

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:
\$125,671

5/22 Worship Attendance: 129 Average Attendance for May: 177

Capital Campaign Update

On March 15, 2020 we kicked off a 3-year Capital Campaign to replenish the funds we had recently committed for a roof replacement needed over a significant portion of our church building. A week later, our world experienced chaos, shutdowns, illness, and more – clearly not the time to be kicking off such a lofty campaign.

However, over the past 26 months, we have successfully raised \$125,671 toward our \$200,000 goal – and we aren't done yet. We have 10 months remaining to raise an additional \$74,329. This may sound like a lot, but the faithfulness of this congregation has always persevered. We continue to operate with a balanced budget and \$0 in debt! This Capital Campaign is not needed to pay off an current commitments, but to ensure that if a major building repair were needed, we would have the funds to do so.

As we enter the summer months, please consider if you are able to make an extra gift to the FCC Capital Campaign and help us reach our \$200,000 goal by March 2023.

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie



Summer is here! As summer begins, it's no time to slow down your spiritual growth. I hope everyone is having a regular quiet time – spending time in God's word and praying. Each morning I look forward to my own quiet time. And when I miss it, my whole day is off. Make sure you continue to make growing in Christ a regular priority, especially during the summer!

We have ongoing Bible studies in YouVersion. This summer will be a scaled back version of what we have been doing for in-person Bible studies. There will be a Tuesday evening Bible study that meets twice a month. This will be June 7 and 21. Our "Lunch and Learn" after church study will be June 12 at Cimarron National.

Keep growing!
Ronnie

YouVersion Studies for June

Contact Karen Allen if you would like to sign up

1-Jun	All Things New	7 Days
2-Jun	All Things New	7 Days
3-Jun	Tongue of the Wise	7 Days
4-Jun	Tongue of the Wise	7 Days
5-Jun	Tongue of the Wise	7 Days
6-Jun	Tongue of the Wise	7 Days
7-Jun	Tongue of the Wise	7 Days
8-Jun	Tongue of the Wise	7 Days
9-Jun	Tongue of the Wise	7 Days
10-Jun	Sent - Eavesdropping on Jesus	5 Days
11-Jun	Sent - Eavesdropping on Jesus	5 days
12-Jun	Sent - Eavesdropping on Jesus	5 Days
13-Jun	Sent - Eavesdropping on Jesus	5 Days
14-Jun	Sent - Eavesdropping on Jesus	5 Days
15-Jun	Reckless Love	7 Days
16-Jun	Reckless Love	7 Days
17-Jun	Reckless Love	7 Days
18-Jun	Reckless Love	7 Days
19-Jun	Reckless Love	7 Days
20-Jun	Reckless Love	7 Days
21-Jun	Reckless Love	7 Days
22-Jun	Finding Peace	4 Days
23-Jun	Finding Peace	4 Days
24-Jun	Choosing Peace	4 Days
25-Jun	Choosing Peace	4 Days
26-Jun	Jesus in Red	5 Days
27-Jun	Jesus in Red	5 Days
28-Jun	Jesus in Red	5 Days
29-Jun	Jesus in Red	5 Days
30-Jun	Jesus in Red	5 Days

There will NOT be Kid's Worship this Sunday



Vacation Bible School

We are less than one month away from a MONUMENTAL VBS! Join us **June 13-16 from 9 a.m. - noon** each day for all kinds of games, lessons, stories, snacks, and activities all specially prepared to teach each one of us about God's greatness! VBS is open to all kids ages 4 years old through those completed 5th grade! There is still time to register for VBS! Go to www.fccguthrie.org to sign your children up! **We'd like to have registrations submitted by June 8** to be able to properly plan for how many we will have in attendance so the earlier you can sign up, the better!

We are still needing some volunteers. If you are available that week or even for a few days of the week, we would love to have your help! Volunteers get a free t-shirt and a nursery is available for volunteer's children who are 0-3 years old.

VBS Decorating Night: Help wanted! We need help transforming the church building into the desert setting our VBS takes place in this year! We will have a decorating night on June 10, we will start at 4 p.m. and decorate until we finish! No matter your creativity level, we will have all kinds of projects that need worked on! Michelle Gill is the VBS decorations director and she does a great job lining out tasks for this night of decorating! Please let Natalie Hardin, Kacie Carey or Michelle Gill know if you can come help, volunteers will be served pizza for dinner and we want to make sure there is plenty to feed all of our helpers!

VBS Volunteer Training: We have two opportunities for VBS volunteer training, the first is June 10 at 6 p.m. We will take a break from decorating, meet together in the Fellowship Hall and have a brief discussion about the ins and outs of VBS and strategies to have the very best and safest VBS possible. There will be pizza served for all who attend. Please RSVP if you plan to be there! The second training will be immediately following worship on Sunday, June 12. Please also RSVP so we know what volunteers will be coming to which training session.



Keeping Up With Karen



We survived! I am sure everyone is tired of hearing about graduation festivities in my life and while it was an exhausting week/year it has been one of the most rewarding. To see your child reach new heights, make difficult decisions about college, be rewarded for hard work and realize how big his village is, is a humbling and life-changing experience.

As I put together the video for Graduation Sunday and sorted through photos of our 10 graduates from the past 18 years, it was so fun to see how much each of them have been involved in FCC throughout the years. This group of seniors had experienced so much together – Vacation Bible Schools, Mission Trips, Food Booths, Pool and Waterslide days, Baptisms, Mission Camps, Lock-ins, Kidventure and “The Rock,” playing sports together, Mission Sundays, Children and Youth Sundays, Christmas Caroling at nursing homes and to our shut-ins and the list goes on and on.

I am so thankful for a church that values children and youth. As much time as we spend sending our children to school to learn math, science, history and English, we sometimes forget how much they learn outside of the classroom. When a student graduates, we often focus on the hours spent in the classroom and at school activities, however, sometimes overlooked are the countless hours away from school and how those were spent. It's exciting to see that many of our youth have made church a priority over the years and have built relationships through activities and know that a relationship with God is so important.

I am confident that our Class of 2022 is going out into the world better equipped to deal with difficulties and make decisions that reflect their relationship with God. I know that life won't always be smooth for my graduate and others, but I feel confident that the firm foundation built at FCC Guthrie will give him the tools he needs to weather any storm and stand strong no matter what comes his way.

I am thankful for this church family and for the ministries and creativity we share that makes “going to church” not dull but rather exciting and interesting for young people.

This past Sunday, we welcomed in a new group to our Kids Worship Extra, which is for 3rd-6th graders. During our “summer months” we bridge the kids into their new classes, allowing our incoming 3rd graders to attend KWX and our outgoing 6th graders can attend KWX while also begin dipping their toe in the Youth Group during the fun summer activities. We have a HUGE group of incoming 3rd graders and it is going to make KWX so fun. Already, on Sunday, they were asking fun questions and giving some interesting answers! We have about 35 kids who are active in the KWX group and Staci and I love spending time with them on the second and fourth Sundays. It's a great time to ask questions and explore their faith.

It's great to think that several years from now, these same students will be participating in graduation activities and we will have similar photos and experiences to share when they graduate. Church is such an important part of each child's learning process and we are thankful for all of you that share your children with us!

Thank you to each and every person who has poured into this year's seniors! We have given them a firm foundation and can't wait to see what their futures hold.

God bless and have a great week!

Karen

Prayer Requests

Preparing for surgery: Barbara Wilder (5/26)

We pray for our church family: Lydia Gates, George Dreessen, Gerald Whitfield, Terryl Wiczorek, Denise Shoun, Elmina Lynch, Kim Crick, Robbie Helton, Amy Haskins Kirk, Sarah Schlueter, Sharyl Padgett, Dennis Lynch, Deanna Case, Carl Biggs, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreessen

We pray for our friends and family members: Emma Canning, Robert Bozarth, Shane Weathers, Renee Leathers, Larry Nagel, James Stowe, Jennifer Shirley, Valerie Cotton, DeAnn Larson, Karen Nemecek, Albert Tooley, Ellen Jean Weeks, Karen Aukwell, Jennifer Hand, Ed & Katherine Walton, Marty Stamp, 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



- Summer time = no regular Sunday meeting time – instead, weekly summer activities! Sign up for remind or pick up your calendar during our kick-off event on
- **Sunday, June 5th 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.:**
- Kick ball & swim party @ Carey field (get your team together, bring a bathing suit & meet at FCC by 11:45 a.m. for a ride or at the field by noon)
- **For more information: Contact Staci Carey, Youth Minister 405.831.5509**



June Birthdays!

1 – Kennedi Hacker	16 – Brian Reece	21 – Ella Tontz
Kathy Walter	17 – Marsh Powell	Carissa Redman
Judy Coburn	18 – Janie Carey	Ethan Frey
Elden Waner	Josh Ward	Julie Wiss
3 – Roy Jones	Kegan Payne	22 – James Carey
5 – Gale Coker	19 – Paula Bowles	Brittney Jarnagin
Jayma Johnston	Kristi Blakemore	23 – Amanda Shults
6 – Ally Carey	Jake Carey	25 – Curtis Ketch
9 – Natalie Hardin	Hank Hinkle	29 – Jacki Cowan
10 – Shana Bench	20 – Avery Olstad	30 – Terry Hinkle
12 – Owen Wilder	Tammy Schroder	
13 – Zeke Paul	Ava Yancey	
14 – Phyliss Stroup	Michelle Gill	
15 – Kelly Considine	Jace Gill	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2 – Brian & Janna Pierson	12 – Ben & Ali Gallo
John & Karen Allen	18 – Boyd & Linda Rice
3 – Bill & Cynthia Cunningham	19 – Len & Linda Tontz
5 – Ron & Juanita Plagg	22 – Verl & Ruth Plain
Brad & Janice Hand	23 – Nolan & Kim Crick
6 – Ron & Barbara Wilder	27 – Thomas & Janet Hudson
Ron & Linda Wrede	28 – Jerry & LaHonda Ball
10 – Ken & Kathy Walter	Mike & Kelly Simpson
11 – Jason & Desi Rice	30 – Don & LaMoyne Hardin

NEXT STEPS @ FCC

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


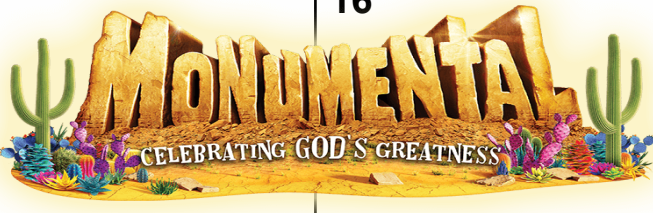


- **Sundays, 9:30 a.m.** - Gleaners Adult Sunday School Class
 - **Tuesdays, June 7 & 21, 7 p.m.** – Adult Bible Study
 - **Sunday, June 12 after worship** – “Lunch & Learn” Bible Study @ Cimarron Golf Course
- If you would like more information about any of these opportunities, contact the church office 405-282-4080.



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JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><u>Repeating Sunday Events:</u> (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>**Kid's Worship for 5 yrs – 2nd grade every Sunday during worship **Kid's Worship Extra for 3rd-6th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays</p>			1	2	3 Church Office Closed	4	
<p>5</p>  <p>11:30 – a.m. – Lunch & Learn Bible Study @ Cimarron 11:45 a.m. – Youth Swin & Kickball Party</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Board Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>4 p.m. – VBS Decorating 6 p.m. – VBS Volunteer Training</p>	11	
<p>12</p> <p>11:45 a.m. – VBS Volunteer Training</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Mission Guthrie \$\$ Due</p>	<p>14</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance Meeting</p>			<p>17</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Discovery Camp</p>	
← VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9 A.M. - NOON →							
<p>19</p>  <p>DONUT SUNDAY </p> <p>Discovery Camp</p>	20	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	← Junior Camp →		<p>23</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>6 p.m. – Dinner Group @ FCC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	25
<p>26</p> <p>Congregational Meeting following worship to approve 2022-2023 Board & Committees</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Newsletter articles due to church office by NOON</p>	<p>28</p> <p>FCC Precinct Open for Primary Elections</p> <p>Newsletter Mailed 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</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>		
						