 6:** The Role of Insurance
- Lesson 7:** Retirement Planning
- Lesson 8:** Real Estate and Mortgages
- Lesson 9:** Living and Giving Like No One Else

**6 p.m. to
7:30 p.m.**

The kit for this 9 week-course cost \$129.99 , but we do have scholarships available to help with the cost. If you are interested in taking this class please call the church office and let us answer any questions you may have. We would be happy to help get you signed up and on your road to financial peace.

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Greetings and Happy New Year (almost)! Each year I like to issue a challenge. I do this because we are already thinking about new beginnings, fresh starts, do-overs, and making next year the best one yet. So this year's challenge is "everyone get one." What does that mean? As a church and as disciples of Jesus we are called to make other disciples. That means we are supposed to introduce people to and help them grow in faith. So I want to challenge everyone of us (myself included) to bring someone (who is not already attending a church) to church or a church function.



I want you to know that 65% of the people living in Logan county have no church home. Even a conservative estimate puts that at 30,000 people. 30,000 people have no church home, but also several thousand of them have no relationship with Christ. Let that sink in. Several thousand men, women, and children do not know the love and grace of Jesus. That breaks my heart and I hope it breaks yours as well.

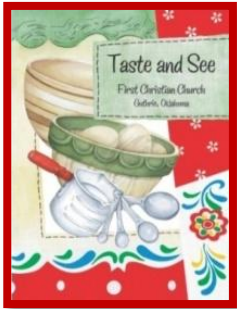
Here is what I want you to do: 1) Start with prayer - pray for who you will invite and pray for opportunities to invite. 2) Make a list of 5 people/families and pray over it daily. 3) Invite them to worship and to activities that will take place during 2020. There are always great things happening here. 4) Let God do the rest. I pray that each of us will find a way to bring more people into a relationship with Jesus and the fellowship of a church home by inviting our one.

On December 29 we will not have any of our regular kid's worship classes separate from our main worship service. Kids can stay in and enjoy Karen's fun sermon and sing carols with us. Kids who are 4-years-old and younger are welcome to go to the nursery that day.





Our love and sympathy go to: Rikki Metcalf and family in the death of her nephew, Josh Myers. **Hospitalized at this time:** Dave Williams. **We pray for our church family:** Skyler Gill, Lawrence Coburn, Rita Stowe, June Patrick, Lofton Walker, Mike Canning, Debbie Considine, Mike Carey, Jake Doles, Dorothy Herbert, Sherry Canning and Ron Owen. **We pray for our friends and family:** Jake Williams, Nicholas Rice, Sarah Schlueter, Greylan Stills, Lucy Pridham, Sydney Curtis, Jeremy Manley, Basil Belveal, James Stowe, Nancy Isaacs, Edna Heilman, Katheryn Webb Feken, Denise Duffle, Roberta Coleman, Kinsley Murri, Cathy Carter, Pam Billings, Judy Ravenas, Mary Schaar, Janetta Hibbler, Stephanie Lowrance, Kayla Thetford, and 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.



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Sunday Worship	169	12/15/2019
Sunday School	20	\$6,013
Communion to Shut-Ins		8
Year-To-Date Receipts:		\$302,118
Year-To-Date Expenses:		\$319,735

Special Gifts for the Month of December:

Seamans' Christmas Fund
By KC & Linda Griffin
Jim & Maurie Overton
James & Kathy Montgomery

Bereavement Fund
In Memory of Judy Ochs
By Bobby & Sharon Priess



Thank You:

I appreciated the prayers, cards, visits and flowers while hospitalized and the food since returning home. I thank God for a caring church family.

June Patrick

Diapers (and baby food) for Jesus



We are collecting packages of diapers and various baby foods for *The Hands of Jesus* and *God's Food Bank*. You may bring your donations during the month of December and place them under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Thank you!

Offering Envelopes

2020 Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please sign for the box # you take.

As a reminder, all year-end gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2019 to be credited on your 2019 giving statement to be used for income-tax purposes. Giving statements will be mailed by January 31, 2020.



Weekly Receipts

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!
January 26
FCC'S ANNUAL
CHILI
COOK OFF
January 26
Do you have what it takes to compete?
IF SO... SIGN UP TODAY!
3 Categories:
Mild Medium Hot

Keeping Up With Karen



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... I hope as we close in on Christmas day you are feeling less stressed and more joyful. It's easy to let the hustle and bustle of the season become overwhelming. I know my schedule has been full of "to do" list items and at times it seems like I have been simply checking things off the list. What makes this season most joyous for me, though, is when I have moments to stop and read scripture and soak in more of Jesus' story about how he handled stress, pressure and the demands of life. I find joy in giving to others and seeing my children try to comprehend that it's not all about "wanting more." As we go through the next week and into Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, I challenge you to take 15 minutes a day and just sit and breathe in the spirit of Christmas. Find a place, somewhere, sometime in your day to reflect on Christmas and what the gift of Christ means in your life. Secondly, reflect on who you can share that gift with in the coming year.

COMING UP...

Did you know that Dec. 29 is known as "National Associate Minister Preaches Day?" Apparently, this is not printed on most calendars but Ronnie said it is always printed on his calendar. ☺ That being said, I will get to share with you on Sunday, Dec. 29 and since I get to make the rules that day, I say we dress casual – church sweatshirts, jeans, ugly Christmas sweaters, comfy clothes! Of course, we will also need to sing more Christmas Carols. I LOVE Christmas music – just ask my family – I keep putting my car radio on Christmas music and somehow it keeps getting switched back to regular music, so I told them today that they're getting nothing for Christmas, Bah Humbug. Finally, I think we'll probably have a short and sweet sermon and something on the lighter side. My sermon title is "Better Here or Here?" I have a present arriving just for that service. I have no idea what is in the box and I can't wait to open it and see what's inside. I hope you will make plans to join us!

THANK YOU!

We have been super busy during this Advent Season from the Christmas parade to Christmas programs and cantatas to live nativities, decorating the sanctuary, stockings, advent candlelighters, gift wrapping, supporting our school staff with treats, Christmas parties for children and youth, Christmas light tours and Christmas eve services yet to come. I want to say a big "Thank You" to all the people behind the scenes of these events. There are too many to name individually but our team leaders and their committees, as well as many others have stepped up to make these events possible. Also, thanks to everyone who has participated in all of these events. I love that our church is always well represented in the community and when we have worship in December it feels so warm and welcoming. Each Sunday is fresh and exciting.

JANUARY

It is time for the Chili Cook-off! It is one of our tastiest events of the year. Mark your calendar for Jan. 26. We will need 12-15 crock pots of chili. We need mild, medium, hot and lots of side items – cheese, crackers, fritos, relish and veggies trays and desserts. This is a great event to invite friends to and there are prizes for our top entries. We also need judges, so if you think you have a great taste for chili, let me know and I will get you on the judges' panel.

Have a great week! **Karen**

Calling all young adults (ages 22-30)!!!

We are starting a group just for you! Our first gathering will be January 12 at 6 p.m. at the home of James and Kendra McNew (5714 Cedar Tree Cir). Dinner will be provided and an RSVP will be helpful otherwise you may not get to eat. Come on out and see what's happening, you won't want to miss it!

Then
Now
70 years
The Ball family invites you to join us as we celebrate
CHARLIE and MAXINE
and their 70 years of marriage
Saturday, December 21 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon
First Christian Church Reception Hall
402 East Noble Avenue, Guthrie, Oklahoma
Regrets only to Janet Slaughter at (806) 202-2336



Pat Ball in memory of Robert Ball
Christie Fincher in honor of Lakyn & Blakely Smith
Christie Fincher in memory of C.J. and Celia Nelson
Denise Shoun in honor of Staci, Derek, Mekaila, Kacie, Jake, Kyndal, Clayton & Cade
Denise Shoun in memory of Courtney Carey and Winnie Haley
Peggy Momsen in memory of Wayman Momsen
Esther Weir in memory of Don Weir
Brandon & Pam Henning Family in memory of Don Weir
Chris & Tammy Schroder Family in memory of Don Weir
Tommy & Sharon Johnston in memory of Kay Johnston and Joe & Dorothy Johnston
Tommy & Sharon Johnston in memory of David E. Wade and Orville & Dora Jane Cordis
Nick, Shana, Makenna & Gabby Bench in honor of Ada Belle Elder
Margaret McNeely in honor of her sons: Keith, Kurt & Kevin and their wives Tricia, Laura and Jean
Margaret McNeely in memory of her husband, Thomas McNeely
Carl & Diane Biggs in memory of Mac & Orda Mae McNeil
Dawn Hacker in memory of Teresa Hicks
Bill & Paula Bowles in honor of Pauline Belden
Bill & Paula Bowles in memory of Clifford Belden and John & Jean Bowles
Sherry Canning in memory of G.W. Canning
Brian & Janna Pierson in honor of our FCC Family
Keith & Deannie Young in memory of Danny Young
Ken & Becky Wilkerson in honor of their grandchildren
John, Karen, Alex & Zach Allen in memory of Kay Johnston and John & Karen's grandparents
The Family of Marie Duffy in memory of Marie Duffy
The Family of Clemmie Denny in memory of Clemmie Denny
KC & Linda Griffin in memory of Jim & Karen Seamans
Bobby & Susan Davison in memory of Bill & Lois Webb
Bobby & Susan Davison in memory of Gaylee McCoy
Bobby & Susan Davison in memory of Doyle Webb
Bobby & Susan Davison in honor of Chase, Chelsea & Joelle Davison
Ron Fields in honor of Ronnie, Shana, Max and Diana
Ron Fields in memory of Carrol June (Chip) Fields

- 1- Daelon Rice
Herb Reeve
- 2- Jean Sheirbon
Darla Trench
- 3- Paul Ketch
- 4- Rick Martin
Wendy Anderson
Dakota Hubbard
- 5- Aspen Mitchell
DJ Ketch
Clara Ketch
- 6- Elise Friesse
- 7- Brad Hand
Jaxton Backus
- 8- Samantha Argyle
- 10- Janice Hand
Terryll Wiczorek

11- Jack Andrews
Virgil Rodgers

12- Abigail Simpson

13- Lloyd Roettger
Deanna Case

14- Andi Mays

15- Tara Yancey
Megan Reece

17- Jaci Wiss

18- Marilyn Carroll

19- Ken Boyett

20- Donna Russell

21- Bo Hayes
Courtney Turner

22- Sheryl Reeve
23- Riley Dods
Marsha Shipman
Karen Ochs
24- Logan Hand
25- Kenny Walter
Jake Doles
26- Carl Biggs
27- Ryan Biggs
28- Morgan Hanna
Gregg Gumerson
30- Waylon Ball
31- Brandon Tontz

Coming in 2020! Don't Miss Out!



SHEILA WALSH
PRESENTS

Praying Women
LIVE

featuring music from Braveheart Worship

LIVE FROM PRESTONWOOD DALLAS
SIMULCAST EVENT
FEBRUARY 5, 2020

Dinner @
5:30 p.m.
Simulcast
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Cost
\$5

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**GOT
TALENT**

Get your act together!

**Chicken Feed
& Talent
Show coming
in March!**

A cartoon illustration of a light blue chicken character with a large red comb, yellow beak, and wide eyes. It is depicted in a dynamic, dancing pose with its arms and legs outstretched.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1- Nick & Heather Binda
17- Bill & Paula Bowles
22- Jeff & Jackie Cowan



23- Jim & Maurie Overton
24- Paul & Barbara Ketch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Repeating Sunday Events:</u> (unless otherwise indicated) 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Youth</p>			<p>1 Gen 1-3</p> <p>Office Closed</p> 	<p>2 Gen 4-7</p> <p>NO MDO</p>	<p>3 Gen 8-11</p> <p>Office Closed 11:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. – Kids & Youth to Food Bank</p>	<p>4 Gen 12-15</p>
<p>5 Gen 16-18</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Kids & Youth Breakfast @ Braums</p>	<p>6 Gen 19-21</p> <p>11 a.m. – Staff Meeting</p>	<p>7 Gen 22-24</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mothers’ Day Out</p>	<p>8 Gen 25-26</p> <p>6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 Gen 27-29</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mothers’ Day Out</p>	<p>10 Gen 30-31</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>11 Gen 32-34</p>
<p>12 Gen 35-37</p> <p>Kids Worship Extra Noon – Worship Team Meeting 6 p.m. – Financial Peace</p>	<p>13 Gen 38-40</p>	<p>14 Gen 41-42</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mothers’ Day Out</p>	<p>15 Gen 43-45</p> <p>6 p.m. – Cabinet 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 Gen 46-47</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mothers’ Day Out</p>	<p>17 Gen 48-50</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>18 Ex 1-3</p>
<p>19 Ex 4-6</p> <p>Donut Fellowship Sub Sales Begin Noon – Christian Ed. Team Meeting Noon – Chili Cook-off 6 p.m. – Financial Peace</p>	<p>20 Ex 7-9</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day NO Guthrie Public School 7 p.m. – Men’s Night</p>	<p>21 Ex 10-12</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mothers’ Day Out</p>	<p>22 Ex 13-15</p> <p>7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 Ex 16-18</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mothers’ Day Out</p>	<p>24 Ex 19-21</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>25 Ex 22-24</p>
<p>26 Ex 25-27</p> <p>Kids Worship Extra Sub Sales Noon – Youth Birthday Lunch 6 p.m. – Financial Peace</p>	<p>27 Ex 28-29</p>	<p>28 Ex 30-32</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mothers’ Day Out</p>	<p>29 Ex 33-35</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure Kick-off! 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30 Ex 36-38</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mothers’ Day Out</p>	<p>31 Ex 39-40</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>Notes:</p>