

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:

\$115,200

1/23 Worship Attendance: 123 Average Attendance for January to date: 113

Connections Team Update

What a great turnout we had for the chili cookoff! Congrats to all of the winners! Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up afterwards! Be looking ahead to Lucky Bingo coming up in March!

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear FCC Family,

On behalf of my family, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the beautiful memorial service and reception honoring my parents, Donna Wheatley and Sully Sullivan. We will always consider Guthrie FCC our home. Thank you again for lifting our family up in prayers and support during our loss.

Special thanks to those that brought food and the helpers at the reception. Big thanks to John for being "The Sound Guy" and recording the service.

Sincerely,

*George, Teri, Cole and Conner Lyles
Justin and Alex Taylor, Derek Taylor*

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BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR RONNIE

Do you want to learn more about the Bible? Do you want to grow in your faith? Do you want to get closer to God? Have you ever wanted the opportunity to respond, ask questions, or dig deeper into a sermon topic? Then this is the opportunity for you! Starting Feb. 6 right after church I will be having a Bible study to attempt to cover all these things. A snack lunch will be provided (see "What's For Lunch?" below) which makes it even better. Our first study will be 3 weeks, meeting February 6, 13, and 20. I can't wait! I look forward to seeing you there.



Grace and Peace,
Ronnie

Laity Sunday is THIS Sunday! Join us for a special service led by our lay (volunteer) leaders. Peggy Momsen will bring the message, based on Matthew 22:34-40.

What's For Lunch?

If you regularly find yourself asking that question after church on Sundays we have just the thing for you! Ronnie will begin a new Bible Study on Feb. 6 following the worship service. The study will go further in depth about that Sunday's message.

Here's the good news – it includes lunch!

We will be doing a rotation of meals after each Sunday's service and invite anyone who would like to stay to eat and then join the Bible Study. The Youth Group will also join in the meals and then the groups will split and do their separate studies/activities.

We will begin these meals in February and would love to have a family volunteer to help prep them or donate toward them. They will be basic and include a main dish, side item, dessert and drinks.

February's Menu

Feb. 6 — Pizza, Salad, Cookies and drinks. We are hosting the Boy Scouts this Sunday and so will invite them to lunch.

Feb. 13 — Super Bowl Sunday! Soup and Sandwiches, dessert and drinks

Feb. 20 — Baked Potato Bar

Feb. 27 — Taco Pile Up

Please let Karen know if you are interested in helping prepare any of these meals or donating toward them. You can text or call Karen at 405-615-2240. We anticipate feeding around 25 people each Sunday.



Keeping Up With Karen



Kid's Worship Recap

Need to Know: Jesus Performed Miracles

Bible Story: Jesus Feeds the 5,000 – Matthew 14:13-21

We started a new series in Kid's Worship that will focus on the miracles Jesus performed in the New Testament. God gave Jesus the ability to perform miracles to prove He really was the Son of God. In our story Sunday, we talked about when Jesus multiplied the 5 loaves and 2 fish into enough food to feed 5,000 men plus women and child. PLUS they have 12 baskets of food leftover! God provided for all of those people there who were so hungry after hearing Jesus preach all day. And even though no one thought possible, the food of one boy stretched to feed the whole entire crowd plus some! We did a fun activity with scissors and paper to show the kids how it may have felt for that small amount of food to miraculously stretch. We know that God gave Jesus the power to perform miracles just like this one because He is the Son of God!

This week: Discuss with your family what a miracle means to you.

Pray with your family: Dear God, we believe that Jesus is Your Son. You have given him the power to show us how mighty you are! Help us to remember that you will provide for us like you provided for that crowd so long ago. Amen.

FCC Kids Updates

Spring is just around the corner and children's activities are gearing up for the season! Here are a few highlights of the next few months that you will want to mark in your calendars and try to make happen!

Kidventure: Kidventure kicks off Wed., Jan. 26 from 3:30 to 5pm. We will have snack, a Bible lesson and play some games that help us learn the Bible lesson of that day. Please contact Natalie at 405-762-9330 if you did not sign up your child but would like them to attend. There are a few spots still available.

Baked Potato Lunch: On Feb. 20, we will be hosting a baked potato lunch for everyone immediately following Sunday morning worship. We will be asking for donations for the VBS volunteer shirts for this summer. As a thank you to our VBS volunteers, we have set a goal to be able to raise enough money to provide one free shirt to each person who is able to help us that week. We hope you will join us for this baked potato bar lunch and consider donating the cost of what you would regularly spend for lunch to the VBS fund.

Summer Camp: Summer Camp registration opens Feb. 2 for early bird registration. All campers must be registered and paid their camp fees to the office by Thurs., Apr. 14 at 3 p.m. to be able to go! [Discovery Camp](#) is for those kids who have completed 2nd and 3rd grade. That camp is June 17-19 at Central Oklahoma Camp in Guthrie and the cost is \$205 to attend. [Junior Camp](#) is for students who have just completed 4th and 5th grade at Camp Christian in Chouteau June 20-24 and costs \$210.

\$100 camp scholarships are available to kids who actively participate in FCC ministries. Please let Natalie know if you are considering this for your family or have any questions. A great way to also help offset the cost of camp is our Chicken Feed dinner and talent show fundraiser. Read below for more information on that.

Chicken Feed dinner and talent show fundraiser: Mar. 6 will be a special evening at FCC! We will host our Chicken Feed dinner and talent show fundraiser! Please join us for a delicious dinner plus some “can't-miss” entertainment immediately following dinner. The meal is by donation and all funds raised will be put toward the summer camp fund for FCC Kids and Youth! The kids, youth, and their families will also be hosting the dinner to help each camper earn money to go toward their camp experience. The talent show portion of the evening speaks for itself and is always an event to remember! We hope you will plan to be there with us. Dinner will be served from 5 -6 p.m. and the show will start at 6:15 pm!

If you have a camper or potential camper, please let Natalie or Staci know so we can provide more information regarding working this event to earn credit to go towards camp costs. This is the kid's only fundraiser for camp so please make sure to jump in on this opportunity!

As we near the end of the first month of 2022, I am faced with the question of “what I have I done differently in the first 20-plus days of this new year that has made a difference?” it’s so easy to lose sight of goals and get caught up in the day-to-day activities. Losing focus causes us fail to focus on those “fresh new starts” beyond the first few days of January.

This year, I have committed to do a monthly evaluation of “where am I now?” So, in that vein, let’s look at a couple of those goals which may overlap for some things you are working on as well.

Goal #1 — For many of you, I know that you committed to read the Bible more this year and it shows! When I proposed that we do a quarterly calendar of YouVersion readings together, I never dreamed that so many would jump on board. For each study, I have been inviting about 50 people, and of those, around 35-40 are participating almost daily. I am so proud of all of us for making a commitment to be in God’s Word daily. I hope those who are participating have felt a deeper connection with God and each other.

In the “It’s Never Too Late” Department, I want to invite you to be a part of those studies or begin one on your own. On Friday, I delivered a Chronological Bible to one of our members who had been hoping to start that style study on their own. If there is a particular study you want to do or topic you want to dig into, please let me know and I will get you set up with a book or study guide. In fact, one area that Ronnie and I have focused on recently was gathering some books on “Grief and Grieving.” If you are struggling in that area, give either of us a call and we’d be happy to loan you one of the books we have collected.

Goal #2 — Self-Care! This is a difficult one for many, me included. A lot of us spend time taking care of others and shuffling kids around or caring for an elderly loved one. It can often lead to treating your needs last. A personal goal for me has to been to dedicate time to exercising and eating healthier. So far, I’d say I’m about 50% on this goal. There are days I do great and other days I fall short. I have heard many of you discuss your goals for healthier eating and being more active. What God has revealed to me is that when I exercise daily, I feel better and have more energy. Eating has always been a struggle for me, or rather over-eating or non-healthy eating. As a result, my first step toward better health is pre-cooking healthy breakfasts and having a dinner plan each evening. Again, this hasn’t been an easy transition but it’s one worth doing. A few weeks ago, I “borrowed” some ideas from a member’s Facebook page. It listed healthy marinades for chicken that you can freeze and then pull out for dinner.

I have no doubt that a healthier body physically is a step toward serving God more fully. If you are interested in swapping recipes or helpful tips, let me know!

Goal #3 — Attitude matters! The world has trained us to be negative and to judge harshly. I hope all of us have committed to have more compassion, grace and peace in our lives by choosing a less critical nature. This past week, I read a post by a community member who discussed an extraordinary experience riding in a cab. The cab driver was dressed in a tuxedo, offered beverages, explained the most efficient route, offered a list of music and magazines. It was a true experience in hospitality. When asked if he had always been this way, the driver simply explained that he had been doing it for the last couple years. He said he used to be negative just like many other cab drivers, complaining all the time. Over the past couple years, he decided to start being an eagle and stop being a duck. Simply put, ducks “quack” (complain) about everything, while the eagle soars above the crowd. He said it made all the difference!

I want to be an eagle! It matters what you think, how you react and how you interact.

I hope you will take some time this week to evaluate how your 2022 is going and “what’s yours to do!” If nothing else, let’s find many ways to “Share Christ and Grow in Faith!”

God Bless,

Karen

PRAYER REQUESTS

We pray for our church family: Sharon Holden, Sarah Schlueter, Phyllis Willbanks, Jim Smith, Sharyl Padgett, Denise Shoun, Judy Coburn, Barbara Ketch, Linda Griffin, Dennis Lynch, Deanna Case, Kim Crick, Carl Biggs, Gary Weeks, Sherry Canning, Gerald Whitfield, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreesen

We pray for our friends and family members: Don Riepe, Sherri "Shash" Chase, Yancey Ingram, Albert Tooley, Ellen Jean Weeks, Tim Lear, Karen Aukwell, Jennifer Hand, Gay Shaffer, Ed & Katherine Walton, Midge Mixon, Allee Merrill, Marty Stamp, Bill Tooley, Trish Worster, Valerie Cotton, Bob Bennett, Michelle Minnich, Milton Lewis, Bradley Wilson, Emily Schwab, Joyce Brandes, Linda Hicks, Lee Pearce, Steve Ochs, Jerry Resch, Carol Garcia, Treva Seals, Joan Faye Meacham, Cathy Carter, Kayla Thetford

Our military all over the world: Court, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning

Celebrate!

February Birthdays!

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| 1 – Bill Bowles | 9 – Linda Wrede | 22 – Maxine Bennett |
| Kathryn Smith | Marsha Dewart | Glennette Meredith |
| Zachary Allen | Sharyl Padgett | Jaxton Rice |
| 2 – Luke Gill | 10 – Alice Olstad | 23 – Brent Biggs |
| 3 – Carol Smith | 12 – Ellie Ball | 24 – Bobby Davison |
| Laura Benham | 13 – Colten Lyons | 25 – Helen Welch |
| 5 – Debbie Considine | 14 – Addison Doles | 26 – Rod Stewart |
| LaMoyne Hardin | Gentry Hardin | Janet Hudson |
| 6 – Gracie Shults | 15 – Don Hardin | 27 – Tyler Biggs |
| 7 – Nick Bench | 17 – Diann Owen | 28 – Nolan Crick |
| Haley Gallo | 18 – Emalyn Redman | |
| Mindy Reece | | |
| Reagan Wilder | | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

11 – Jim & Kathryn Smith

25 – Gale & Trish Coker

Save the Date!

- Laity Sunday – January 30
- Boy Scout Sunday – February 6
- Elders & Board Meetings – February 9
- Donut Sunday – February 20
- VBS "Potato Bar" Fundraiser – February 20
- Ash Wednesday – March 2
- Girl Scout Sunday – March 6
- Chicken Feed & Talent Show Fundraiser – March 6
- Cabinet Meeting – March 9
- Donut Sunday – March 20
- Youth Sunday – March 27
- Rainbow Girls Sunday – April 3
- Palm Sunday – April 10
- Board Meeting – April 13
- Maundy Thursday – April 14
- Good Friday – April 15
- Easter – April 17
- Chi Rho Camp (completed 6-8th grades) – June 6-10 in Anadarko
- Vacation Bible School – June 13 - 16
- Discovery Camp (completed 2nd & 3rd grades) – June 17-19 in Guthrie
- Junior Camp (completed 4-5th grades) – June 20-24 in Chouteau
- CYF Conference (completed 9-12th grades) – June 20-24 in Guthrie
- Mission: Guthrie (Mission Camp for all Jr. High & High School Youth) – July 11-15

YOU DON'T
WANT TO MISS
THIS!



Welcome Bill & Barbara Mahan!

On Sunday, Bill & Barbara Mahan rejoined our church family. They have been attending Waterloo Road Baptist Church. We are excited to have them worshipping with us again and welcome them to the FCC family!

FCC YOUTH - Mark your calendar!

Chicken Feed – March 6 (3-5 p.m. set up, 5-6 p.m. dinner, 6:15 p.m. show) This is a fundraiser for summer mission trip & church camps... contact Staci Carey or Natalie Hardin to sign-up to help or perform!

Youth Sunday – March 27 (planning has begun! We will meet every Sunday after church!)

Summer fun - plan now:

Youth Mission "trip" July 11-15. We are hosting a mission camp for youth from other churches in Guthrie and across the state! This is a great opportunity to serve others alongside people new and known... This is for all students who are currently in 6 - 12th grades. For more information, contact Ronnie Fields, Staci Carey or Jeff Ball.

Church Camps: Jr High (Chi Rho) June 6-10, High School (CYF) June 20-24

Sunday's Special Outreach Offering
We collected \$117.36 on Sunday to donate to Leighton's mission work in Ukraine!

To keep up with Leighton and his ministry work, you can follow his blog at
www.252ministries.com






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FEBRUARY 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Kid's Worship for 4 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: kendragmcnew@gmail.com Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com | 1 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 7 p.m. – Bible Study | 2 3:30 p.m. - Kidventure | 3 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out | 4 Church Office Closed 6 p.m. – Dinner Group | 5 |
| 6 9:30 a.m. – Youth to Braums 11:45 a.m. – Youth Meeting 11:45 a.m. – Bible Study | 7 | 8 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 11:30 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Youth Seniors Dinner @ Billy Sims 7 p.m. – Bible Study | 9 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Board Meeting | 10 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out | 11 Church Office Closed | 12 |
| 13 11:45 a.m. – Youth Meeting 11:45 a.m. – Bible Study 5 p.m. – Youth Super Bowl Party | 14  | 15 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 7 p.m. – Bible Study | 16 3:30 p.m. - Kidventure | 17 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out | 18 Church Office Closed | 19 |
| 20 Week of Compassion Offering Donut Sunday Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser for Vacation Bible School 11:45 a.m. – Youth Meeting 11:45 a.m. – Bible Study | 21 No School for GPS Students 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting Noon – Newsletter Deadline | 22 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting 7 p.m. – Bible Study | 23 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 5 p.m. – Youth Meet & Eat @ Braums | 24 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out | 25 Church Office Closed | 26 |
| 27 11:45 a.m. – Worship Team Meeting 11:45 a.m. – Youth Meeting 11:45 a.m. – Bible Study | 28 | | | | | |