

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:

\$123,041

3/27 Worship Attendance: 156 Average Attendance for March: 160

MEN – This is for you!



MEN'S SPRING TUNE UP

Elder Acres (6100 N. Douglas, Guthrie) Starts at 1pm followed by Dinner and a Devotional

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.

RUMMAGE SALE!

Save the date: Sat. May 7, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. While you are doing your spring cleaning, think of us! Items can be dropped off at the church the week of May 1-5 between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. then between 9 a.m. & 8 p.m. on Friday, May 6. Need help with your items? You can arrange for items to be picked up on Sunday, May 1. Contact the church office or Staci Carey at 405-831-5509. This is a youth fundraiser. We thank you for supporting youth ministries!



The Tie That Binds

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Sharing Christ
Growing in Faith

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie



Easter is coming! In just a few short weeks we will be celebrating the resurrection, a reminder that the worst thing is never the last thing. God has the final word. It's a Sunday filled with hope and joy as we remember the grace we receive because of Jesus. As you join us on this amazing Sunday, remember to invite friends and family to celebrate with us!

Join Us and Baptism Sunday on May 1

May 1 will be an exciting Sunday! If you have been visiting our church and are ready to be a part of all the great stuff happening at FCC this is your Sunday to join. We ask that you come down front during the last praise song to be introduced. If you do not feel comfortable coming down front, please let Ronnie or Karen know so we can make other arrangements. We will also be doing Baptisms for all the students who have been through Pastor's Class and would like to get baptized. See you on May 1! If you want to know more about our church or what it means to join, we will have an "FCC 101" class following worship on April 24. All are invited!

Pastoral Relations Committee

We will have our regular quarterly Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) meeting on April 25. The PRC provides support for the pastor and provides a regular channel of communication between the pastor and the congregation. If you have any concerns or praises that need to be shared please contact: Susan Davison, Jana Frey, or Jed Redman.

Ronnie

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.

Because this meal will take some preparation, we are requiring reservations to be made by Sunday, April 3. 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 karenkallen@cox.net.



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Keeping Up With Karen



Easter is coming!

I can't believe it's only a few weeks away. I hope your Lent is going well and that you have added in some things that are improving your relationship with God and others. I hope you have eliminated some distractions that have resulted in improving your vision and overall well-being.

I am enjoying reading along with about 25-30 of you on our YouVersion studies. We have made it midway through Exodus and read about Pharaoh, Moses and Aaron, the Israelites plight to get out of Egypt, the Plagues, the Passover, the parting of the Red Sea, the 10 Commandments and the journey to Mount Sinai. We've covered a lot of ground...literally!

Those who have been reading the shorter studies have focused on being "uncommon," "the heart of God," "temptation," "following Jesus" and this week, we are looking at prayer. I enjoy everyone's comments as we study together. It is always interesting what different people take away from different scriptures. I think that's the fascination of doing Bible Study; it meets you right where you are at different points in life. While some of it is very historical in nature, telling how events unfolded, a large portion of it allows for life application.

This past Wednesday, we had a Pastor's Class with 10 of our 4th-6th graders. We always ask them why they are in the class and what they hope to learn. Most of them say they are interested in baptism, a few will say because their parents told them to come (ha ha), and others will say to learn more about the Bible. We always give opportunities to write down questions that can be answered in the next session. In Wednesday's class, we had four questions turned in and they were all the same "What is heaven like?" I thought it was interesting that they all focused on the same thing. I think it's human nature to wonder what's next! I know there are days when I wonder "What is heaven like?" I feel like there are days when we could all use a little heaven on earth.

When I think about Easter coming and the hope that it brings, I can't help but think about Jesus' command to "love one another" and to "go and make disciples." I feel like these go hand-in-hand. If we truly "love one another" the most loving thing is to invite people into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Over the past year, we have been so blessed with many visitors in worship and at other events. It is a joy to meet new people and to hear what has brought them into the church. I love hearing about the things they are excited about and what things bring them joy. I feel like with each new person who attends, God is weaving together a beautiful tapestry. Each of us play a part in what happens whether serving on a Sunday at FCC or when we are out and about each week. We always have an opportunity to "Share Christ and Grow in Faith" wherever we are!

As we think about "What is heaven like?" I hope you will also think about those who don't even consider that question. Invite them to come join us and see what a life in Christ has to offer. One of the concepts we teach in Pastor's Class is that accepting Christ in our life is a personal decision. I can't make that decision for you and you can't make that decision for me. It is a one-on-one decision between you and Jesus. However, what we can do is encourage one another and spur one another on to explore and deepen our desire for Christ. So, I will end with this question – who do you need to invite and encourage? Who needs to experience the question "What is heaven like?" It's a great time to share your faith and explain how it has changed your life.

Easter is coming!

Karen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Summer will be here before we know it! If you haven't already, make sure to pencil in VBS for June 13-16th from 9 am - noon each day! This year, we will be hosting a four day VBS packed full of a whole lot of fun! Our VBS committee has already started planning a week full of celebrating God's goodness! This event is open to any kids aged 4 year old through completed 5th grade. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please email Kacie Carey or Natalie Hardin to let us know!

Summer camps! Any kids wanting to go to summer camp with FCC must be registered online and money paid to the church office by April 14! These are the dates, locations, and costs for the camps FCC kids can attend:

Discovery Camp: June 17-19 (those completing 2nd & 3rd grade) Cost: \$205

Junior Camp: June 20-24 (those completing 4th & 5th grade) Cost: \$210

Get in touch with Natalie for the link to register!

Youth News for APRIL — A month of madness & MIRACLES

April 3 – Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m.

April 10 – Palm Sunday Service @ 10:30 a.m., Youth Meeting @ 11:30 a.m.

April 14 – Maundy Thursday Service @ 6 p.m.

April 17 – Easter Service @ 10:30 a.m.

April 23 – 89er Food Booth

April 24 – Youth Meeting @ 11:30 a.m.

April 29 – Lunch Delivery

April 30 – Concession Stand

Don't miss out on updates & Bible studies! Sign up for YouVersion Bible App, Remind & Group texts. Follow fccYOUTH on Facebook & Instagram.

The Youth would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our church family for allowing us the opportunity to share our creativity and talents in worship! An additional thank you to Baylor Wilhelm, Karen Allen, Darl Doles and our ushers & greeters for being a part of our Youth Sunday service. If you missed this service, check it out online! Send us some feedback, we would love to hear what inspired you about the service and how you are fulfilling your offering to increase your light and The Light of Jesus this Easter season.

THANK YOU OKLAHOMA DISCIPLES FOUNDATION

Recently we applied for 4 grants through the OK Disciples Foundation. Last week, we were notified that all 4 grants were awarded! We are grateful for the Foundation's support of Kidventure, Vacation Bible School, Mission Guthrie and "Live Like You Are Dying," a new ministry you will hear more about in the coming months. Thank you to the foundation and to our church staff who completed the grant applications!

Prayer Requests

We pray for our church family: Kim Crick, Robbie Helton, Judy Coburn, Brian Hendon, Elise Ellis, Julie Wiss, Sharon Holden, Amy Haskins Kirk, Sarah Schlueter, Phyllis 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: Rashonda Cummings, 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

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

April Birthdays of the Month

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| 1 – Taylor Schroder
Lesley Cotton | 12 – Cade Carey
Nancy Powell | 24 – Alice Allen
Ben Gallo |
| 2 – Crystal Vassar
Andrea Stevens | 13 – Bob Davis | 27 – Ali Gallo
Melanie Ball |
| 3 – Debi Shore | 15 – Nate Ames | 28 – Austin Reece
Carol Doles |
| 4 – Delma Ward | 16 – LaDonna McCune | 29 – Conna Dewart |
| 6 – Ella Gill | 17 – Alex Allen | 30 – Dawn Hacker
Clara Price |
| 8 – Ruth Underwood | 20 – Brody Hinkle
Sharlene Biggs | Abigail Ball
Star Turner |
| 9 – Gary Hixon
Brenan Cotton | 21 – Jim Ross
Hannah Ross | |
| 10 – Jane Stewart | Jacob Friese | |
| 11 – Skyler Gill | 23 – Diane Biggs
Brandon Henning | |



LifeLine will be at FCC on Saturday, April 30. They provide various cardiovascular screenings at a reduced cost (5 screenings for \$149). To schedule an appointment, call 800-324-1851 or visit LLSA.Social/HS

Lunch & Learn

Lunch and Learn Bible Study after church has been a huge hit! This week, we are including some of our Rainbow Girls in our lunch and I'd love to have some extra desserts to help make it a nice lunch for them. We will be ordering Sub sandwiches and having chips and drinks. If you could make a dessert for Sunday, please let Karen Allen know. You can text or call her at 405-615-2240.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 2 – Paul & Christie Fincher | 22 – Randy & Elise Ellis |
| 6 – Stacy & Donna Russell | 28 – Jason & Sherri McCollough |
| 8 – John & Jean Scott Gaudin | Gene & Diann Owen |
| 13 – Josh & Krista Smith | Brian & Danise Johnston |



OKLAHOMA REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

APRIL 29-30, 2022 | TULSA, OK

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office for more information.

Connections Team Updates

A HUGE thank you to all who participated in "are you lucky-or not" Bingo! We hope everyone had a great time! It was fun to put a "spin" on things! Our next meeting will be held April 7 at 6 p.m. We would love for you to join us! Until then, peace be with you during this time of Lent.

Jana Frey,
Connections Team

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** – Online Study with Pastor Ronnie
- **Sunday, April 24, 11:30 a.m.** – "FCC 101" - Lunch & discussion for all those wanting to learn more about FCC and our ministries

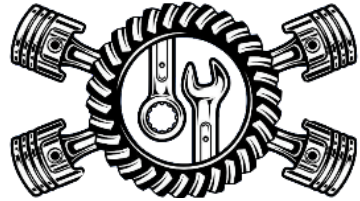







If you would like more information about any of these studies, contact the church office 405-282-4080.



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APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Repeating Sunday Events:</u> (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Kid's Worship for 4 yrs. – 2nd grade every Sunday during worship **Kid's Worship Extra for 3rd-6th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>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 Sarah: Sptales@yahoo.com</p>				1	<p>2  1 p.m. – FCC Men's Day @ Elder Acres</p>
<p>3  Rainbow Girls Sunday 9 a.m. – Pastor's Class 9:30 a.m. – Youth Breakfast 11:30 a.m. – "Lunch & Learn" and 5th/6th grade Bible Study 1 p.m. – Rainbow Girls using Reception Hall</p>	4	<p>5 7 a.m. – Election Day 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out Noon – PEO Meeting in classroom 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 7 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>6 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 6 p.m. – Connections Team Meeting in Choir Room</p>	8	<p>9 8 a.m. – Rainbow Girls using Educ. Wing & Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>10  Palm Sunday 10:30 a.m. – Choir Special during worship service 11:30 a.m. – "Lunch & Learn," Youth and 5th/6th grade Bible Study</p>	11	<p>12 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</p>	<p>13 11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ Noble Ave. Baptist 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Board Meeting</p>	<p>14 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 6 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Seder Meal</p>	<p>15 </p>	16
<p>17 </p>	18	<p>19 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 7 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	20	<p>21 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out  6 p.m. – 89er Bed Race</p>	22	<p>23  10 a.m. – Fellowship Hall reserved 11 a.m. – Youth Food Booth @ Dewart-Gumerson Insurance Noon -89er Parade</p>
<p>24 11:30 a.m. – "FCC 101" Class and Youth Meeting</p>	<p>25 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting Noon – Newsletter Deadline 5:30 p.m. – Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting</p>	<p>26 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</p>	27	<p>28 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out Youth Pizza Delivery @ GJHS and GHS</p>	29	<p>30 </p>