

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:

\$119,253

2/20 Worship Attendance: 154 Average Attendance for February to date: 152

LUCKY BINGO

ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY-OR NOT? This is the question for the next "Lucky Bingo"! We are putting a new "spin" on it this year! Join us at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 20 in the Fellowship Hall. This is the end of Spring Break which is why we are starting it a bit early. We are asking people to bring a dish to share that either starts with the letter "B", "I", "N", "G", or "O". Make it fun and creative! Invite a friend! This will be like no other Lucky Bingo we've had before! Feel free to join us at our next meeting when we will be finalizing details! Our next Connections Team meeting is this Thursday, Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. in the choir room. Dinner will be provided!

Volunteer Driver Needed

We have an individual who is needing picked up and taken home on Sundays. He lives in town near Springer and Pine area. He would need to be picked up in time for the 10:30 a.m. service and taken home following services. If you are interested in helping with this transportation need, please let us know. We would love to have a couple people and create a rotation. Call the church office at 405-282-4080 if you can help!

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie

The season of Lent is upon us! Lent is the season of the church that spans from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The 40 days (not including Sundays) represents the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert being tempted. The season of Lent is meant to be spent in prayer, fasting, and giving. It is a time of introspection to clear away those temptations and sins that keep us from fully celebrating life that really is life. Our sermon series for Lent will highlight the book of Exodus, the story of the Israelites journey through the desert, and will show how Jesus' life parallels Exodus and the journey to the Promised Land.



As a church we have an Ash Wednesday service to kick it off on March 2 at 6 p.m. It is a brief worship service leading up to the giving of ashes. Ashes are a reminder that we will one day die and we need to repent and return to Jesus. It's a great way to begin Lent and the journey toward Easter.

We also have the opportunity to fellowship with other churches during Lent. There will be 2 community Lenten Lunches this year. The first one will be March 2 at Noble Ave Baptist and the second will be April 13 here at FCC. Lunches begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a message from one of our local pastors.

Be sure to invite your friends and family to church this Lenten Season. There are so many wonderful things happening!

Grace and Peace, *Ronnie*

Potato Bar Success

Wow! What an amazing Baked Potato Bar we had on Sunday. When we tallied the final donations, we were blown away by your generosity! We raised **\$1,275** for our Vacation Bible School volunteer shirts and other supplies! We are so blessed!

We appreciate everyone who stayed to eat and who donated toward VBS. We will be able to buy all of the shirts and have funds leftover to go toward snacks and other supplies.

A special thank you to Brian Johnston at Hometown Foods in Crescent for donating all of the potatoes. They were so good! We also had several donate desserts including Karen Allen, Alicia Carey, Carol Doles, Ronnie Fields, Jana Frey, Natalie Hardin, Calee Lyons and Peggy Momsen. They were all delicious.

Also, we want to give a shoutout to our Christian Education Team who helped prep, serve and clean up! Those helping included: Karen and Zach Allen, Alicia and Ally Carey, Staci and Clayton Carey, Carol Doles, Jana and Kevin Frey, Andrew, Natalie, Bailey and Emmett Hardin, Calee Lyons, Brian and Janna Pierson and Desi Rice.

In case you haven't already marked your calendars... VBS will be June 13-16 (4 days) and is for age 4 years (by June 13) through those who have completed 5th grade.



Kid's Worship

Need to Know: We say thanks

Bible Story: Jesus heals the 10 lepers - Luke 17:11-17

We spent Sunday talking about one last miracle in our unit over some of the Miracles God gave Jesus the power to perform to help people believe He really was the Son of God. The story of Jesus healing the 10 lepers has several important learning points for the kids, one obvious take-away is the value of gratitude and saying thank you -- both to people and especially to God. This story also includes a message of the mercy of Christ. He healed the stricken men, and even though only one returned to say thank you, He did not punish those who neglected to do so.

This week: Talk with your family about times that God has blessed you and you said thanks to God in return. Share if there are times that you were blessed but you forgot to give thanks. Explain that while we are still loved either way, we should always take a moment to give thanks.

Pray with your family: God, thank you for giving us all that we have. Help us serve and thank you always, even when things are difficult.

The Chicken Feed and Talent Show is getting close! March 6 we will come together for a night of dinner and entertainment! This is a fundraiser dinner and show with proceeds going toward summer camp and mission camp costs, any remaining funds will be applied to children and youth outreach activities. Families who have kids wanting to go to camp will help put on the evening and work toward earning some of the money raised to go toward their individual camp costs. Cost of the dinner is by donation; dinner starts at 5 p.m. and the show will begin at 6:15. See you there!

Camper Families: Sign-up forms for shifts to work the dinner have been sent out, please get in touch with Natalie Hardin (nahardin@gmail.com) or Staci Carey (carey.staci@yahoo.com) to sign up when you and your camper are available to work.

Are you **TALENTED**??? Please sign up for a spot in the talent show! This is open to all ages of talent and all kinds of acts! Contact one of us to get started! If you need help thinking of acts, please get in touch with us, we are happy to help brainstorm!

YOUTH NEWS

Chicken Feed & Talent Show – Sunday 6! Be there to help with set up @ 3 p.m. (dinner from 5-6, show from 6:15-7:30ish) Help with clean up after show. Earn money to use this summer for Mission Guthrie or church camp!

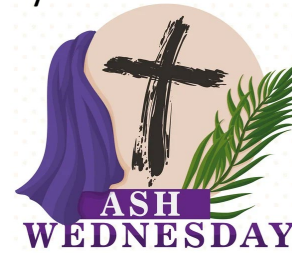
YOUTH SUNDAY: practice in sanctuary = March 6 11:30 a.m. – NOON, practice in sanctuary = March 13 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 pm; practice in sanctuary & **SONIC** run! = March 20 – 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 pm... *Youth Sunday service = March 27* run through & breakfast @ 9:30 a.m., service @ 10:30 a.m.

Other EXTRAS: **Breakfast *from* Braums = March 6 @ 10 a.m. (orders due Sat. 5 by 5 p.m.); Meet & Eat @ McDonalds 5 – 6 p.m. = Wed. March 9, *SPRING BREAK* kick-off = Mon. March 14 @ TBA (come vote for your favorite activity! Voting ends after Chicken Feed 3/6) Lucky BINGO family night = Sun March 20 @ 4 p.m.; Lunch delivery = Thurs. March 31 (orders due by Tues. 29)

Keeping Up With Karen



Lent is almost here! It seems like we just finished Christmas not too long ago but here we are heading toward Spring (hopefully!!) and thinking about what makes Lent special. We are planning a very special Ash Wednesday service on March 2 at 6 p.m. and I hope you will begin your Lenten season by attending.



I know sometimes going to an “Ash Wednesday” Service can be uneasy. Just the word “Ash” makes you wonder what to expect. If you have never attended, I hope you will take a chance and try it with us. This year’s service is going to feature a time of reflection, explanation of why Ash Wednesday is important, a responsive reading between Ronnie and I, singing and Communion.

You have probably seen people with a cross drawn in Ashes on their forehead and while this is part of the service, you are also welcome to have the cross drawn on your hand. We will actually do this early in the service and then have a chance to spend time in prayer or make a commitment and wipe it off as you come forward for communion.

Also, for Lent, we will be handing out a piece of cord and giving you 40 beads. With this, we are hoping that you will spend some time each day reading your Bible or praying for yourself, others and the church. This year, as we continue to “Grow in Christ” one of our primary focuses has been to increase the Bible Study habits of our congregation. We have had great participation in our YouVersion Bible studies and have added an after-church Bible Study with Ronnie. Gene Owen continues a Tuesday Bible Study each week and Peggy Momsen leads our adult Sunday School class. With all of those, we have approximately 80 people involved in different students. It is so refreshing and exciting to see the growth!

If you haven’t joined a YouVersion study yet, it’s never too late to start. We began the study “Got Water – A Serving Devotional” on Tuesday and will start “Strength for Each Day” on Sunday. It’s a short 3-day devotional, then we will begin a 40-day reading of Exodus for Lent. Ronnie will be doing a sermon series on “Exodus,” so this is intended to go along with it. Some have expressed that a 40-day reading is a little overwhelming, so I have an alternate plan that features some shorter Lent specific readings. These will be more growth-based and may be a better fit for you. The alternate schedule is published in today’s newsletter and copies of both schedules are available in the entryway.

No matter where you are this season, I hope you will find a way to spend time on your relationship with God. I hope if you are in a difficult place, you will find rest and healing. I hope that if you are in a joyful place, you will spend time praising and thanking God and encouraging others. What I can assure you is that God will meet you wherever you are and be delighted that you have come to Him.

Have a blessed week and stay warm! I’m hoping Spring is in the forecast sooner than later!

Karen

PRAYER REQUESTS

Our Love & Sympathy go out to: The family of Betty Hamilton. Services will be held March 25.

We pray for our church family: Clara Price (surgery 2/21), Bill Mahan, Linda Griffin, Sharon Holden, Sarah Schlueter, Phyliss Willbanks, Sharyl Padgett, Denise Shoun, Barbara Ketch, Dennis Lynch, Deanna Case, Kim Crick, Carl Biggs, Sherry Canning, Gerald Whitfield, Keith Young, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreessen

We pray for our friends and family members: Cade Freeman, Deeann Larson, Kayla Thetford, Amber Semler, Diane Robinette, Karen Nemecek, Joe Hall, Don & Jody Riepe, Sherri "Shash" Chase, Yancey Ingram, Albert Tooley, Ellen Jean Weeks, Tim Lear, Karen Aukwell, Jennifer Hand, Gay Shaffer, Ed & Katherine Walton, Allee Merrill, Marty Stamp, Bill Tooley, Trish Worster, Valerie Cotton, Bob Bennett, Milton Lewis, Bradley Wilson, Emily Schwab, Joyce Brandes, Lee Pearce, Steve Ochs, Jerry Resch, Carol Garcia, Treva Seals, Joan Faye Meacham, Cathy Carter

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

Pastor’s Class

Do you have a 4th grader or above who would like to learn more about what it means to be a Christian? We will be having our Pastor’s Class on March 23, 30 and a make-up on April 6. This class is designed to help students understand what we receive and what is required of us, when we choose to become a Christian. We highly recommend your student attend these classes if they would like to be baptized. Baptism Sunday is currently scheduled for Sunday, May 1.

YouVersion Reading Plan - New Year's to Easter					
Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan		Date	YouVersion Plan
Feb. 27	Strength For Each Day	3 days		22-Mar	Following Jesus
Feb. 28	Strength For Each Day	3 days		23-Mar	Following Jesus
1-Mar	Strength For Each Day	3 days		24-Mar	Following Jesus
We are studying the book of Exodus and encourage you to read a chapter a day throughout Lent. If you would like in-depth study you can do a YouVersion Audio that explains each day.				25-Mar	Following Jesus
Date	Bible Reading	YouVersion Plan		26-Mar	Following Jesus
2-Mar	Uncommon	5 days		27-Mar	Following Jesus
3-Mar	Uncommon	5 days		28-Mar	Flourish in Prayer
4-Mar	Uncommon	5 days		29-Mar	Flourish in Prayer
5-Mar	Uncommon	5 days		30-Mar	Flourish in Prayer
6-Mar	Uncommon	5 days		31-Mar	Flourish in Prayer
7-Mar	Gaining the Heart of God - Video	7 days		1-Apr	Flourish in Prayer
8-Mar	Gaining the Heart of God - Video	7 days		2-Apr	Unlikely Lenten Preachers
9-Mar	Gaining the Heart of God - Video	7 days		3-Apr	Unlikely Lenten Preachers
10-Mar	Gaining the Heart of God - Video	7 days		4-Apr	Unlikely Lenten Preachers
11-Mar	Gaining the Heart of God - Video	7 days		5-Apr	Unlikely Lenten Preachers
12-Mar	Gaining the Heart of God - Video	7 days		6-Apr	Fearing Bravely
13-Mar	Gaining the Heart of God - Video	7 days		7-Apr	Fearing Bravely
14-Mar	The Puzzle - Overcoming Temptation	4 days		8-Apr	Fearing Bravely
15-Mar	The Puzzle - Overcoming Temptation	4 days		9-Apr	Fearing Bravely
16-Mar	The Puzzle - Overcoming Temptation	4 days		10-Apr	Fearing Bravely
17-Mar	The Puzzle - Overcoming Temptation	4 days		11-Apr	It Is Finished - An Easter Devo.
18-Mar	Following Jesus	10 days		12-Apr	It Is Finished - An Easter Devo.
19-Mar	Following Jesus	10 days		13-Apr	It Is Finished - An Easter Devo.
20-Mar	Following Jesus	10 days		14-Apr	It Is Finished - An Easter Devo.
21-Mar	Following Jesus	10 days		15-Apr	It Is Finished - An Easter Devo.
				16-Apr	It Is Finished - An Easter Devo.
				17-Apr	It Is Finished - An Easter Devo.

Celebrate!

March Birthdays!

- 1 –Dennis Lynch
Brian Pierson
Jennifer Doll
2–George Dreessen
Ron Fields
4–Sharon Johnston
Calee Lyons
Ron Wilder
6–Carolyn Kirschstein
7 –Debbie Hubbard
Brayden Pena
8 –Scott Biggs
Joanna Thompson
Jean Scott Gauldin

10 –Sam Porter
Jason Rice
12 –Shannon Doles
15–Ernesto Pena
Avery Schroder
16 –Holly Evers
18–Francie Krittenbrink
Tia Yancey
Lillian Stevens
19–Chloe Hood
Linda Tontz
20–Mickey Eckley

21 –Gretchen Hanna
Leia Johnston
Tommy Johnston
Peggy Momsen
24 – Robert Gill
Kenneth Eyster
27 –Mitchell Biggs
Ty Biggs
T.J. Wilson
Livi Johnston
28 –Kim Crick
Emily Carpenter
29 –Garrett Reece
30 –Kacie Carey
31–Ken Wilkerson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

6 –Jim & Jackie Ross
10–Todd & Sarah Wilder
12–John & Emily Carpenter
14–Jeff & Melanie Ball

16 –Tommy & Lori Payne
20–Brian & Mindy Reece
22–Dane & Codi Canning
Chalk & Ashley Beeson

YOU DON'T
WANT TO MISS
THIS!

Save the Date!

Ash Wednesday – March 2
Girl Scout Sunday – March 6
Chicken Feed & Talent Show Fundraiser – March 6
Elders & Cabinet Meetings – March 9
Donut Sunday – March 20
Youth Sunday – March 27
Rainbow Girls Sunday – April 3
Palm Sunday – April 10
Elders & Board Meetings – April 13
Maundy Thursday – April 14
Good Friday – April 15
Easter – April 17
Mother’s Day Out Sunday – May 1



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MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com	1 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	2 11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ Noble Ave. Baptist Church 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 6 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	3 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	4	5
6  girl scouts SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. – Youth from Braums 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting 11:30 a.m. – Bible Study 5 p.m. – Chicken Feed & Talent Show	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 7 p.m. – Bible Study	9 3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 5 p.m. – Youth Meet & Eat 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	10 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	11	12
13 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting 11:30 a.m. – Bible Study	14 Youth Group Outing – Time TBD	15 7 p.m. – Bible Study	16 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	17 	18	19
<div> <div>←</div> <div>Spring Break for Guthrie Public Schools</div> <div>→</div> </div>						
20  DONUT SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting No Bible Study 4 p.m. – Lucky Bingo & Potluck 	21	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. – Pastor's Class 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	24 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	25	26
27 YOUTH SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting 11:30 a.m. – Bible Study	28 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting Noon – Newsletter Deadline	29 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 7 p.m. – Bible Study	30 3:30 p.m. – Pastor's Class 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal	31 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out		