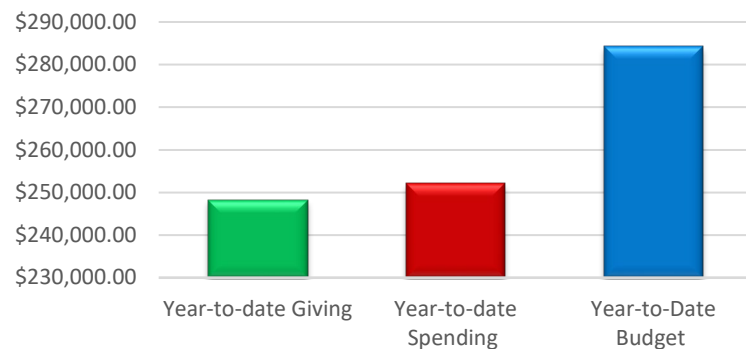


## FCC Financial Update



## 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:

**\$97,611**

10/24 Worship Attendance: 135 Average Attendance for October: 117



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

Hello Church! This Sunday after worship we are having "Lunch with our Bunch." This is an event primarily designed for people new to our church. We will share about who we are as church, where we are going, ways to plug in, and answer questions. We will take a tour of the church as well. For those of us who have been around, this is a great opportunity to meet and get to know those who are new to the church. A taco pile-up lunch will be available to all who attend.

## Save the Date!

Chi Rho Camp (completed 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades) – June 6-10  
Discovery Camp (completed 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades) – June 17-19  
Junior Camp (completed 4-5<sup>th</sup> grades) – June 20-24  
CYF Conference (completed 9-12<sup>th</sup> grades) – June 20-24  
Mission:Guthrie (Mission Camp for all Jr. High & High School Youth) – July 11-15  
Vacation Bible School – June 13 - 16

## STAFF THANK YOU

The church staff had a great lunch at Senor Lopez on Monday. Those who couldn't make it enjoyed their gift cards to catch a meal at a later time. We appreciate the congregation thinking of all of us for Ministry Appreciation Month.

— FCC Staff

## Connecting with our church family!

Thank you to all who came to our "Fall Break Special" breakfast! It was a huge success! Please make sure to mark your calendars for some fun, upcoming events:

\*\*Sunday, November 14 is Thankful Fest in the FCC parking lot from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

\*\*Wednesday, November 17 is Turkey Bingo with a potluck beginning at 6 p.m.! The Connections Team will be providing the main dish and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. This is always a fun time! We will have lots of prizes to giveaway as well as turkeys and hams! We hope to see you there!

## THANK YOU!

I would like to thank Becky Wilkerson and Barbara Ketch for providing meals for me after I got home from rehab. Hannah and I greatly appreciated the hot meals. I would also like to thank Karen for the visit & treat while in rehab. I want to thank everyone for all the prayers & texts while I was in the hospital and rehab. You all kept me lifted up and gave me the strength I needed. I continue to get better every day.

Love and Gods blessings

Phyliss Stroup



A few weeks ago, Ronnie posed the question during a sermon “What is yours to do?” He was framing the question around how many things we worry about or stress about that aren’t really things we can affect or aren’t things we should even care about. Since then, that phrase has stuck with me as I go through my day. It is so easy to get caught up in things that aren’t your gift and talents or to be in conversation about things that aren’t yours to change or worry about, or even better those conversations that tear others down.

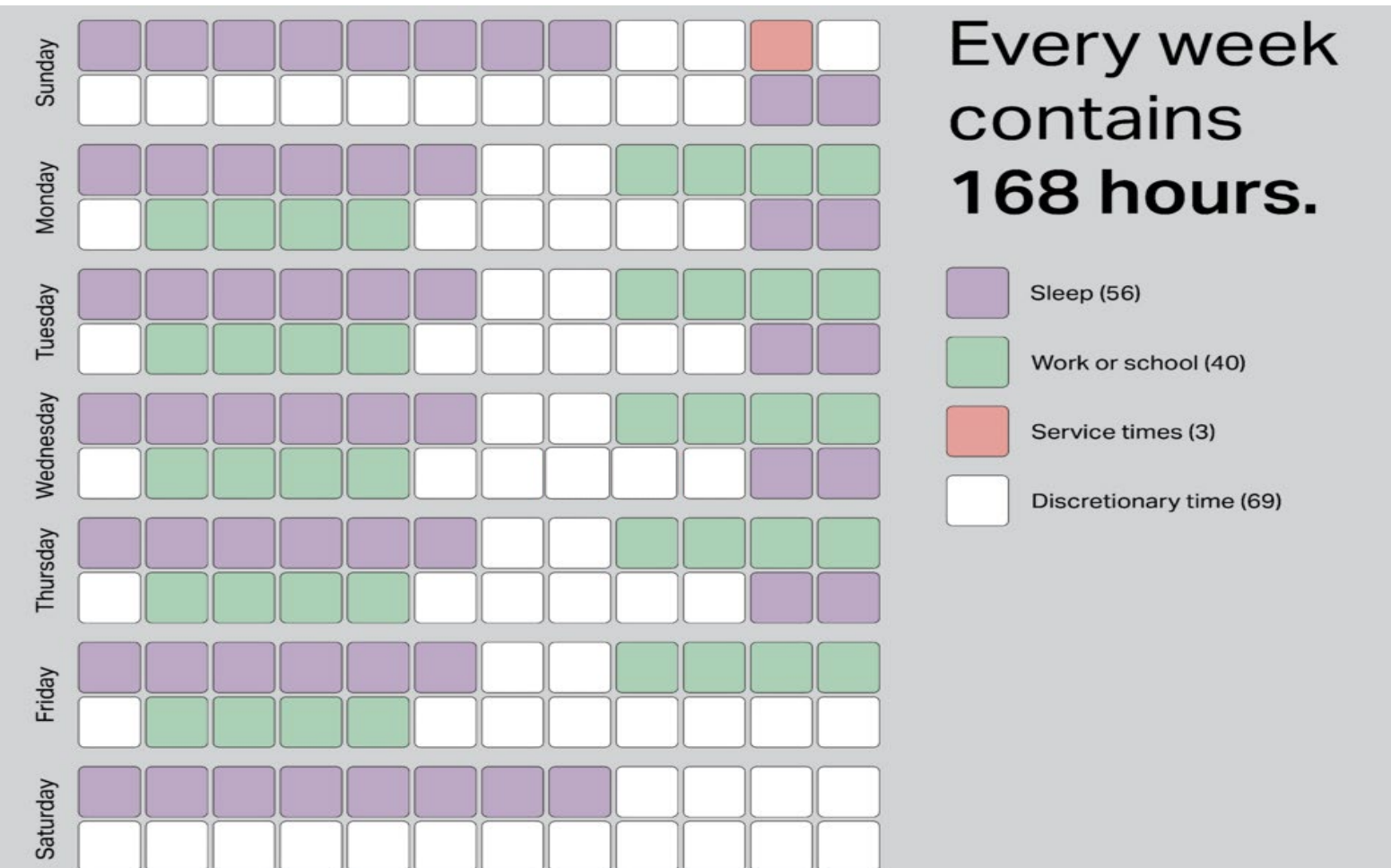
As a church we are in the midst of our Stewardship Campaign. If you aren’t sure what that means, it simply means highlighting a time of focus on our giving – including financial and using our gifts and talents. We take this time each year to share about the ministries of the church as well as the financial picture for the next year.

When we created our Mission Statement — “Sharing Christ and Growing in Faith,” it became a measuring stick for all that we do as First Christian Church of Guthrie. It is easy to get distracted from that mission. It is easy to want to be a church family that meets just to have fun experiences or to be complacent in our ministry. However, we are constantly asking ourselves how can we do better at sharing Christ with those outside our walls and having radical hospitality. Likewise, we are also challenged to grow in our faith through study, acts of service and building up the body of Christ.

Recently, I saw a graphic on Facebook that really made an impact on how I see my days. It demonstrated the hours you have each day and how those may typically be distributed. It highlighted the time spent sleeping, work/school, in worship and “discretionary.” I have attached the graphic to today’s article and hope you will take time to think about it. After seeing it I am more conscious of how many hours I have to do whatever it is God is asking me to do. I am more conscious of the hours I have for personal growth through Bible Study. I am more aware of time I should be resting and rejuvenating.

I hope you will take time during this “season” to reflect on how you are intentionally “Sharing Christ and Growing in Faith” and “What is yours to do in 2022?”

## Karen



Every week contains 168 hours.

- Sleep (56)
- Work or school (40)
- Service times (3)
- Discretionary time (69)

## Kid's Worship

**Need to Know:** I Can Wonder About the Holy Spirit

**Bible Story:** The Holy Spirit

**Bible Reference:** John 14:15-27, 16:7, 16:12-15, Galatians 5:22-23

On Sunday in Kid's Worship, we continued talking about things we wonder about in life. We watched a fun science-themed video that taught us more about the Holy Spirit and how we can say "wow" to the things God does. We learned that God sent a helper called the Holy Spirit after Jesus left the earth to help us know and remember how to live like Jesus. We talked about that feeling we get sometimes when we know we've done something wrong and how it's important to listen to that feeling. That feeling can be the Holy Spirit nudging us in the right direction!

**This week:** Ask your kids one question they have about the Holy Spirit. Try to answer their question or remind them that there are 3 ways we can always go look for an answer about faith: talk to God, look in the Bible, or ask an adult.

**Pray with your family:** Hey God! Thank you so much for giving us your Holy Spirit to be our helper and our friend forever. I pray that everyone will decide to follow Your Son, Jesus, so that they can see how powerful and helpful your Holy Spirit really is. Please grow all the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. We love You! Amen!

## Thanksgiving Break Fun!

**3rd-6th grader event Tuesday, Nov. 23 from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.:** The 3rd - 6th graders are invited to come play at the church for the afternoon! We will have a pizza lunch together, play GaGa ball, Crossnet, and maybe even a few rounds of sardines! The cost for this is \$5; please RSVP and pay by Sunday, Nov. 21! We need one adult volunteer to help supervise this event, so if you are available to come hang out with these fun kids, please let Ms. Natalie know at nahardin@gmail.com!

# YOUTH NEWS

### November notes:

Youth group meets after Worship on Sunday's until 1 p.m. except on the first Sunday of the month when we meet before Worship at Braums (9:30 am)

Download a couple of Apps to stay connected: YouVersion Bible app & Remind. We use these for devotionals, remind texts and group chatting

Check us out on Social Media: Public pages = fccyouth\_Guthrie on Instagram & fccyouth-Guthrie on Facebook. Also on our private Facebook group = fccYOUth.

Mark these “extra” activities to get together: 11/10 Wednesday, 6-7pm at Taco Mayo for Fall-ing for Birthday’s. Free food for Sept, Oct & Nov birthday’s, \$5 for everyone else; 11/12 Friday after school until 5 p.m. – PRE-GAME before the GHS football game (pending playoff schedule). Food & fun for all students; 11/17 Wednesday at 6 p.m. – Turkey BINGO for all ages. Free food & BINGO prizes.

SAVE THE DATE: Angel Tree = Sun, Dec 12

MISSION:GUTHRIE = July 11-15, 2022!!



# Prayer Requests

**Our love & sympathy go out to:** Rita Stowe and family in the death of her sister-in-law, Sue Harmon

**Preparing for surgery:** Dennis Lynch

**We pray for our church family:** Sarah Anderson, Deanna Case, Kim Crick, Carl Biggs, Reuger Helm, Gary Weeks, Marilee Camerer, Sarah Schlueter, Sherry Canning, Gerald Whitfield, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreessen

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Bill Coburn, Karen Wallis, Jay Louton, Bill Tooley, James Wallis, Sandy Smith, Becky Baggerly, Renee Riebe, Trish Worster, Valerie Cotton, David Wolek, Jerri Brownlee, Francine Santillanes-Lopez, Mick Leir, Bill Liddke, Willie White, Bob Bennett, Jeannie Foster, Michelle Minnich, Rick Sanders, Mark Prather, Melton Lewis, Bradley Wilson, Joyce Brandes, 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, Wes Black, Brenda Piland, James Stowe, 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:

- 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).



## Thankful Fest

**You're invited!**

**Neighborhood Parking Lot Party**  
**Sunday, Nov. 14 • 4:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**at First Christian Church**  
**402 E. Noble Ave., Guthrie**

Help us create a "thankful banner!"

**Text: THANKFUL to 405-467-2450**

**Tell us what makes you thankful!**

Roast S'mores & Hotdogs

Invite Your Friends!

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends!

Fire Pits & Games

### Thankful Fest Needs!

With Thankful Fest right around the corner, we are in need of a few things to make it a success. If you have a fire pit you could transport and lend for the evening, we would love to borrow it. If transporting it is a problem, just let us know and we can make arrangements to pick it up.

Also, we need some outdoor games. Currently, we have Spike Ball and GaGa ball. We would love to have several others. Horseshoes and croquet could be used on our grass lot if anyone has those. Please contact Stacey Johnston at (405) 637-5190 if you can lend something. You can also sign-up in the entryway on Sunday mornings.

# Celebrate!

## November Birthdays!

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| 1 – Kenneth Griffin<br>Shirley Powell<br>Yvette Story<br>3 – Jana Frey<br>John Gauldin<br>Cruz Tontz<br>4 – Barry Anderson<br>Tracy Lyons<br>Lauren Parker<br>5 – Scott Thompson<br>Len Tontz<br>6 – Taylor Mays<br>7 – Chase Davison | 8 – Sarah Anderson<br>Gabby Bench<br>Elise Ellis<br>Toby Wilder<br>10 – Bill Cunningham<br>Rikki Gumerson<br>11 – Charlie Stowe<br>14 – Ryan Wiss<br>15 – Margaret McNeely<br>Conner Wiss<br>16 – Barbara Ketch<br>Judy Reeves<br>17 – Gavin Shults<br>18 – Devin Frey | 20 – Amy Haskins Kirk<br>23 – Brock Parker<br>25 – Wheeler Coburn<br>Wayne Elder<br>Kendra McNew<br>Sherry Porter<br>27 – Jeff Cowan<br>28 – Vaughan Berkheiser<br>29 – Jeff Ball<br>Kim Biggs<br>Nicole Hubbard<br>Desi Rice<br>30 – Dane Canning<br>Lindsay Mays |
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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 1 – Dave & Pam Williams<br>3 – James & Kendra McNew<br>4 – Stan & Sheila Florence<br>9 – Rick & Susan Martin<br>11 – Terry & Jennifer Doll<br>14 – Ken & Becky Wilkerson<br>16 – Steve & Gretchen Hanna | 18 – Chris & Tammy Schroder<br>Ernesto & Jamie Pena<br>20 – Kyle & Kristi Blakemore<br>21 – Rodney & Jane Stewart<br>Dennis & Marie Lynch<br>25 – Melvin & Judy Scheihing<br>Robert & Diana Dewart<br>26 – Stan & Terryl Wiczorek |
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**The Holidays are here...  
 Are YOU ready?  
 HOLIDAY HELPERS:  
 Can help...  
 House cleaning,  
 decorating,  
 shopping and more!**

Contact Staci Carey at 405-831-5509  
 for more information  
 about this youth fundraiser

### Sunday's Special Outreach Offering

We collected \$193.82 on Sunday to donate to Leighton's mission work in Romania!



# First Christian Church

402 E. Noble, Guthrie, OK 73044

# NOVEMBER 2021

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| Repeating Sunday Events:<br>(unless otherwise indicated)<br>10:30 a.m. Worship Service<br><br>**Kid's Worship for 4 yrs – 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>grade every Sunday during<br>worship<br>**Kid's Worship Extra for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup><br>graders on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Sundays | <b>1</b> Matthew 21-22<br><br>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer   | <b>2</b> Matthew 23-24<br><br>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out<br><br>3 p.m. – Campfire Meeting<br><br>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer<br>6:30 p.m. – Stewardship Team<br>Meeting  | <b>3</b> Matthew 25-26<br><br>3:30 p.m. – Children's<br>Christmas Program Rehearsal<br><br>7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal   | <b>4</b> Matthew 27-28<br><br>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out<br><br>7 p.m. – NA Meeting  | <b>5</b> Mark 1-3<br><br>Church Office Closed<br><br>3:30 p.m. – Youth Pre-Game<br>Activities in Reception Hall | <b>6</b> Mark 4-5   |
| <b>7</b> Mark 6-7<br><br>Daylight Savings<br><br>9:30 a.m. – Youth to Braums<br><br>All Saints Recognition during<br>worship   | <b>8</b> Mark 8-9<br><br>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer  | <b>9</b> Mark 10-11<br><br>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out<br><br>3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting<br>5:30 p.m. – Girl Scout Meeting<br>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer   | <b>10</b> Mark 12-13<br><br>3:30 p.m. – Children's<br>Christmas Program Rehearsal<br>6 p.m. – Elders Meeting<br>6 p.m. – Youth to Taco Mayo<br>7 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting<br>7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal   | <b>11</b> Mark 14<br><br>VETERAN'S DAY<br><br>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out<br><br>7 p.m. – NA Meeting  | <b>12</b> Mark 15-16<br><br>Church Office Closed<br><br>6 p.m. – Dinner Group @<br>Wiczorek's                   | <b>13</b> Luke 1  |
| <b>14</b> Luke 2-3<br><br>CHILDREN'S SUNDAY<br>10 a.m. – Donuts & Breakfast<br>Casserole<br>11:45 a.m. – Youth Meeting<br><br>4:30 p.m. – Thankful Fest  | <b>15</b> Luke 4-5<br><br>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer<br>7 p.m. – Men's Night @ Tap<br>Room 223   | <b>16</b> Luke 6-7<br><br>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out<br><br>3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting<br><br>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer  | <b>17</b> Luke 8-9<br><br>3:30 p.m. – Children's<br>Christmas Program Rehearsal<br><br>6 p.m. – Turkey Bingo<br>7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal  | <b>18</b> Luke 10-11<br><br>8 a.m. – Chamber Board<br>Meeting<br>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out<br><br>7 p.m. – NA Meeting   | <b>19</b> Luke 12-13<br><br>Church Office Closed  | <b>20</b> Luke 14-16  |
| <b>21</b> Luke 17-18<br><br>Deck the Halls following Worship<br>(pizza lunch for \$5/family)<br><br>Stocking Adoption Day!<br><br>11:45 a.m. – Mission:Guthrie<br>Informational Meeting  | <b>22</b> Luke 19-20<br><br>Newsletter articles due to<br>church office by NOON<br><br>11 a.m. – Staff Meeting<br>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer | <b>23</b> Luke 21-22<br><br>No Mother's Day Out<br>Newsletter Mailed<br><br>10 a.m. Christmas Program<br>Speaking Part Rehearsal<br>Noon – 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Party<br>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer | <b>24</b> Luke 23-24<br><br>No Children's Christmas<br>Program Rehearsal   | <b>25</b> Ephesians 1-3<br>Church Office Closed<br>No Mother's Day Out<br><br>7 p.m. – NA Meeting | <b>26</b> Ephesians 4-6<br><br>Church Office Closed   | <b>27</b> Colossians 1-4; Philemon 1<br><br>Territorial Christmas Parade<br><br> |
| <b>28</b> Philippians 1-4<br><br><br>11:45 a.m. –<br>Youth Meeting   | <b>29</b> Acts 1-3<br><br>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer   | <b>30</b> Acts 4-6<br><br>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out<br><br>3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting<br><br>6 p.m. – Guthrie Youth Cheer  | Office: fccguthrie@coxinet.net<br>Rev. Ronnie Fields: ronnie@coxinet.net<br>Karen: Karenkallen@cox.net<br>Shana: Shanabench@coxinet.net<br>Natalie: nahardin@gmail.com<br>Staci: carey.staci@yahoo.com<br>Michelle: michelle.m.gill@live.com<br>Kendra: kendragmnew@gmail.com<br>Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com |  |   |   |