



## FCC's Annual Chicken Feed & Talent Show

March, 8 • Dinner at 5 p.m. Show at 6:15 p.m.

**WHAT IS IT?** The Chicken Feed & Talent Show is our annual fundraiser for summer church camp. Donations are accepted at the door for the chicken dinner & variety show to help our children and youth attend camp. We will also add the dessert silent auction again this year due to it's success last year. The winners of each dessert will be announced during the talent show. We are so excited to have this opportunity for our children and youth who are attending summer church camp!

**GOT TALENT?** If you have a special talent, song, skit, magic trick, or really anything else that would be considered a talent (or even a semi-talent!), we want you for the show! Please contact Staci or Natalie to get signed up! If you'd like to put together a group of your friends or kids' friends to put something together, go for it! There is no wrong way to perform for Chicken Feed! If you need ideas for a talent, let us know, we can help point you in the right direction!

**CHURCH CAMP INFO:** Summer camp dates are listed below. Registration is open until Thursday, April 9. Summer camp is a unique opportunity for children and youth to experience their faith in a whole new way while enjoying activities and fun with other children and youth. Our own Pastor Ronnie and youth minister, Staci attend different camps as volunteers. Any FCC staff member would be happy to answer whatever questions you have about attending camp. We encourage you to talk with your child about their hopes to go to camp. Have them invite friends! The group that went last year had so much fun and are ready to go back this summer! If you would like any of the church staff or former campers to talk to you or your child about what the camp experience is like, simply let us know, we would love to have a conversation with them about camp! Additionally, if you have any problems registering we would be happy to help you with that process!

### CAMP DATES:

(completing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) June 19-21, Discovery Camp. Cost: \$185\*

(completing 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade) June 15-19, Junior Camp. Cost: \$315\*

(completing 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) June 8-12, Chi-Rho Camp. Cost: \$340\*

(completing 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) June 22-26, CYF Camp. Cost: \$320\*

\*FCC pays \$100 toward the cost of camp for any child who is active in FCC activities.

**HOW CAN I EARN MONEY?** If you or your child would like earn money toward the remaining cost of camp, there will be a sign-up sheet for specific volunteer shifts available in a few weeks. During the volunteer shifts, campers and one adult per child will be responsible for signing in and signing out for duties/shifts. Volunteer shifts will be a minimum of 30 minutes. Everyone involved must be actively working or no credit will be given. You can participate in helping even if your child isn't able to help. For more information about earning money contact Natalie or Staci via email - [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com), [carey.staci@yahoo.com](mailto:carey.staci@yahoo.com), or call the church office. Not sure if your child wants to attend camp this summer? No problem, you/they are welcome to still help with the fundraiser then you can decide later! That way, if they decide they want to go, they are already on their way to paying for some of it!



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## Pastor Says...



It is time for a check in. A month has passed since we began the challenge to invite people to church. How are you doing? I am still praying over people to invite, and I am inviting people I encounter. I have a couple of promises to come and I am trusting that God will get them here. I've even started an online "mini series" called "Why Church?" to encourage people to come to church. What about you? Who are you praying for? Who have you invited? Don't get discouraged if you get a few "no's". Continue to be faithful and trust that God is working. We want more people to know the love of Jesus and we want to help them grow as disciples. And the church is the best place for them to be!



Are you on YouVersion? If not, download the app on your smartphone and join our Christian Education Team in a small group study this spring. The team will be available following worship on Feb. 16 to help you get connected.

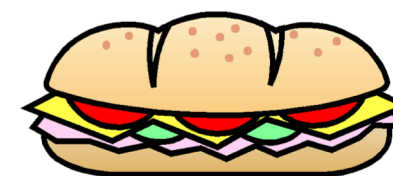
## Chili Cook-off Was Tasty!

21 Entries! Aiden Hardin Wins Grand Champion

We had so much fun at the Chili Cook-off with 21 entries and tons of wonderful sides and desserts. We also had a wonderful crew of people who helped before, during and after the event, as well as a great judging panel. We had 75 people who either volunteered or donated items, in addition to our 21 entries! That's nearly 100 people involved in this event! Thanks to all who participated.



Congratulations to our winners! They were:  
Aiden Hardin - Grand Champion  
Michelle Gill - 1st Place "Spicy"  
Charlie Stowe - 1st Place "Medium"  
Kyndal and James Carey - 1st Place "Mild"  
Jerry Ball - 2nd Place Overall  
Kendall Shults - 3rd Place Overall  
Emalyn and Jed Redman - People's Choice



Pick up your subs  
on Feb. 2  
following  
worship.

Extra Subs available  
for \$6 on Sunday.



Due to some major repairs to our building and mechanical system, the Stewardship Committee is recommending to launch a Capital Campaign in the near future. The Committee will provide details in the next few months. Please begin praying about the campaign as we work to ensure our church facilities are maintained.





**Preparing for surgery:** Randy Ellis (Feb. 5), Basil Belveal (Feb 10). **We pray for our church family:** Ron Owen, Cynthia Baker, Dennis Lynch, Mike Canning, Debbie Considine, Mike Carey, Dorothy Herbert, Sherry Canning and Ron Owen. **We pray for our friends and family:** Travis Nelson, Valerie Cotton, Sydney Kohpay, James Stowe, Geraldine Henderson, John Kellogg, Caleb Morris, Susie Ellison, Nicholas Rice, Lucy Pridham, Sydney Curtis, Jeremy Manley, James Stowe, Edna Heilman, Katheryn Webb Feken, 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.

## Congratulations Jim!

Jim Smith was the big winner on Sunday in our quilt drawing. We raised \$103 with our one-day quilt giveaway with \$1 tickets that were sold before and after the worship service.

The quilt was generously donated by **Sooner Quilts**. The funds will go to help with our next event — Lucky Bingo in March. We have another quilt that will be given away at that event! Be watching for details!



**Worship  
& Sunday School  
Attendance**  
1/26/2020

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	219
<b>Sunday School</b>	13
<b>Communion to Shut-Ins</b>	12

### Special Gifts for the Month of January:

#### **Bereavement Fund**

In Memory of Betty Friese  
By Mike Friese  
Kyle & Kristi Blakemore  
& Family



In Memory of Ben Carpenter  
By The Family of Ben Carpenter

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*A Way of Life*

#### **Weekly Receipts**

1/26/2020  
\$4,028

Year-To-Date Receipts: \$20,694  
Year-To-Date Expenses: \$24,106

## Thank You

To the Bereavement  
Team of FCC,  
Thank you for providing  
lunch for our family. Your  
love and support mean so  
much.

*With love,  
The Ben Carpenter Family*

## Church Secretary Moves To New Position

As you may have heard, Sherry Porter has resigned as our church secretary. She has done a wonderful job for us during the past 8-plus years and we will miss her terribly. We have had several inquiries about her position and unfortunately, we will not be replacing this position. The reason she left was due to budget cutbacks. At the end of the year, we trimmed her position to one day a week. She needed more hours and as a result, she began looking for a new job. At this point, with the estimated giving and the expenses we have forecasted for 2020 we aren't filling the position and we will be juggling the secretary position among current staff.

Again, we appreciate all that Sherry has done and we are happy she was able to find a new place to use her gifts and talents at SoonerStart at the Logan County Health Department. Please be sure to share your appreciation with her as well!



**Young Adults (22-30ish)**  
**Super Bowl Party!**  
February 2 @ 5:30pm

If you would like to join this group  
or get more info,  
contact Pastor Ronnie

## Keeping Up With Karen



February is coming! It feels like January has zoomed by and it's time for a fast and furious February. With that in mind, we have a proposal for you (seems only appropriate with Valentine's on the horizon!). This is a proposal of a different sort though! We are proposing you put some intentional effort in building stronger relationships in February 2020. How does this work? Join our "Today's the Day" Small Group that is going to meet beginning the week of Feb. 10 through March 31.

How does it work? This Small Group meets totally on your schedule and is designed for singles, couples or families. We will ask that you sign-up just so that you agree to a few "rules" and we know you are committed to improving your relationships. During the Small Group you will commit to do something once a week with your spouse, significant other, as a family or with a friend. The idea is to be intentional about spending time together either cooking a meal together, eating out, playing a board game, walking in the park, going shopping, reading a book together, building a project together, etc. The list is endless! You get to decide how your group works (with or without kids, with the same friend or a different friend each week, same day of the week or different day of the week). The key is that for 7 weeks you will intentionally live in a way that changes your pace a little bit to spend more time focused on what brings joy to your life and strengthening your relationships.

We will have a sign-up sheet just to let us know who all we have participating and then you are on the honor system as to how you are participating in this "Small Group."

The name of the group is purposeful — "Today's the Day" because we all know how exciting it is when you have something scheduled and are looking forward to it! We want you and your spouse, or you and your family, or you and a friend to have something to look forward to each week and wake up in the morning thinking "Today's the Day" I get to spend time with those I enjoy the most!

I hope you will pray about joining this 7-week group. We will have one optional gathering where everyone who participated can come together and enjoy time sharing how this experience has been meaningful to them. This will be a fun appetizer/snack gathering on April 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you aren't able to make the April 1 event, you can still be part of the Small Group.

Also, we will have some "kits" available for those who sign up. The kits include talking points, ideas for places to go on your "Today's the Day" outings and other fun things if you decide to be part of the "Small Group." Look for sign-up information this Sunday! If you would like to join as a couple and need ideas for childcare, we will provide a list of childcare providers within our congregation. You can make arrangements with them.

Have a great week and we'll see you Sunday!

— Karen

**FINANCIAL** *Peace*  
UNIVERSITY

FPU is off to a great start! We have 13 participants representing 9 families. They come from all walks of life - from single parents to those who are reaching or have made it to retirement and want to be sure they are secure in their future. Our class is full of excitement about becoming DEBT FREE and having a plan for saving. The theme of our class is "if you will live like no one else now, later you can live and give like no one else."

If you have ever wondered what Financial Peace looks like ... here are a few tidbits from our first couple weeks...

**Step 1** — Create a \$1,000 Emergency Fund and put it away in a savings account.

**Step 2** — Do a "Debt Snowball." Line up all of your outstanding debts, smallest to largest (excluding your mortgage) and begin paying off the smallest first (making minimum payments on the others), then pay off the next one and so on and so on. Each time one is paid off add the money you were paying on the smallest to the next one.

We have been learning so much! Please pray for our participants as they complete this journey with us!

— Shana Bench & Karen Allen, Class Coordinators



## Ladies Day Out



All adult women are invited to join us for our first Ladies Day Out of 2020! Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22. We will meet at the church at 3:30 p.m. to caravan to Chili's in Edmond.

Please call the church office at 202-4080 or e-mail the church office at [fccguthrie@coxinet.net](mailto:fccguthrie@coxinet.net) to sign up! We will need a final count of those planning to attend by Wednesday, Feb. 19 at noon. Grab a friend and join us for a fun afternoon out with the girls!

## MEN'S NIGHT

Guys! Grab a friend and join us for Men's Night on Monday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at Stable's Café in the Tap Room. It's a time of fun, fellowship, eating...

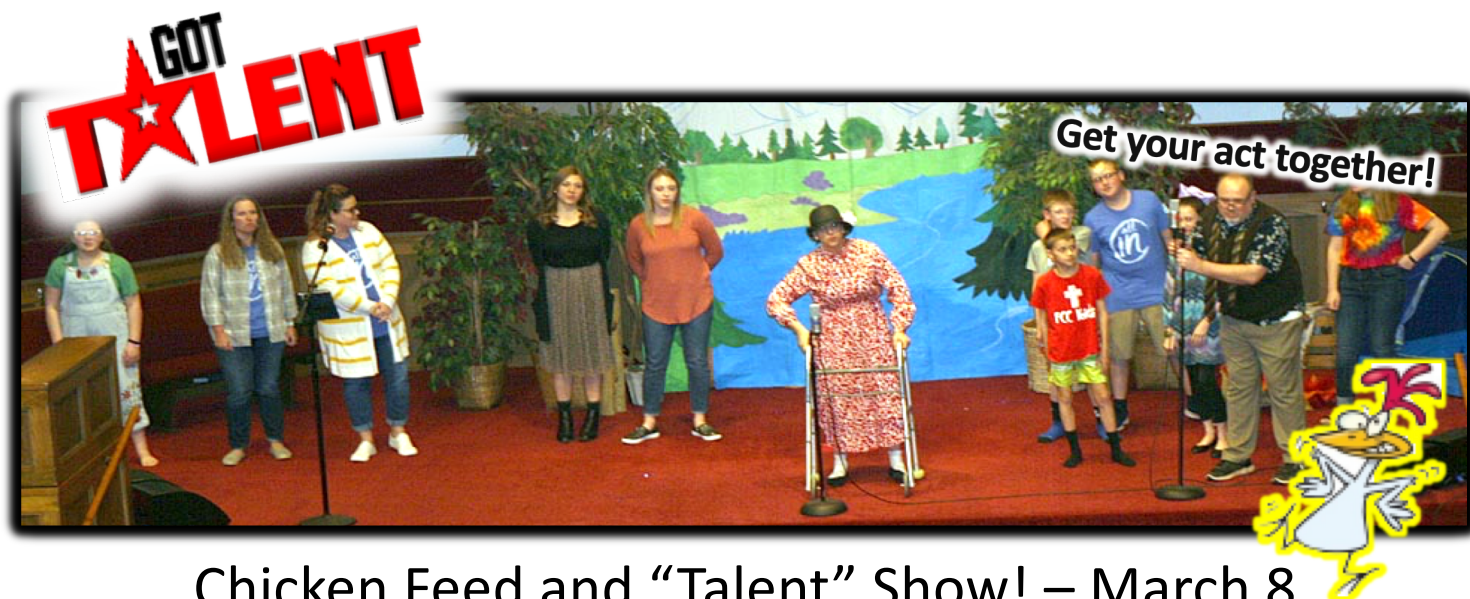
## CONNECTIONS TEAM UPDATES

Connections will have a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 16 after church in the gym. We will discuss "Lucky Bingo" and Easter "Egging." If you are interested in helping out with any of these events please join us. If you have any questions, please call Lesley Cotton at 405-535-4612. Hope to see you soon!

The Connections Team would also like to thank EVERYONE that helped with the chili cook off. We could not have done it without you! Thank you judges, for your time and effort tasting all those delicious chili's, it was a hard job but somebody had to do it!! Thank you Karen Allen for all your help and input into another successful event.

# February Birthdays of the Month

- |                     |                   |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1- Bill Bowles      | 7- Haley Gallo    | 20- Elizabeth Carpenter |
| Clayton Carpenter   | Mindy Reece       | Kenneth Carpenter       |
| Kathryn Smith       | Nick Bench        | 22- Maxine Bennett      |
| Zachary Allen       | Reagan Wilder     | Glennette Meredith      |
| 2- Luke Gill        | 9- Linda Wrede    | Jaxton Rice             |
| 3- Carol Smith      | Marsha Dewart     | 23- Brent Biggs         |
| Ron Owen            | Sharyl Padgett    | Donna Wheatley          |
| Esther Waner        | 10- Alice Olstad  | 24- Bobby Davison       |
| Laura Benham        | 12- Ellie Ball    | 25- Helen Welch         |
| 5- Debbie Considine | 13- Colton Lyons  | 26- Rod Stewart         |
| LaMoyne Hardin      | 14- Addison Doles | Janet Hudson            |
| Jonah Frieze        | Gentry Hardin     | Ali Ward                |
| 6- Gracie Shults    | 15- Don Hardin    | David Bowman            |
|                     | 16- Corky Storm   | 27- Tyler Biggs         |
|                     | 17- Diann Owen    | 28- Nolan Crick         |
|                     | 18- Emalyn Redman |                         |



## Chicken Feed and "Talent" Show! – March 8

The "Chicken Feed" is always good! The "Talent" is sometimes amazing and other times "questionable" but it's always a good time! During the next few weeks be watching the "news and events" to win a ticket to be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card giveaway at the "Chicken Feed and Talent Show." All you have to do is name some of the people in our "Get Your Act Together" photos! In this photo... who played the

person with the walker in the middle of this set of "actors" who sang about "Excuses" not to come to church?

The first five people to call the church office at 282-4080 or to e-mail [karenkallen@cox.net](mailto:karenkallen@cox.net) with the right answer will get a ticket entered in the drawing for the \$25 gift card to be given away during the show! Must be present to win!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 1- Al & Alice Allen
- 11- Jim & Kathryn Smith
- 14- Terry & Yvette Story
- 25- Gale & Trish Coker









## OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are closed on Fridays.



February 17 — Men's Night @ Stable's @ 7 p.m.  
 February 22 — Ladies Day @ Chili's @ 3:30 p.m.  
 February 23 — Youth Sunday  
 February 26 — Ash Wednesday Service @ 6pm  
 March 8 — Chicken Feed & Talent Show  
 March 11 — Cabinet Meeting @ 6pm  
 March 25 — "Do You Feel Lucky?" Bingo

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Office: fccguthrie@coxinet.net Rev. Ronnie Fields: ronnie@coxinet.net Karen: Karenkallen@cox.net Shana: Shanabench@coxinet.net Natalie: nahardin@gmail.com Staci: carey.staci@yahoo.com Michelle: michelle.m.gill@live.com Sadie: sadieporter0@gmail.com Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com			<b>1</b> Lev 1-4
<b>2</b> Lev 5-7 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Children to Braums (3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> graders) 9:30 a.m. – Youth make subs 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon – Financial Peace University 5 p.m. – Youth Super Bowl Party 5:30 p.m. – Young Adults Super Bowl Party	<b>3</b> Lev 8-10	<b>4</b> Lev 11-13 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	<b>5</b> Lev 14-15 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 5:30 p.m. – “Praying Women” Dinner & Simulcast (\$5)	<b>6</b> Lev 16-18 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	<b>7</b> Lev 19-21	<b>8</b> Lev 22-23
<b>9</b> Lev 24-25 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon – Elders Meeting 5 p.m. – Youth Meeting 6 p.m. – Financial Peace University	<b>10</b> Lev 26-27 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting	<b>11</b> Num 1-2 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out 11:30 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance 6:00 p.m. – Stewardship Meeting	<b>12</b> Num 3-4 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 6 p.m. – Board Meeting	<b>13</b> Num 5-6 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	<b>14</b> Num 7 	<b>15</b> Num 8-10
<b>16</b> Num 11-13  9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10 a.m. – Donut Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Noon – Connections Meeting 5 p.m. – Youth Meeting 6 p.m. – Financial Peace University	<b>17</b> Num 14-15  Noon – NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 7 p.m. – Men’s Night @ Stables	<b>18</b> Num 16-17 Newsletter will be mailed 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	<b>19</b> Num 18-20 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure	<b>20</b> Num 21-22 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	<b>21</b> Num 23-25	<b>22</b> Num 26-27  3:30 p.m. – Ladies Day Out @ Chili’s (Meet at FCC to caravan)
<b>23</b> Num 28-30 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Service YOUTH SUNDAY! Noon – Youth Birthday Lunch 5 p.m. – Youth Meeting 6 p.m. – Financial Peace University	<b>24</b> Num 31-32	<b>25</b> Num 33-34 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	<b>26</b> Num 35-36  3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 6 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service	<b>27</b> Deut 1-2 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	<b>28</b> Deut 3-4	<b>29</b> Deut 5

**Notes:**