

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:

\$124,757



The Tie That Binds

First Christian Church, Guthrie

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Sharing Christ
Growing in Faith

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4/24 Worship Attendance: 142 Average Attendance for April: 260

Love Your Neighbor

We have been blessed with many visitors over the past few months. Did you know we provide each 1st time guest with a welcome bag, complete with a \$5 Sonic gift card to enjoy a treat on us? We are running low on gift cards. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of a gift card, drop your donation in the offering plate and designate it for "Visitor Bags."

#FCCallin

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!

Notes from Pastor Ronnie



There are a lot of exciting things that are coming up this Sunday, May 1! It is **Baptism Sunday** and we will have several of our Pastor's Class students get baptized with more to follow! Please make this Sunday a high priority as we want to be there to support our students as they officially begin their journey of faith.

May 1st is also "**Join Us**" Sunday where we are encouraging those who are ready to officially become "All In" and join First Christian. We can't wait for you to be a part of our congregation as we "Share Christ and Grow in Faith."

Finally, we will be welcoming many of our **Mother's Day Out families** this Sunday as two of the classes are set to perform for us. They have been practicing for this performance and I know it will be great!

So many great things happening at FCC! Find your place and plug in, you are needed!

Ronnie

20 Somethings

Our next meeting is May 9 at Stacy's Place on Waterloo at 6 p.m. for fellowship and study. We will also be discussing some different YouVersion devotionals you would like to do as well as future outings. See you there!

Welcome Brian & Debbie!

We are excited to welcome 2 new members into our Family of Faith! Brian Hendon was baptized during worship on April 10. He has been worshipping with us for several months and we were thrilled to share in his special day of Baptism.

Debbie Williams transferred her membership at the end of worship on April 10. We welcome Debbie and look forward to having her join our ministries!

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FCC YOUTH NEWS

In March, during Youth Sunday, the youth asked you to offer a way that you can increase the Light of Jesus... here are some of the ideas given by church members - where you are on this offering; have noticed this happening around you; how can you help someone with this offering; what could you add to this offering?

Men's ministry, loving people, praying, being a Sunbeam to shine each day to others, don't repaying evil for evil, forgiving, acting more like Jesus, being more like Jesus, reading my Bible, being a good and faithful servant, being a generous giver and humble receiver, helping others, being involved, being filled with joy, smiling, seeing God's beauty, being kind, greeting strangers, showing Jesus' love to people at school, greeting people at church, loving one another, praying, telling more people about Jesus, being kind ALWAYS, giving generously, sharing God's love, being me, inviting a friend to church, helping others, talking to others, caring for others, holding a door for someone, saying please, trying to be a better person everyday, letting your light shine for others...

MAY I ask you a question? What are your summer plans? Make a difference in our community by being a part of **Mission Guthrie, July 11 - 15!** Registration for students (completing) 6th - 12th grade is open! Register TODAY at fccguthrie.org. We can use people of all ages to help! For more information or to offer your time, talents or donations, contact Staci Carey, Ronnie Fields or Jeff Ball.

YOUTH NEWS - mark your calendars: **May 1 @ 10 a.m.** - "Sonic snacks" (no afternoon youth/Rummage Sale set-up) **May 6** - Set-up Rummage Sale. **May 7, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.** - Rummage Sale, **May 8**, Mother's Day - no youth! **May 15**, @ 9:30 a.m. Senior Breakfast, 10:30 a.m. Promotion Sunday, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Youth. **May 22 @ 11:45 a.m.** - Youth. **May 24** - School lunch delivery! **May 29** - Memorial Weekend (no youth). **Mission Guthrie, July 11 - 15** - Register TODAY at fccguthrie.org.



Sr. '22 Breakfast: Sunday, May 15th 9:30 a.m.

R.S.V.P by Friday, May 13th

for all graduating Seniors and their family.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS...WE NEED YOUR SENIOR PICTURE (fccguthrie@coxinet.net)

We have the following students listed as graduating:

Alex Allen, Nate Ames, Waylon Ball, Jake Carey, Chase Doles,

Audrey Evers, Logan Hand, Colten Lyons and Taryn Ward

Did we miss you or your student? Let us know! Call the church office 282-4080

College Graduates...We would like to recognize you! Please send your picture and degree information to the church office!



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

Connections Team

Please join us for our next Connections meeting on Monday, May 2nd at 6 p.m. in the choir room as we discuss upcoming events. I will be bringing some sweets to share! See you then! --Jana Frey, Team Leader

Keeping Up With Karen



How can we already be approaching May?! It seems like spring has just flown by with all the activities at church and in the community. I am still trying to wrap my head around the idea that my oldest son is graduating in just a few more weeks. I know many of us have graduating seniors and are looking forward to their next steps!

Sundays in May are going to be packed with all sorts of exciting activities. We have moved the "Lunch and Learn" with Ronnie to the first Sundays of the month as we know schedules tend to pick up in the summer. It will eventually return to weekly once we return in the fall. This Sunday, the meal will be Taco Bar and everyone is invited to the Bible Study and lunch following worship.

Also this Sunday is Baptism Sunday and Membership Day. Ronnie, the elders and I had a wonderful lunch with some of our new families on Sunday. We have several joining this Sunday as well as four baptisms.

The second Sunday of the month is Mother's Day. We will have a sweet treat for all women, compliments of our Worship Team.

The third Sunday of the month is Graduation and Promotion Sunday. We will honor our graduates in worship and also spend time "promoting" all our children and youth to their next age groups. This has become a wonderful tradition of our first graders receiving Bibles from our 6th graders and our 6th graders receiving Bibles from our seniors. The Kids Worship 2nd graders also move up to Kids Worship Extra.

We will also be the host church for Baccalaureate on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m. Along with that our Connection's Team is doing a cookie and punch reception afterward. If you can help bring cookies, please contact the church office at 405-282-4080 or Jana Frey (jana.frey1305@gmail.com). We estimate about 250 attending the service and are honored to be the host for the graduating class of 2022.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER!

Last year, one of the youth's biggest fundraisers was Little League baseball's concession stand at Kiwanis Park. We made nearly \$4,000 last season and look forward to another successful season. I manage the concession stand and need youth (ages 7th-12th grades) to help work the stand. The time slots are 5:45-8:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in May and the first week of June. Youth are paid \$30 per night they work. I have a sign-up for this on Sign-up Genius for anyone who wants to pick a night. I will be there with them at the stand or one of our older youth will be with them if I have to leave.

Here is a link for the sign-up, or if you have youth that are interested you can call/text me at 405-615-2240. (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448ACA92BA3F58-kiwanis>)

Have you noticed the flower beds?

We have had many compliments on our flower beds, which were recently cleaned out and spruced up by Green View Lawn Care. We appreciate those who have worked in the beds throughout the last couple years but in conversations with them, it is apparent that the amount of time and energy many of the beds and tree trimming take is overwhelming.

With the spruce-up, there have been a number of flowers planted in our main entryway beds and we are in need of a few people who could come by a couple times a week and water. It would take about 30 minutes. If you are able and willing, please contact me and I can walk you through where everything is. We definitely want to keep these flowerbeds looking nice!

Have a great week!

Karen

Prayer Requests

Our Love and Sympathy go out to: Don Hardin and family in the death of his father, George Hardin.

We celebrate the birth of: Marleigh Mary Elizabeth Thompson, born April 20 to Mark Thompson and Megan Barba. Proud grandparents in our congregation are Scott & Joanna Thompson.

We pray for our church family: Carol Smith (eye surgery), Mike Carey (eye surgery), Judy Coburn (back procedure), Clara Price (knee injection), Jane Weeks (back injection), Denise Shoun, Elmina Lynch, Kim Crick, Robbie Helton, Brian Hendon, Sharon Holden, Amy Haskins Kirk, Sarah Schlueter, Phyllis Willbanks, Sharyl Padgett, Dennis Lynch, Deanna Case, Carl Biggs, Gerald Whitfield, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreessen

We pray for our friends and family members: James Stowe, Jennifer Shirley, Valerie Cotton, Cade Freeman, DeAnn Larson, 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

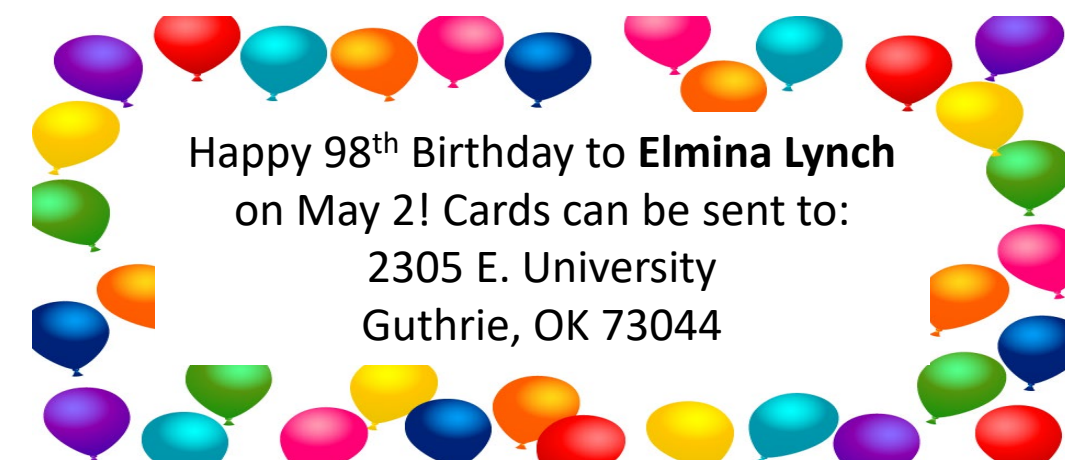
And our military all over the world: Court, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning

MAY Birthdays of the Month

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| 1 – Jaxon McNew | 10 – Johnny Hudson | 26 – Tom Holtz |
| 2 – Elmina Lynch | Evan Plagg | 27 – Mike Simpson |
| 3 – Barbara Smith | Ethan Bandy | 28 – Kim Hinkle |
| Kelly Simpson | 14 – Kevin Carey | Bobbie French |
| 4 – Andrew Hardin | 15 – Kevin Frey | Susan Savory |
| Jamie Hudson | 17 – Bailey Hardin | 30 – Josh Gill |
| 6 – Carver McLain | 18 – John Cox | Adelyn Stevens |
| David Hood | 19 – Blakely Smith | Ronnie Fields |
| 7 – Clayton Carey | 21 – Marie Lynch | 31 – Blake Doles |
| 9 – Derek Shoun | 22 – Shana Fields | |
| Haden Wiss | 24 – Tom Hudson | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 17 – Justin & Andrea Stevens | 21 – Gregg & Rikki Gumerson |
| 19 – Jamie & Stacey Johnston | 23 – Sam & Sherry Porter |
| 20 – Jake & Shannon Doles | 24 – Trace & Calee Lyons |
| | 31 – Dale & Corky Storm |



Happy 98th Birthday to **Elmina Lynch**
on May 2! Cards can be sent to:
2305 E. University
Guthrie, OK 73044

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
- **Sunday, May 1 after worship** – “Lunch & Learn” Bible Study

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



Vacation Bible School

Attention all adults and youth age helpers, FCC is needing volunteers who are ready to teach about God's **MONUMENTAL** greatness! VBS is June 13-16 and we are ready to sign up volunteers! If you are an adult or youth who would like to help for the week or just a few days of the week, please let Kacie Carey or Natalie Hardin know that you would like to help. We have a variety of positions available, perfect for whatever you like to do; whether it is to be with the kids each day or maybe you prefer to do more behind the scenes work. We can find a job that is perfect for your talents! Here are the spots

we have available, read through these and let Natalie or Kacie know how you think you'd like to help. Still not sure after reading? That's fine too, give us a call and we will find you the perfect way to help out.

Crew leader: these volunteers will pair up with another adult or youth helper to lead their crew of about 15 kids through their daily VBS adventure stations and help keep the kids on schedule and tuned in to their activities at each station.

Station leaders: some of these spots have already been filled by some of our volunteers who have been helping plan the curriculum for the past couple of months but we are needing about 6 more station leaders. Station leaders are given the curriculum in an easy to teach, ready to go, script style book that they can read from or add their own flare to as well. We currently need a snack leader, 1 game leader, 1 bible adventures station leader, 1 kid vid leader, and 1 imagination station leader.

Backstage helpers: these volunteers will assist the station leaders in their lessons or help prepare snacks, or wherever else we may need some extra hands on help for the week!

We will have a nursery provided for any volunteer who has kids 0-3 years who are not yet old enough to participate in VBS, and as a special thank you to our awesome leaders, each volunteer will receive an exclusive FREE t-shirt to wear for the week!! They are going to be super cute - you'll want to snag one! If you are only available for a few days of VBS week, that's just fine, we can still use your help! Let me know what days you are available and we will figure it out!

FCC VBS is June 13-16 from 9 a.m. to noon each day and is open to any 4-yr-old through kids completing 5th grade. Signups to attend will be coming out in a few weeks, so check back to see when they are open!

It's going to be a MONUMENTAL VBS all about celebrating God's greatness and we can't wait to see you there!

Natalie Hardin (nahardin@gmail.com)






Kacie Carey (kacie.carey@yahoo.com)



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MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY OUT SUNDAY "Join Us" Sunday & Baptisms</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Nominating Comm. Meeting 10 a.m. – Youth Breakfast 11:30 a.m. – "Lunch & Learn"</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6 p.m. – Connections Team Meeting in Choir Room</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 a.m. – National Day of Prayer Breakfast @ Community Church 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Church Office Closed Rummage Sale Set-up</p>	<p>7</p> 
<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>High School & College Graduate pictures due to church office 6 p.m. – 20-Something's Group Dinner at Stacy's Place</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 11:30 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance Lunch & Meeting @ FCC 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fellowship Hall reserved for private event</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Donut Sunday Graduation Sunday Promotion Sunday</p> <p>9:30 a.m. – Graduate Breakfast 11:45 a.m. – Youth Meeting</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 4 p.m. – Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>7 p.m. – Baccalaureate at First Christian Church</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>  <p>GHS Graduation</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>11:45 a.m. – Youth Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11 a.m. – Staff Meeting Noon – Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Last Day of School for Guthrie 8 a.m. – Chamber Board Meeting 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Happy Birthday Pastor Ronnie</p>  <p>MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed</p>	<p>31</p> <p>No Mother's Day Out</p>		<p>Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>**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</p>	