

## Easter is coming!

With that, we are already making plans for Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter). This year, we are wanting to do a Seder Meal on Thursday (commonly known as Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday). The word Maundy comes from the Latin, "Mandatum," or "command" which refers to the instructions Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper.

The Seder Meal will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 at the church. A Seder Meal is a remembrance of the type of meal that would have been shared around the tables as part of the Passover celebration. The ceremony includes reading, drinking wine (grape juice), telling stories,

singing and eating special foods such as Matzah ball soup, parsley, hard-boiled eggs, herbs, charoses (nuts, apples, cinnamon) and maror (lettuce, horseradish, onion, celery). The food is eaten throughout the readings and the significance of each is explained.

<u>Because this meal will take some preparation, we are requiring reservations to</u> <u>be made by Sunday, April 3.</u> This ceremony would be appropriate for the entire family, however, we will have a nursery available for those 3 years and younger.

To reserve a space for the meal or nursery, call the church office at 405-282-4080 or e-mail <u>karenkallen@cox.net</u>.





## **Online Bible Study with Pastor Ronnie**

Beginning Wed., March 23, Pastor Ronnie will offer an online Bible Study at Noon via Zoom. If you are interested, contact the church office or Pastor Ronnie for a Zoom link.

Youth Sunday is March 27! Join us for Worship at 10:30 a.m.

# NEXT STEPS @ FCC

We have several Bible Study opportunities for those wanting more than Sunday morning worship time.

- Sundays, 9:30 a.m. Gleaners Adult Sunday School Class
- Sundays, 11:30 a.m. Lunch & Learn with Pastor Ronnie
  - Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Bible Study with Gene Owen
- Wednesdays, Noon (beginning March 23) Online Study with Pastor Ronnie If you would like more information about any of these studies, contact the church office 405-282-4080.



There is a **NEW Bible study opportunity** for our 5th and 6th graders coming up! For 3 weeks, starting March 27, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., we will be starting our very own Bible study right after the church service! The participating 5th and 6th graders will join in on the Sunday "Lunch & Learn" lunch provided and then we



will spend an hour together diving deeper into God's word! The study we are doing is called Lost and Found and will cover three weeks of lessons from Luke 15. Kids need to be signed up ahead of time to attend this class because we will be printing materials for each person attending; we also need to know who will be coming to prepare enough lunch for everyone! If you are able to help supervise this Bible study, we are in need of one additional adult. No teaching is required from this adult, just extra hands and supervision! Please get in touch with Natalie Hardin if this is something you could help with. E-mail nahardin@gmail.com for more information, to sign up your child for this Bible study, or to volunteer to help!

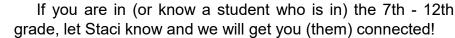
### **Pastor's Class**

Pastor's Class is coming! Students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades who have not been through this class with Pastor Ronnie, Karen and Natalie are encouraged to mark their calendars for March 23 and 30. This class will meet right after school from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Even if you have attended but weren't ready to take the next step of accepting Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, we'd love you have you come again and answer any questions or learn more. In the past, we have also had some 4<sup>th</sup> graders attend the class, and really that is a personal decision for your student and family, as to their readiness for exploring their relationship with Jesus more. If you are interested in Pastor's Class please let Ronnie or Karen know.

# Youth News

It's YOUTH SUNDAY this Sunday!! This is a church worship service for all, created by our youth group. We hope you can be a part of it!



On Wed. March 23, 7-8 pm, we will be in the Sanctuary for a walk through and to set up, so stop by!

On Sun., March 27 be in the Sanctuary by 9:30 am to do a mic check and walk through. Then we will have some donuts and prep for the service to begin at 10:30 am. Invite your friends!

#### On Sunday, EVERYONE is encouraged to wear: your favorite camp tee (church/sports/scouts... any type of camp) OR camping outfit OR whatever you want ;)

Prayer Requests

Preparing for surgery: Kim Crick (3/28)

We pray for our church family: Elise Ellis, Brian Hendon, Julie Wiss, Sharon Holden, Amy Haskins Kirk, Sarah Schlueter, Phyliss Willbanks, Sharyl Padgett, Denise Shoun, Dennis Lynch, Deanna Case, Carl Biggs, Gerald Whitfield, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreessen

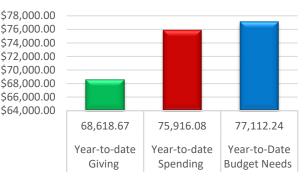
We pray for our friends and family members: Jennifer Shirley, Louise Cotton, Valerie Cotton, Cade Freeman, DeAnn Larson, Diane Robinette, Karen Nemecek, Albert Tooley, Ellen Jean Weeks, Karen Aukwell, Jennifer Hand, Gay Shaffer, Ed & Katherine Walton, Marty Stamp, Bill Tooley, Trish Worster, Bradley Wilson, Emily Schwab, Joyce Brandes, Lee Pearce, Steve Ochs, Jerry Resch, 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

## **FCC Attendance**

March 20 - 157 Average Attendance for March - 162

#### 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: \$122,520



## **MEN** – This is for you!



Bring your lawnmowers, string trimmers, chainsaws, leaf blowers or any other small engine lawn equipment that could use a tune up. We can change the oil, check spark plugs, sharpen chains, or any other thing you want to work on. (You are also welcome to bring your fishing pole and lawn chair to hang out afterward for a campfire and enjoy the fellowship.)

If interested or have questions, please contact Wayne Elder at 405-820-7113 or call the church office.





A big THANK YOU to our Connections Team, led by Jana Frey, for all of their work to make Lucky Bingo a huge success! Congrats to all of the lucky (and unlucky) winners and thank you to those who brought the delicious food for the potluck!