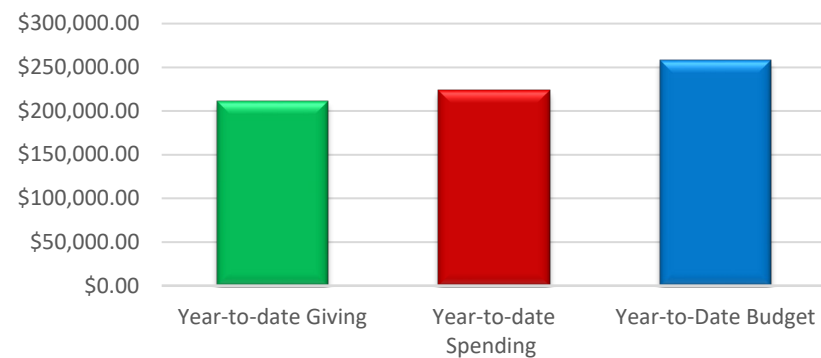


## FCC Financial Update



## 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:**

**\$92,592**

9/26 Worship Attendance: 101 Average Attendance for September: 110



Be a part of this year's Advent Devotional! Beginning Oct. 1 we are collecting stories of your favorite "Christmas Season Traditions." These can be things you do with your family, at church, neighborhood, workplace, school or by yourself. We will be making a collection of these to put together an Advent Daily Devotional. These will be quick reads with a scripture and prayer attached. We will publish a hardcopy, post these to our Facebook page and distribute through e-mail. All submissions are due by Nov. 14.

You are welcome to write out your own story or answer these questions and we will compile it for you. We will add the scripture and prayer unless you have a favorite one you'd like to include.

- \* My favorite Christmas Tradition is...
- \* Who all is included in this tradition?
- \* What makes it special for you?
- \* What is your favorite Christmas carol?
- \* When does this tradition normally take place?
- \* How long have you been doing this?
- \* Do you have a favorite scripture or prayer you'd like to include?

Include your name and phone/email (in case we have questions) and send your responses to [karenkallen@cox.net](mailto:karenkallen@cox.net) or mail them to FCC, 402 E. Noble Ave., Guthrie, OK 73044.

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## Notes from Pastor Ronnie



Hopefully by now you have seen or heard about the exciting entryway remodel. If you haven't seen it yet, it looks amazing! On a shoestring budget with money from the Memorial Fund and generous donations, we put in new floor, cabinets, countertops, lighting and painted the entry, halls, and bathrooms.

The vision of the entry from discussions with the Strategic Leadership Team and the leadership of the church was to make the entry more welcoming and inviting. And that starts with updating 30 year old areas. They also wanted a homelike feel. This means we will not be permanently mounting any furniture to the walls. We want to maintain the flexibility for the future needs of our church.

We are still working on final touches such as directional signage, a free-standing coat rack and wall decorations. A few people have asked about the return of the attendance sign. Attendance is important and I monitor it weekly as well. So, for those of you who like to keep track we will be placing that information in the weekly newsletter.

Speaking of attendance, for those who have been gone awhile, I just want you to know you are missed. We hope to see you soon! There are some things coming up that I hope you will support with your attendance. And to those who have been attending, I enjoy seeing you each week!

And to you all, thank you for making the future of FCC a priority!



World Communion Sunday is this week and we will celebrate during our worship service by having communion at the end of the service. Typically, when we come forward to participate in communion we dip the bread in the cup, but in order to be as safe as possible we will have cubed bread and individual communion cups. During this portion of the service, we hope you will enjoy hearing the "words of institution" spoken in different languages. The sanctuary has also been decorated with flags from different countries, and we look forward to this Sunday that highlights our oneness in Christ.

## Thank You!

Thank you to Alex Allen for creating the lemon trees we enjoyed in worship during Summer and to Patsy Crick who created and donated the beautiful Fall arrangements we are now enjoying! You contributions are appreciated!

*Debbie Hubbard, Worship Team Leader*



# Keeping Up With Karen



## Kid's Worship

**Need to Know:** I Can Wonder About God      **Bible Story:** Moses and Elijah  
**Bible Reference:** Exodus 33:18-20; 1 Kings 19; Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:20

On Sunday in Kid's Worship, we continued our unit lesson about big questions we have about the Bible and about God. We talked more about Elijah and how he wondered about God. We read our Bible story about Elijah and discovered things we know about God from that story. Any time we wonder about God, we can try to find the answer in His word, the Bible!

**This week:** When was the last time you let your mind wander and wonder about God? It can take some practice. Try it this week with your family. Set a timer on your phone for five minutes to think about God's voice. What does it sound like?

**Pray with your family:** Hey God, thank you for showing us more about who You are today. We know there are things about You that are too wonderful for us to understand. Help us to look for You in all that You have made and to listen for Your gentle, soft voice. We love You! Amen!

## Kidventure

The kids are doing great with their memory verse challenge! Just 3 more weeks to be studying their verses to say them and earn their prize! Encourage your kids to be studying! Last week's verse was: "I have been remarkably and wondrously made." Psalm 139:14

## Children's Sunday

Mark your calendars, Children's Sunday is on November 14 this year! This is an extra special service when the kids get to take on the majority of the worship service by leading us in our worship songs, being ushers and greeters, praying, leading communion, taking on children's sermon and so much more! During our Kid's Worship and Kid's Worship Extra time, we will be starting to talk about what roles the kids would like to help with for this special time. We will also be reaching out to parents to see what kids are interested in participating! If this is something you know your child would like to participate in, please email Natalie at [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com)

## Christmas Program

It's hard to believe we are already starting to think about wrapping up Kidventure and beginning to move on to planning this year's Christmas program! We still have plenty of fun left in Kidventure but as soon as we wrap up our fall session of KV on October 13, that next week (Wednesday Oct. 20) we'll transition to Christmas Program Practices during our Wednesday after-school time together. Practices will start on October 20 and the big show is Sunday, December 5! Any child who is 5 years old through 6th grade can be in the Christmas program. Wednesday practices are open to any kids who will be in the show on December 5. If your child wants to be in the show, please email [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com) to sign up! Our Program directors, Shana Bench and Staci Carey, have another fabulous performance in the works!



## YOUTH NEWS

Youth Nights are back at 5 p.m. each Sunday. We've been able to spend some time getting re-connected after summer break. Our scripture focus has been Hebrews 10:24-25 as we Gather, Grow, Give & Go. We will have an opportunity to support a worthy cause and enjoy ourselves in the process as we attend Frontier City's Make Promises Happen Day - Oct 10. The cost is \$25 (includes ticket & lunch) due to Staci or the church office by this Sunday. We will leave from FCC around 11:45 am and be back to FCC at 7 pm. There will be no Youth Nights on Oct 10. Don't be afraid to join us in October!

Although it's the end of September, we are already gearing up for a few Fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas activities. Several of our teams are busy making plans for "what's next" at FCC as we approach the end of the year. Here are a few details about things you won't want to miss:

- **Snack Chat!** It begins this Wednesday (Sept. 29) at 5 p.m. I am so excited about this idea that came out of the Christian Outreach Team. We have a lot of families that come to Kidventure who don't have a church home and only come for that activity. In order to try to connect more with these families, we will be having a free dinner that is open to everyone. We'd love to have people come and eat to enjoy this mealtime with our Kidventure families. It is a come-and-go dinner (no program) and there will be to-go containers for those who have family members that may get off work late. We don't want anyone to have to go home and cook! The menu includes spaghetti, green beans, bread and dessert.

- **"Christmas Season Traditions" Advent Devotional** — In October, we will begin collecting stories that highlight your favorite part of the advent season. This can be a tradition you have carried on through the years with your family, a tradition of the past that you shared in growing up or something you're just beginning. We have a form you can fill out online on our website at [www.fccguthrie.org](http://www.fccguthrie.org) or forms are available in the Sanctuary entryway. We will use each tradition to fill a day in our Advent Devotion book, which will also include a "scripture and prayer of the day" and favorite Christmas song. These devotions will be available in hardcopy and online beginning Nov. 28 and throughout the Advent Season. Deadline for submissions is Nov. 14. This project is sponsored by our Christian Education Team.

- Sunday, Oct. 10 is the kickoff for our **Stewardship Campaign**. This year's theme is "What is Yours to do in 2022?" We look forward to sharing this campaign theme and will be sending out info on how you can participate in the next couple weeks. As a church family, we have seen some gaps in our giving in the past year and find ourselves behind by about \$12,000 YTD. As a staff and leadership team we are prayerfully considering what our budget will look like in 2022 as we work to be responsible stewards of all that God has given us to do in ministry. The wrap-up of our campaign will be on Nov. 14 with a pre-worship breakfast! We look forward to what our Stewardship Team has in store as we carry out this year's theme.

- Oct. 17 will be an exciting Sunday as **Tanner Ball** will share the message about his experiences traveling to the Holy Land earlier this year. He will share photos and a powerful testimony about all he saw and experienced. Also, that Sunday we will be pepping up our normal **"Donut Sunday"** and adding in a special treat — **"Sausage Gravy and Biscuits!"** The Connections Team thought this would be a good Fall Break treat and hopes you will come at 10 a.m. to enjoy this fellowship time.

- On Oct. 31 — **"Lunch with our Bunch"** is back! This is a time for our new families to learn more about the church and spend some time visiting with our church staff, elders and leadership team. If you have been inviting guests, please mark this date on your calendar and invite them to lunch and plan to stay and eat with them. The menu is "Taco Pile Up!"

- Tracking a little bit into November – get ready for our next **Thankful Fest** on Nov. 14. This event is in its third year and we are looking forward to gathering around firepits, playing parking lot games and enjoying some "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" Snacks. This year, we will be putting together a banner that shares what we are thankful for and displaying it on the church lawn following the event. Be thinking about your blessings in the next few weeks and help us share those on our banner!

- Also on Nov. 14 we will have **Children's Sunday**. This Sunday is a special time where our children lead the entire worship service. We will be practicing in Kids Worship and Kids Worship Extra!

We have so many exciting things going on and hope you will be a part of all of them!

*Karen*



# Prayer Requests

**Our love & sympathy go out to:** Pat Ball and family in the death of her sister, Donna Rank

**Preparing for surgery:** Gary Weeks (9/28), Deanna Case (10/11)

**We pray for our church family:** Marilee Camerer, Sarah Anderson, Donna Wheatley, Linda Griffin, Sarah Schlueter, Ruth Underwood, Clara Ketch, Velma Johnson, Kim Crick, Sherry Canning, Gerald Whitfield, Dennis Lynch, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreessen

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Donna Rank, Curt Trindle, Christy Paul, Melissa Lee, Jerri Brownlee, Jason Alexander, Francine Santillanes-Lopez, Trish Worster, Mick Leir, Bill Liddke, Willie White, Bob Bennett, Jeannie Foster, Michelle Minnich, Rick Sanders, Mark Prather, Melton Lewis, Bradley Wilson, Linda Lucas, Joyce Brandes, Jim Carter, Jesse Wehrenberg, Don Coffin, Sherry Marshall, Linda Hicks, Lee Pearce, Steve Ochs, Jerry Resch, Jay Beuchaw, Carol Garcia, Wes Weir, Anna Simmons, Scott Quick, Kimberly, Treva Seals, Joan Faye Meacham, 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:** Court, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning

## Christmas Stockings

It's that time of year again! Christmas Stocking collections are underway. Each year we fill 200-plus stockings for children in the Guthrie Public Schools with a few basic necessities and a toy. Each month leading up to the distribution, we collect an item that will help fill the stockings!

The schedule for this year's collections is:

- September – Socks
- October – Deodorant and Body Soap/Shampoo
- November – Hats and Gloves

You can bring the items to church on Sunday mornings and place in the Christmas collection box or you can drop them by the church office during the week between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. (Monday-Thursday).

The third-week of November will we have "stocking adoption" Sunday, where you can select a child(ren) by grade level and shop for a toy for them. All stocking items will be due, Sun., Dec. 5. If you have questions, contact Stacey Johnston (405-637-5190) or Krista Smith (405-315-9067).



# Celebrate!

## October Birthdays!

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|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Linda Rice         | 10 – Terri McNulty      | 20 – Carson McNulty    |
| Katelyn Hinkle         | 11 – Sherry Canning     | 21 – Sadie Porter      |
| Faeron Dewart          | Taryn Ward              | 22 – Melvin Scheihing  |
| 2 – Logan Reynolds     | 12 – Ron Wrede          | Makenna Bench          |
| 3 – Kamden Redman      | 13 – Joe Epperson       | 23 – Phyllis Willbanks |
| 4 – Kylie McLain       | 14 – Scott Turner       | 24 – Velma Cox         |
| Tristan Harrison       | Janet Kelley            | Joan Dreessen          |
| 6 – Cynthia Cunningham | Michelle Hamm           | 25 – Barbara Wilder    |
| Alicia Carey           | 15 – Audrey Evers       | 26 – Traci Hayes       |
| 7 – Mark Thompson      | Caleb Canning           | 28 – Boyd Rice         |
| Christie Fincher       | 16 – Ada Belle Elder    | Tara Hood              |
| Brendan Hanna          | Carrol Porter           | 29 – Judy Scheihing    |
| 8 – Maisyn Beeson      | Jed Redman              | Chase Doles            |
| Aiden Hardin           | 17 – Lofton Walker      | 30 – Dave Williams     |
| Lilly Ciardi           | 18 – Colten Stevens     | 31 – Danise Johnston   |
|                        | 19 – Anita Plummer-Owen | Shirley Waner          |

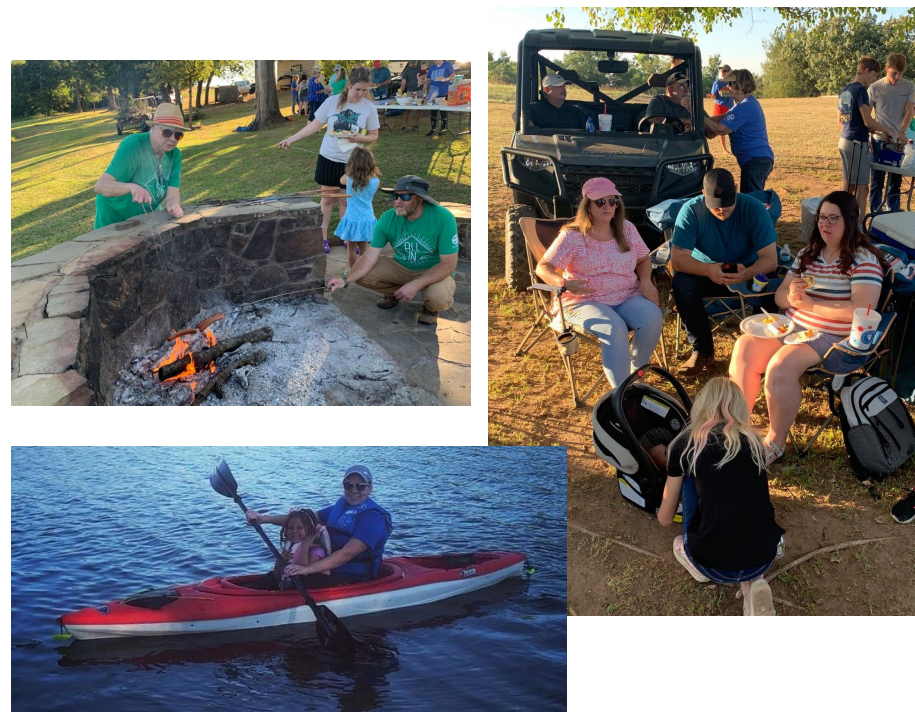
## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 1 – Rhys & Dianne Williams    | 11 – Charles & Rita Stowe  |
| 2 – Alan & Michelle Schroeder | 16 – Brandon & Pam Henning |
| 4 – John & Debi Shore         | 20 – James & Staci Carey   |
| 5 – Darl & Carol Doles        |                            |

## News from the pews - Connections Style!

Thank you to everyone who attended the FCC Annual Church Picnic! I think everyone had a great time! A special thank you to Deanna Davenport for making arrangements for us to be able to use this beautiful place!

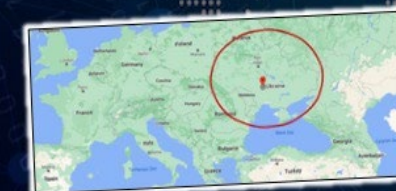
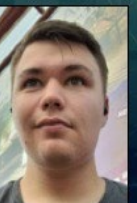
Mark your calendars for October 17th! This is a normal 3rd Sunday Donut Day but we are having a Fall Break Special and will be adding biscuits and gravy to the menu for that day! Please make plans to join us!



**Sunday's Special Outreach Offering**  
We collected \$129.70 on Sunday to donate to Leighton's mission work in Ukraine!

### "Change the World" Sunday

On the last Sunday of each month we are focusing on "World Outreach." Any loose change or bills in the offering will go to support Missionary Leighton Schlabach, who is serving in Ukraine



If you are worshipping online you can give a designated gift online at [www.fccguthrie.org](http://www.fccguthrie.org)  
– Give online and choose:  
Special Offering – World Outreach!





# First Christian Church

402 E. Noble, Guthrie, OK 73044

# OCTOBER 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 4 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 Kendra: kendragmcnew@gmail.com Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com						1 <span style="float: right;">2 Chronicles 22-24</span>		2 <span style="float: right;">2 Chronicles 25-27</span>			
<b>3</b> <span style="float: right;">2 Chronicles 28-29</span>  5 p.m. – Youth Meeting		<b>4</b> <span style="float: right;">2 Chronicles 30-32</span>  6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer		<b>5</b> <span style="float: right;">2 Chronicles 33-34</span>  8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out  6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer 7 p.m. – Adult Bible Study		<b>6</b> <span style="float: right;">2 Chronicles 35-36</span>  3:30 p.m. 		<b>7</b> <span style="float: right;">James 1-5</span>  8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out		<b>8</b> <span style="float: right;">Galatians 1-3</span> Class of 1970 using Fellowship Hall 		<b>9</b> <span style="float: right;">Galatians 4-6</span>	
<b>10</b> <span style="float: right;">1 Thess. 1-5</span> Stewardship Campaign Kick-off  11:45 a.m. – Youth to Frontier City		<b>11</b> <span style="float: right;">2 Thess. 1-3</span>  6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer		<b>12</b> <span style="float: right;">1 Cor. 1-4</span>  8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out  5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting 6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer 7 p.m. – Adult Bible Study		<b>13</b> <span style="float: right;">1 Cor. 5-8</span>  3:30 p.m. 		<b>14</b> <span style="float: right;">1 Cor. 9-11</span>  No Mother's Day Out  Fall Break for Guthrie Public Schools		<b>15</b> <span style="float: right;">1 Cor. 12-14</span>  Guthrie FFA using downstairs kitchen		<b>16</b> <span style="float: right;">1 Cor. 15-16</span>	
<b>17</b> <span style="float: right;">2 Cor. 1-4</span>  10 a.m. - "Fall Break Special" – Donuts, Biscuits & Gravy, Coffee, etc  5 p.m. – Youth Meeting		<b>18</b> <span style="float: right;">2 Cor. 5-9</span>  6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer		<b>19</b> <span style="float: right;">2 Cor. 10-13</span>  8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out  6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer 7 p.m. – Adult Bible Study		<b>20</b> <span style="float: right;">Romans 1-3</span>  3:30 p.m. – Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal  6 p.m. – Dinner Group @ Johnston's		<b>21</b> <span style="float: right;">Romans 4-7</span>  8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out		<b>22</b> <span style="float: right;">Romans 8-10</span>		<b>23</b> <span style="float: right;">Romans 11-13</span>	
<b>24</b> <span style="float: right;">Romans 14-16</span> 11:45 a.m. – Christian Ed & Worship Team Meetings 5 p.m. – Youth Meeting		<b>25</b> <span style="float: right;">Matthew 1-4</span> Newsletter articles due to church office by NOON		<b>26</b> <span style="float: right;">Matthew 5-7</span> Newsletter Mailed 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out  5:30 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting 6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer 7 p.m. – Adult Bible Study		<b>27</b> <span style="float: right;">Matthew 8-9</span>  3:30 p.m. – Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal  5 p.m. – Snack Chat Dinner		<b>28</b> <span style="float: right;">Matthew 10-12</span>  8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out		<b>29</b> <span style="float: right;">Matthew 13-14</span>		<b>30</b> <span style="float: right;">Matthew 15-17</span>	
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**Notes:**