

FCC Financial Update

Income Year-to-Date \$161,161
Expenses Year-to-Date \$167,648
Year to Date Net Loss (\$ 6,487)

Capital Campaign

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: \$90,542



LeRoy Barnes
1945-2021



Nadine Stowe
1932-2021



Catherine Turner
1938-2021

Save the Dates!

- Sept. 5 is Labor Day Sunday! We will be encouraging everyone to wear some type of FCC shirt or if you don't have an FCC Shirt, wear blue as we kick-off the school year in Guthrie. It will be a casual dress Sunday! Also exciting that day... Gene Owen will be bringing the message!
- Sept. 8 – Kidventure kick off! This program is for those ages 5 years old through 6th grade.
- Sept. 26 – We will host our Church Picnic! It will be at a new location, and still includes fishing, food and fun! Watch for detailed directions.
- Nov. 14 — Thankful Fest
- Nov. 21 — Advent Decorating (make plans to stay after worship and help us “Deck the Halls/Sanctuary.” There will be something for all ages to do!)
- Dec. 12 — Children’s Christmas Program and Tasting Party

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Celebration of Baptism

Congratulations to Landon Schlueter who made his Public Confession of Faith and was baptized on Sunday. Landon is the son of Sarah and Lee Schlueter, and has a younger sister Savannah. He is 12 years old and will be a 7th grader at Guthrie Junior High in the fall and has been active in our Kidventure program, Youth Group and volunteered at Vacation Bible School this past week. Landon enjoys playing football and is a Kansas City Chiefs fan. Welcome Landon! We are so proud of you!



August 15 will be a day you don't want to miss

We have a lot going on in August but no Sunday will be bigger than Aug. 15, when we have multiple activities and something for all ages!

We will begin the morning with “3rd Sunday Donuts” and open our Ministry Fair in the Reception Hall. The Ministry Fair will feature tables full of information about all the various ministries we have at First Christian Church. Everyone is invited to browse the tables and learn more about the church, as well as see if there's a spot to use your gifts and talents.

During worship we will invite all our students to come forward and share in our annual “Backpack Blessing” ceremony. This has become a favorite time for our students as we give them each a tag to hang on their backpack that includes an encouraging scripture and reminds them that we are praying for them throughout the year.

Also, during worship, we will invite all of those who work in education to come forward and receive a token of appreciation and allow us to pray over each of you. As a church, we know how important it is to get the school year off to a great start and we want to lift up all those who will be headed back to the classrooms, administrative offices and serving across the school system.

Last but not least, we will have a potluck dinner following worship in the Reception Hall across from the Sanctuary. The church will provide the main dish and drinks, while we invite everyone to bring side dishes or desserts. During the Potluck, everyone is invited to visit the Ministry Fair, which will be set up in the same room.

We look forward to an amazing Sunday and hope you will start making plans to be a part of it.

This Sunday, we look forward to Staci Carey sharing the message. She will be preaching on I Corinthians 9:24-27. It will be Week #2 of “The Games” with an Olympic theme. Join us online or in-person at 10:30 a.m.

VBS WRAP-UP

WOW! What a tremendous VBS we had! We had over 160 kids in our doors, with more than 50 adults and 20 plus youth helpers spreading the love and the Word of God. What fun we had last week! We also had:

- *2 directors, Kacie and Mekaila Carey, who worked tirelessly to plan and execute a great week
- *1 massive waterfall, a giant train and so many other transformative decorations dreamed up by our decorations mastermind, Michelle Gill
- *10 separate opening and closing music, skit, teaching, and entertainment sessions led by Staci Carey
- *45 different rotation stations led by our 13 station leaders
- *2 construction paper train wall murals crafted by volunteer decorators plus so many other decorations and posters throughout the building and sanctuary put up by volunteers
- *15 pizzas and 6 2-liters of sodas sponsored by the Gleaners Sunday School class for our volunteer meeting and decorating day the Sunday right before VBS week started
- *990 assorted bracelets for the kids, youth, and adults to take home and help remind the wearer of the daily bible points they learned
- *216 Cheese Sticks
- *200 shirts for sale for participants and kids
- *10 boxes of rice krispie treats
- *17 band aids passed out
- *232 donuts eaten
- *50 sonic drinks to show our appreciation for our volunteers
- *800 hands-on gizmos that went home with the kids to help teach each daily bible point in a science-y way
- *4 giant boxes of goldfish crackers
- *304 colorful name tag lanyards

...and so much more! It is clear that VBS is a big undertaking that requires the entire congregation's support, either with your tithes and offerings, with your time, or both! We could not have made this week happen without all of our amazing volunteers who showed up all week and the weeks before we kicked off ready to help however you could! Thank you to each of you and however you were able to show your support of this ministry!

We were also able to raise \$1,342.88 to donate to Guthrie Public Schools to help provide school supplies to students who are in need. Initially, each crew of kids was challenged to raise \$50 each but they totally blew that out of the water by donating that much plus more! The total donated by the kids was \$671.44!! And thanks to a generous matching donation by Dr. Dawn's Chiropractic, we are able to give \$1,342.88 to this service project!

Back to school is just around the corner! Back to School Sunday is Aug. 15 during our 10:30 morning worship service! All students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to the service so we can pray over the students, their backpacks, the educators, and our families for the upcoming school year. All students of any age are welcome to participate. They will receive a small gift to put on their backpacks to help them remember that God is always beside them throughout their school year. We will also say a special prayer for all of our educators and school administrations and receive a gift to show FCC's appreciation and support for each of them. We hope your family will be there with us as we prayerfully kick off the new school year.

VBS Celebration / Back-to-School night at the Drive-In will be Mon., Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Bring the ticket you received at VBS for your family to come join us for a hot dog dinner and "How To Train Your Dragon" showing at dusk. We'll meet in the grassy area right under the screen at 7:30 for dinner and fellowship together and then disperse to get comfortable in our spots to view the movie at dusk. If you did not receive a ticket at VBS, please stop by the church office to get one.



Huge Thank You to all of the youth who helped with VBS! Alex Allen, Zach Allen, Makenna Bench, Bella Benham, Clayton Carey, Kyndal Carey, Baylea Doll, Audrey Evers, Max Fields, Chloe Hood, Alex Gibson, Sedina Gibson, Taylor Mays, Tatium Morava, Abby Johnston, Jarrett McNulty, Korbin Northington, Addison Poupard, Lily Rechlin, Daelon Rice, Hallie Ross, Taylor Schroder, Colten Stevens, Keegan Simpson.

Our "Let the Games Begin" series kicks off with a Glow Swim pool party on Fri., Aug. 6 at 8 p.m. Let Staci know if you need a ride (405)831-5509.

Check out our Facebook page to see how the Mission trip went!

Keeping Up With Karen



A huge thanks to everyone who was a part of making Vacation Bible School a success last week! It takes so many months of planning and preparation. This particular VBS was two years in the making as we postponed last year's due to the pandemic. I think missing a year made it all the more exciting for our students and volunteers. We certainly had great attendance and the joy from families who regularly attend as well as those who are new was so great to see.

It's hard to believe we have hit the end of July and are only a few weeks away from school starting again. I kind of feel like our family has just hit their stride with summer! I wonder if others are feeling the same?

Coming up in August

As we look at August, one of the things that I'm most excited about is our Leadership Training Retreat on Saturday, Aug. 14. This training involves our team leaders, board members, elders and staff. It's a fun time to look ahead to what we want to accomplish as a congregation in the next year. One of our main focuses will be continuing to work toward our Strategic Leadership Team goals and narrowing our focus in on "Hospitality." We hope to share with the congregation different ways we can invite others as well as improve the "guest experience" when they attend.

Entryway Revamp

Speaking of improving... we have exciting things happening in our Sanctuary! We have had a team of people helping vision new color schemes, flooring, bathroom revamps and so much more. This week, we will be getting the hallways, entryway and bathrooms repainted. Next week, we are hoping to have new flooring put down in those same areas. The following week, we will be upgrading the countertops in the sanctuary bathrooms as well as the mirrors and cabinets. We will be decluttering the entryway to make it more "open" for visiting and to help everyone find information more easily. Part of this process will also include moving our "welcome center" to a more "welcoming space" at the north end of the entryway. We will also be adding signage to help people navigate the space, including signage for nursery, bathrooms, choir room, balcony, etc.

We hope that everyone will be patient as we move through this process and look forward to a brighter, cleaner, more welcoming area in one of the heaviest traffic areas of our building.

You may be wondering where the funding for this project has come from, and you are right to ask! We have been able to use funds from our Memorial donations as well as proceeds from investments to help fund these improvements. Also, we have some "sweat equity" opportunities as we go, such as this past Sunday when we removed all the entryway items to allow the painters to begin ASAP. There will be other opportunities as we move through the process to help out, and help save us some money, so we will keep everyone informed of how to be involved. As always, we can always use donations to the funds that we are utilizing to ensure that we continue to have facilities that can serve our community and all those who worship with us.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask any of the ministry staff. We'd love to visit with you about how you can be involved in improving our facilities and ministries so that we can always "Share Christ and Grow in Faith."

Kid's Worship Extra!

Hey Kids! Staci and I can't wait to get back in the groove of meeting with you! I know we've had a wonky Summer and haven't met much with Summer Cinema and VBS but we look forward to getting back on track with our 2nd and 4th Sunday routine. We'll see all of our 3rd-6th graders beginning Aug. 8!

Have a great week!

Karen

Prayer Requests

Hospitalized at this time: Baby Laurel North

We pray for our church family: Velma Johnson, Kim Crick, Sherry Canning, Gerald Whitfield, Dennis Lynch, Ruth Underwood, Denise Shoun, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Lawrence Coburn, Basil Belveal, Larry Stinchcomb, Joan Dreessen

We pray for our friends and family members: Michelle Minich, Anita Rosenthal, Odell Deville, Danny Stowe, Rick Sanders, Mark Prather, Eugene Barron, Stanley Lear, Melton Lewis, Bradley Wilson, Jeanne Foster, Linda Lucas, Joyce Brandes, Jim Carter, Jesse Wehrenberg, Kevin Young, Don Coffin, Mary Coffin, Sherry Marshall, Linda Hicks, Pauline Beldin, Lee Pearce, Steve Ochs, Jerry Resch, Jay Beuchaw, Hazel Carroll, Carol Garcia, Wes Weir, Anna Simmons, Oliver Wolfington, Scott Quick, Kimberly, Treva Seals, Joan Faye Meacham, Harold Hembree, Darrin Robb, Wes Black, 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, Braxton Canning

SHOUT OUTS

We've had some people sharing their gifts and talents this past month and we wanted to take a moment to give them a shout-out! Thanks to...

- **Sam Porter** for installing our new water fountain in the sanctuary hallway. It took a lot of plumbing rework and wall repair but he got it done and it looks great!
- **Ron Fields, Ron Wilder, Tommy Johnston, John Allen and Alex Allen** for helping install a new water heater in the boiler room, to provide hot water to our education wing.
- **Janie Carey** for redoing our sanctuary flower beds on the north and south sides. Also, thanks to **Alex Allen** for helping remove dead shrubs and helping with mulch in those areas.
- **Janie Carey, Tommy and Sharon Johnston, Pam Williams, Peggy Momsen, Jane Stewart and Abby Johnston** for helping serve the Bereavement dinner for the Barnes' family.
- **LaHonda Ball, Sharon Johnston, Becky Wilkerson, Sherry Canning, LaMoyné Hardin, Sharyl Padgett, Peggy Momsen, Judy Coburn, Janie Carey, Elise Elise and Jane Stewart** for providing salads, vegetables and desserts for the Bereavement dinner.
- To **everyone** who helped decorate and undecorate from VBS! So many jumped in to help and we appreciate each and every one of you!
- To all **our volunteers** who helped make VBS a huge success – there were more than 70 of you!
- To the **Gleaner's Sunday School** class for providing lunch for our VBS crew while they decorated.
- To **everyone** who helped move and take down all the entryway items in preparation for painting this week!
- **Derek Shoun** for helping install a new thermostat, so we would have air conditioning for VBS!

Hot Water Tank Replacement



Fresh Flowers & Mulch

Thank you Janie Carey!



Celebrate

August Birthdays!

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 – Jessica McLain | 12 – George Hopkins | 24 – Nikolas Pena |
| 2 – Staci Carey | 14 – Pam Williams | Terri Graybeal |
| Braylon Blakemore | 15 – Ashley Beeson | 26 – Trish Coker |
| 3 – Katy Anderson | Cherokee Rice | Minda Ciardi |
| Rick Savory | Les Welch | 27 – John Allen |
| 4 – Todd Wilder | 16 – John Shore | Max Fields |
| Chase Ketch | Brandon Parker | 28 – Ginger Simpson |
| 5 – Sherri McCollough | 17 – Carolyn Chappell | Katherine Stinchcomb |
| Wilma Rogers | 19 – Griffin Ball | Anita Riddle |
| 7 – Jerry Rucker | 20 – Chris Schroder | Bill McLain |
| 8 – Neil Scheihing | Chris Ciardi | 29 – Gracie Ball |
| Candy Staring | 21 – Anna Stevens | Stan Wiczorek |
| 9 – Henry Cotton | Craig Benham | Emmett Hardin |
| 11 – Codi Canning | 22 – Bonnie Reynolds | 30 – David Ball |
| | | Justin Stevens |
| | | 31 – Matthew Yancey |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 2 – Rick & Susan Savory | 15 – George & Joan Dreessen |
| 6 – Kevin & Alicia Carey | 26 – Greg & Elise Friese |
| 9 – Ronnie & Shana Fields | Barry & Wendy Anderson |
| 11 – Carl & Diane Biggs | 29 – Keith & Deannie Young |
| 12 – Bobby & Susan Davison | 30 – Herb & Sheryl Reeve |

Connections Team Meeting

Connections Team will be meeting this Wednesday, July 28 at Jana Frey's house beginning at 6 p.m. We will be discussing the upcoming events for our team which include Backpack Blessings, Team Ministry Fair, and an after church potluck which will all take place on Aug. 15! Be thinking of what you would like to bring for the potluck that day! We would love to have you come join our team as we have some exciting new things coming up! Feel free to call me at 405-615-7764 or call the church office and they can get you in touch with me! -Jana Frey, Connections Team Leader



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AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Proverbs 19-21 Staci Carey preaching	2 Proverbs 22-23	3 Proverbs 24-26 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	4 Proverbs 27-29	5 Proverbs 30-31 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	6 Job 1-5 8 p.m. – Youth “Glow” Swim Party @ Carey’s	7 Job 6-9 1 p.m. – Parlor booked for private event
8 Job 10-13 6 p.m. – 1 st floor classroom booked for private event	9 Job 14-16	10 Job 17-20 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out	11 Job 21-23 5 p.m. - Youth Service Project 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting	12 Job 24-28 8:30 a.m. – Last Day of Mother’s Day Out Summer Session	13 Job 29-31	14 Job 32-34 9 a.m. – Leadership Training for FCC Board & Staff 1 p.m. – Fellowship Hall booked for private event
15 Job 35-37 DONUT SUNDAY Ministry Fair Education Recognition Backpack Blessings Potluck following Worship 4:30 p.m. – GMA Picnic	16 Job 38-39  7:30 p.m. – VBS/Back-to-School Drive-In Night @ Beacon Drive-In	17 Job 40-42 No Mother’s Day Out	18 Solomon 1-8	19 Ruth 1-4 No Mother’s Day Out Back to School For Guthrie Public Schools 	20 Lamentations 1-3:36	21 Lamentations 3:37-5:22
22 Ecclesiastes 1-4 11:45 a.m. – Youth Birthday Lunch 	23 Ecclesiastes 5-8 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting Noon – Newsletter Deadline	24 Ecclesiastes 9-12 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out Newsletter Published	25 Esther 1-3  FCC Praise Night	26 Esther 4-6 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out 5:30 p.m. – “Feed the Bluejays” Football Dinner 	27 Esther 7-10	28 Daniel 1-2
29 Daniel 3-4 11:45 a.m. – Worship Team Meeting 5 p.m. - Youth Meeting	30 Daniel 5-6	31 Daniel 7-8 8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out		Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Kid’s Worship for 5 yrs – 2 nd grade every Sunday during worship **Kid’s Worship Extra for 3 rd -6 th graders on the 2 nd & 4 th 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 Kendra: kendragmnew@gmail.com Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com	