

## Capital Campaign Update

Our goal is \$200,000 by March 2023. This will pay for the boiler replacement and help us replenish funds for future capital improvements.

**Funds received to date: \$87,747**

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MAIL a check to: First Christian Church • 402 E. Noble • Guthrie, OK 73044 • NOTE: Capital Campaign

**No gift is too small!  
EVERY \$\$\$ Counts!**

## FCC Financial Update

Income Year-to-Date \$93,958.13  
Expenses Year-to-Date \$95,010.28  
Year to Date Net Loss (\$ 1,052.15)

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of FCC Guthrie. If you would like more information about setting up *online giving*, please contact Shana in the church office at 282-4080. Online giving allows you the flexibility of giving weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or on a designated day each month. It is safe, secure and hassle-free!

## Vacation Bible School

Save the date because VBS is returning on July 19-23! We are so excited to be planning a fun-filled week of teaching all ages how Jesus' power pulls us through at Rocky Railway VBS @ FCC! We can't wait to be able to help the kids experience the gospel at VBS and we need your help! We are asking for monetary donations that will go toward purchasing VBS supplies, take-home items for the kids to help reinforce each day's lesson, snacks, decorations and everything else that goes into this giant week of teaching God's Word. This year, we are asking for monetary donations rather than specific items and then our fearless VBS directors, Kacie and Mekaila Carey, will do all of the shopping! If this is a ministry you can help support, we appreciate you considering it! If you are not able to contribute monetarily, you can still contribute with your prayers. Please keep VBS at FCC in your prayers as we continue to plan and prepare for this event!



**Dorothy Herbert**  
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# The Tie That Binds

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First Christian Church of Guthrie

**Sharing Christ  
Growing in Faith**

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## Updates from the Pastor

It's that time of year again! Our nominating committee has begun their work of recruiting Elders, Deacons, Team Leaders, and other church officers. This last year has been a bit crazy but we are excited for what the future holds. As members of the church we are called to use our gifts and talents in service to God and others. We are a better, healthier church when everyone is serving.



If you are wondering what your spiritual gifts are, head to [www.spiritualgiftstest.com](http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com) and take their free survey.

It is my hope that you will prayerfully consider where your gifts and talents lie and find ways to volunteer and plug in to help as we push toward our mission of "Sharing Christ, Growing in Faith." You belong here and you have an important part to play. What is God calling you to do?

## Save the Date!

Ever wanted to eat salad on the East side of town, appetizers on the North side of town, a main dish in the middle of town and dessert on the West side of town? Wait, what?

### PROGRESSIVE DINNER!

Yes, we are planning one and you're going to want to mark your calendar for Sunday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m. We will meet at the church and break into groups to travel to 3 or 4 different homes to complete our evening meal! The Progressive Dinner is open to everyone, but if you have kids 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under they will stay at the church and have their own "cooking competition" and game night! Nursery will be provided for those 4 and younger.

You are welcome to sign-up now! Just e-mail or text Karen Allen: [karenkallen@cox.net](mailto:karenkallen@cox.net) (405) 615-2240.



Join us May 9!  
We will have a  
special treat  
for all women.



## Missing Bingo Cards

If you have any of the church's blue or green Bingo cards, please return them to the church office. We are still missing about 25 cards. THANK YOU!



# Keeping Up With Karen



## PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday May 16 is Promotion Sunday! We will spend that day in worship celebrating those age groups that are promoting up to their next big thing! We will first honor the High School Seniors who are graduating this year and wish them well as they complete this chapter of their education! The next group to be recognized will be those students completing 6th grade. This group of kids will be asked to come forward during the service to receive a new Bible as they prepare to leave Kid's Ministry and enter into the Youth Group! The students who are completing 2nd grade will be asked to come forward during the service as they promote from attending Kid's Worship to Kid's Worship Extra. And finally, our Kindergarten students will be asked to come forward to receive their Bibles. We hope that they will use these Bibles as they work towards learning to read and for many years to come! It's going to be a day full of celebrating all ages of kids as they grow and continue to be active participants in our congregation! We invite you to come join in on this worship service to help celebrate all of these groups! Friends and family are also invited to come and join in on celebrating this special Sunday.

After the service, the **6th graders** are invited to join Ms. Natalie and Ms. Staci for a **Goodbye/Hello lunch**. We'll hit the road and go eat together at Buffalo Wild Wings right after the service ends to say "Goodbye" to Kid's Ministry and "Hello" to Youth Group. If your 6th grader would like to join us, please RSVP by calling the church office to reserve their spot on the bus.

Can you believe we are approaching the end of another school year? It's hard to believe that when I write next month's article, we will be done with the 2020-21 school year! Throughout this school year, our congregation has prayed for our administrators, educators and students as we navigated uncharted waters. We are one of the few school districts that opened on time, with precautions in place and held fast to guidelines to keep students and teachers as safe as possible. While there were bumps in the road, as we as expected, I feel like we owe a huge thanks to our Administration and School Board for working hard to keep our schools open and our students on track learning in a classroom environment whenever possible.

In our church family, we have so many who teach, serve on the School Board and work at the administrative level. We know from conversations with all of them that decisions made on behalf of our students come with passionate research and a balance of what is best for all involved. As a church family, it is our goal to always pray diligently for those in the classroom, studying at home, raising children and mentoring our next generation.

Likewise, as a church family, we have a responsibility to not only support education but also spiritual development. I have no doubt that the baptisms and confessions of faith over the past month have ignited everyone's passion for how we need to continue to "Share Christ and Grow in Faith." Making a commitment to Christ is the most important decision an individual will ever make. In order to do that, we need to be diligent about inviting our friends and neighbors to worship and activities so that everyone can experience Christ's love and develop a sense of what it means to have a personal relationship with Him.

As I think about what the next 12-14 months will hold for my family, as I begin filling out enrollment for my oldest son's senior year and begin looking at colleges, I might be hesitant to think of how he will do on his own once he is out from under our "wings." However, I have no concerns about his faith and his foundation in Christ having grown up in this church family. I want that same assurance for every family who sees their high school student beginning to sprout their wings.

That story begins unfolding as early as the nursery on Sunday morning, Kid's Worship, Kid's Worship Extra and Youth Group on Sunday evenings. It happens when they sit with their friends on the top row of the balcony during Sunday morning worship or go on Mission Trips and service projects together. It happens when they go to Sky Zone outings with Kidventure and invite friends to VBS in the summer.

I pray that every family is finding a way to invest in their child's spiritual future through relationships built with this church family. I absolutely love how excited our young people are in Pastor's Class, Kid's Worship, Kid's Worship Extra and Youth Group. I love how they ask difficult questions and wonder about their faith! I hope as adults, we too, are eager to learn and grow!

Over the past several months, we have had many visitors in worship! I hope you continue inviting and welcoming those who are coming. It is exciting to see our church family growing each week!

### COMING UP...

May 3-7 is "Teacher Appreciation Week!" FCC partners with Harmony Church to support Central Elementary School throughout the year. For "Teacher Appreciation Week," we will be delivering Sonic Drinks, Guthrie Nutrition Drinks, ice cream, and providing a meal for the staff at Central. There are several ways you can help! We need financial donations to help offset the cost of the drinks and portions of the meal. We also need four desserts for the meal on Friday, May 7. If you can donate or make a dessert, let me know! ([karenkallen@cox.net](mailto:karenkallen@cox.net) or text (405) 615-2240.

Also coming up, this Sunday, I will be sharing the message: "Asking for a Friend: What does it mean to Fear God?" I look forward to seeing you in worship in-person or online at 10:30 a.m.

Karen



## Sr. '21 Breakfast: Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 9:45 a.m.

R.S.V.P by Sun. May 9<sup>th</sup>

### for all graduating Seniors and their family.

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS...WE NEED YOUR SENIOR PICTURE** ([fccguthrie@coxinet.net](mailto:fccguthrie@coxinet.net))

We have the following students listed as graduating:

*Wyatt Bandy, Ty Biggs, Faeron Dewart, Addison Gill,*

*Kylie McLain, Brandon Parker, Hannah Ross*

Did we miss you or your student? Let us know! Call the church office 282-4080

College Graduates...We would like to recognize you! Please contact the church office 282-4080.

**89er Youth Food Booth was back!** The youth were so excited to be back in "business." Thank you to everyone who showed your support and helped us raise \$500 for our youth missions and activities. A special thank you to David Ball, James Carey, Karen Allen, Mekaila Carey, Kacie Carey, Baylor Wilhelm, Ronnie Fields, Jarrett McNulty, Jake Carey, Chase Doles, Blake Doles, Luke Lyons, Makenna Bench, Kyndal Carey, Clayton Carey, and Max Fields.

# Prayer Request



**Our love and sympathy go out to:** Darla Trench and family in the death of her aunt, Mary Hembree

**We pray for our church family:** Denise Shoun, Randy Ellis, Sadie Ciardi, Kate Ciardi, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Ruth Underwood, Carol Barnes, Lawrence Coburn, Conna Dewart, Basil Belveal, Dennis Lynch, JoAnn LeGrande, Ron Fields, Larry Stinchcomb, Joan Dreessen, Sherry Canning

**We pray for our friends:** Family of Rod Richardson, Raymond Majors, Sherry Marshall, Linda Hicks, Pauline Beldin, Jim Thomas, Lee Pearce, Ronnie Koehler, Stephanie Sykes, Willie White, Steve Ochs, Dawson Morgan, Jerry Resch, Jay Beuchaw, Hazel Carroll, Carol Garcia, Wes Weir, Anna Simmons, Oliver Wolfington, Chuck Kyle, Scott Quick, Kimberly, Treva Seals, Rhonda Lovelace, Mark Prather, Joan Faye Meacham, Susie Ellison, Harold Hembree, Darrin Robb, Wes Black, Rosemary Standerfer, Mary Coffin, Brenda Piland, Valerie Cotton, James Stowe, Katheryn Webb Feken, Cathy Carter, Pam Billings, Janetta Hibbler, Kayla Thetford

**And our military all over the world:** Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, Matt Byce

# May Birthdays of the Month

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|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 – Jaxon McNew   | 10 – Johnny Hudson   | 26 – Tom Holtz    |
| 2 – Elmina Lynch  | Evan Plagg           | Kate Ciardi       |
| 3 – Barbara Smith | 14 – Kevin Carey     | 27 – Mike Simpson |
| Kelly Simpson     | 15 – Kevin Frey      | 28 – Kim Hinkle   |
| 4 – Andrew Hardin | 16 – Jeanette Sealey | Bobbie French     |
| Jamie Hudson      | 17 – Bailey Hardin   | Susan Savory      |
| 6 – Carver McLain | 18 – John Cox        | 30 – Josh Gill    |
| David Hood        | 19 – Blakely Smith   | Adelyn Stevens    |
| 7 – Clayton Carey | 21 – Marie Lynch     | Ronnie Fields     |
| 9 – Derek Shoun   | 22 – Shana Fields    | 31 – Blake Doles  |
| Haden Wiss        | 24 – Tom Hudson      |                   |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 17 – Justin & Andrea Stevens | 24 – Trace & Calee Lyons |
| 20 – Jake & Shannon Doles    | 31 – Dale & Corky Storm  |
| 23 – Sam & Sherry Porter     |                          |

## Congratulations

### *Emalyn Redman & Gavin Shults!*

### Baptized April 25, 2021

If you are interested in talking to Pastor Ronnie about being baptized or making your Confession of Faith, please don't hesitate to contact him at [ronnie@coxinet.net](mailto:ronnie@coxinet.net) or call the church office at 405-282-4080. We have another Baptism Sunday scheduled for Mother's Day, May 9!



### Certified Healthy Congregation

First Christian Church has once again earned recognition as a "Certified Healthy Congregation" from the Oklahoma State Department of Health. For the second year in a row, FCC earned the highest ranking of "Excellence."

Each year, FCC goes through an evaluation of the programs, activities and foods offered during events to assess if we are working toward consistently using our resources to help those in our congregation and community focus on improved health and wellness.

Some of the areas that we are able to highlight include the use of our building for activities like Girl Scouts, Campfire, Mother's Day Out, Lifeline Screenings and Red Cross Shelters. We also evaluate what "healthy" alternatives we use when offering meals for all ages. Sometimes this means consistently offering water instead of sugary drinks or offering fruit, salad, and low-sugar snacks at our events. Qualifying for this certification also includes our focus on mental and spiritual health as well. We are able to site the opportunities we offer for mental health and social experiences that improve overall well-being.

Thanks to all of our Board Members, Elders, Team Leaders, Staff and those in our congregation who work throughout the year to have helped us attain this certification!

Pentecost Sunday is May 23  
Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. We encourage you to wear red, yellow or orange to remind us of the fire of the Holy Spirit.



Hosted by Guthrie Ministerial Alliance

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Breakfast

Thursday, May 6 6:50 a.m. Community Church











# First Christian Church

402 E. Noble, Guthrie, OK 73044

# MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Repeating Sunday Events:</b> (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Kid's Worship for 5 yrs – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade every Sunday during worship **Kid's Worship Extra for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> graders on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	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>  <b>Isaiah 8-12</b> <b>Happy May Day!</b> <b>#FCCloveyourneighbor</b>
<b>2</b> <b>Isaiah 13-17</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Isaiah 18-22</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Isaiah 23-27</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>5</b> <b>Isaiah 28-30</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Isaiah 31-35</b> 6:50 a.m. – National Day of Prayer Breakfast @ Community Church 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>7</b> <b>Isaiah 36-41</b> Church Office Closed	<b>8</b> <b>Isaiah 42-44</b>
← <b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b> →						
<b>9</b> <b>Isaiah 45-48</b>  No Youth Meeting	<b>10</b> <b>Isaiah 49-53</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Isaiah 54-58</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 11:30 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>Isaiah 59-63</b> 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting	<b>13</b> <b>Isaiah 64-66</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>14</b> <b>Jeremiah 1-3</b> Church Office Closed	<b>15</b> <b>Jeremiah 4-6</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Jeremiah 7-9</b> <b>Graduation &amp; Promotion Sunday</b> 9:45 a.m. – Graduation Breakfast 11:40 a.m. – Lunch for 6 <sup>th</sup> graders 3 p.m. – Worship Team Meeting via Zoom	<b>17</b> <b>Jeremiah 10-13</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Jeremiah 14-17</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>19</b> <b>Jeremiah 18-22</b>  Baccalaureate at First Southern Baptist Church	<b>20</b> <b>Jeremiah 23-25</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out LAST DAY OF SPRING SESSION	<b>21</b> <b>Jeremiah 26-29</b> Church Office Closed  GHS Graduation	<b>22</b> <b>Jeremiah 30-31</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Jeremiah 32-34</b>  Wear Red, Orange or Yellow to celebrate Pentecost! 11:30 a.m. – Christian Ed Meeting 11:30 a.m. – Nominating Comm. Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>Jeremiah 35-37</b> 11 .m. – Staff Meeting Newsletter submission deadline	<b>25</b> <b>Jeremiah 38-41</b> Last Day of School for Guthrie No Mother's Day Out 5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts Newsletter mailed	<b>26</b> <b>Jeremiah 42-45</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Jeremiah 46-48</b> No Mother's Day Out	<b>28</b> <b>Jeremiah 49-50</b> Church Office Closed	<b>29</b> <b>Jeremiah 51-52</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Ezekiel 1-3</b> No Youth Meeting	<b>31</b> <b>Ezekiel 4-7</b>  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <i>Remember those who served</i> Church Office Closed					