

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:

\$132,614

6/26 Worship Attendance: 145 Average Attendance for June: 119

CONNECTIONS TEAM NEEDS YOU!

We are approaching an exciting new year in our church! What better time than now to join a committee and spread God's love in the various opportunities we have to offer here at FCC! This is a personal invitation for you to join the Connections Team! We will meet Tues., June 28 at 6 p.m. in the Choir Room. We will be discussing some exciting events happening in July as well as in the next few months. Come find out how you can help be a part of some all-church events. We hope you can join us!

Worship Team is seeking volunteers!

Are you interested in planning special services and unique worship opportunities? Worship Team would love to have your input! See Debbie Hubbard at the Welcome Center any Sunday morning to get more info about the Worship Team.

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 Growing in Faith

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie

July is a great time to get involved in the life of the church! It can be easy to get in a summer slump and wait until school is back to get in the swing of things but we value your attendance and participation to keep the ministries of the church moving and growing. We have had so many visitors and are meeting new people each week. When you come to worship, be sure to greet someone you don't know — even if you are unsure if they are a regular attender or new! Chances are they don't know your name if you don't know theirs!



Coming up...

This week, the temperatures have been a little cooler and that's a great way to usher in a special two-week sermon series that begins on July 10! It is titled "Christmas in July!" and it may seem odd to be talking about Christmas in July, but it's a great time to focus on how we will adjust our schedules, thinking, spending and focus *now* to be better prepared for the hustle and bustle of the season. This theme will also be a part of our Youth Mission Camp, that we are hosting. We have youth from Guthrie and El Reno who will be serving in different capacities and experience "gift-giving" in many different ways. Mission Camp is the week of July 11-15. Please pray for our youth and leaders as they "Share Christ and Grow in Faith."

Last but not least — this past Sunday, we had a congregational meeting to approve our Board and Team Leader positions. We want to extend a huge thank you to all of those who have served the past year in so many different ways. Whether you were an Elder, Officer, Team Leader, Team Member or Deacon, we appreciate you! The church only functions as well as it's "many parts."

If you are a Board Officer, Team Leader, Elder or Staff member we need you to mark your calendar for Sunday, Aug 21. Immediately following worship, we will hold our annual planning meeting. We will provide lunch and spend some time looking at the next 12 months. We will brainstorm how to make sure our Core Values are being reflected through our ministry areas and activities that are planned. This is an extremely important meeting, and we need all leaders to present to help create the most exciting year yet for FCC! The meeting will conclude at 2 p.m.

Have a blessed week, and remember

Ronnie

Wear your



THIS SUNDAY!

Kids Worship Extra is having a Ball on the 2nd and 4th Sundays!

We had a huge group of kids and to say we had a “ball” is an understatement. We have begun a new series of lessons that Karen and Staci are creating and are hoping to get down some Bible Basics! We have created a beach ball for each book of the New Testament and as we learn a fact about them, a student writes the fact on the ball. At the end of each session, we toss the ball around and work to remember what we learned about each book!

The kids did a great job!

So... let's see if you're “smarter than a 3rd-6th Grader! This is what they covered Sunday:

- What is one major difference in the Old Testament and New Testament
- What are the first four books of the New Testament and together, what are they called?
- Who wrote each of the four books and which of those four were part of the 12 Disciples?
- What is the difference in an Apostle and Disciple?
- What was Matthew's job before Jesus asked him to “follow me”?
- 3 of the Gospels record a lot of the same stories – which ones are they?
- Which 2 Gospels tell about the birth of Jesus? Why doesn't Mark include that story?
- Which of the first three books record the events of the Last Supper?



BONUS: One other book in the New Testament records the story of the Last Supper but it's not one of the first four books. Which one is it?

They also learned a new memory verse: Matthew 22:37 — “Jesus said: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.’”

Any of our 3rd-6th graders that can remember that verse when we meet again on July 12 will earn their choice of a candy bar!

Thank you for sharing your children with us and be sure and have your child invite a friend to join them on the 2nd and 4th Sundays to participate in this fun class!

Christmas in July activities for **YOUTH**... While some of us will be attending Mission Guthrie, we don't want to leave you out! Join us for our evening fun & Worship! Don't forget to check your Remind notifications for updates! Don't get them? Text Staci to get signed up!

Mon. 11th A CAROLING WE GO! 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. @ Apothecary Gardens

(downtown) *Dinner, dessert, Ghost Walk & Worship... *Bring money for food & ghost walk (approx. \$20)*

TUES. 12th Festive Fireside 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. @ “church picnic”

lake *Canoes, fishing, lawn games, hot dogs, s'mores, lakeside worship (call for directions) \$10 for food & lake activities – *bring a lifejacket if you can.*

Wed. 13th Winter Wonderland Worship 7:30 p.m. @ FCC

Christmas Movie Night 8:30 p.m. @ Drive-In (\$7)

Thurs. 14th CRAZY CHRISTMAS Block Party! 6 – 8 p.m. @ FCC *Foam

machine, Inflatables, Games, Food truck, Snow Cones, Music & more! *Bring money for food truck/snowcones.*

**Mark your calendar for July's fccYOUTH ROAD TRIP! Sun. July 24th
Noon – 3:30 pm WakeZone Aqua Park, OKC \$20 (Contact Staci to RSVP)**

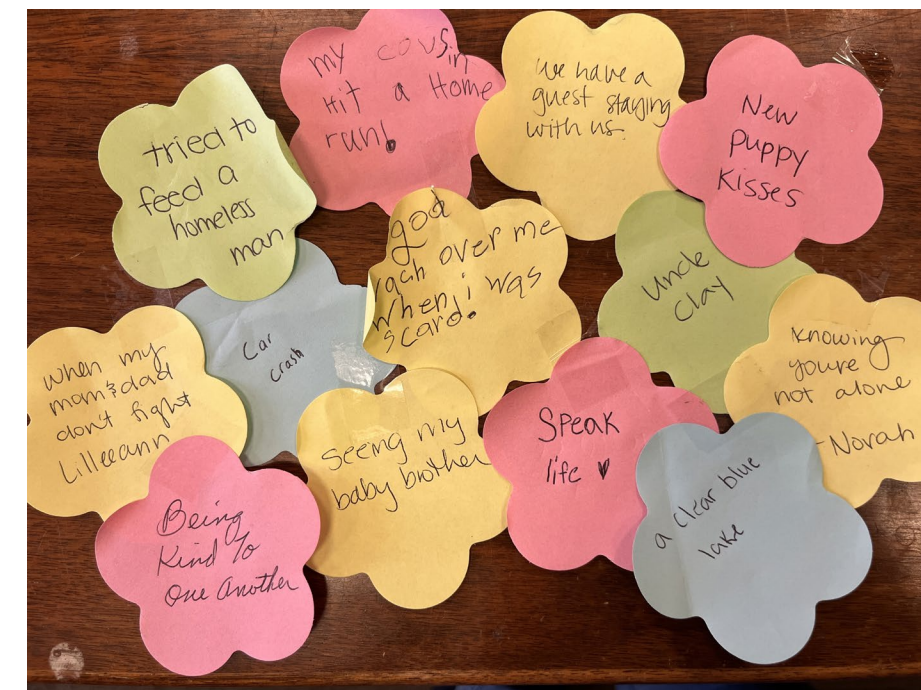
Keeping Up With Karen



We have a lot of great things going on right now at FCC! We had a tremendous Vacation Bible School, an upcoming Mission Camp, several opportunities for Bible Study and enjoying meals together and a myriad of volunteer opportunities! If you haven't plugged in somewhere, I hope you will. Sometimes we are blessed in the most unsuspecting ways as we share our gifts and talents.

During VBS, we were blessed with more than 60 volunteers helping on the front lines and behind the scenes. It takes a plethora of gifts and talents to make it all happen but when you see the results of how the children are impacted it makes every effort worth it. One of my favorite parts of VBS is when the kids get some time to focus on their “God Sightings” and how they noticed God at work in the world. For me, that is an awesome way to begin helping them notice that God is all around them. For the volunteers, it's a reminder that we can see God in the big and small. Some of their answers were simple, while others would bring tears to your eyes. Each day, the kids could write their thoughts and observations of God on a flower post-it note and stick it to one of the cactus cutouts in the “Imagination Station” rooms. While there were 100s of them posted, here is an example of a few “God Sightings” the kids wrote down...

- Knowing you're not alone
- God watched over me when I was scared
- New puppy kisses
- Car crash
- Seeing my baby brother
- Uncle Clay
- A big tree
- Speak life!
- We have a guest staying with us
- When we get hurt, Jesus heals us
- Rabbit didn't get in the trap
- My cousin hit a homerun
- Mom playing in the pool with me
- Being kind to one another
- When my mom and dad don't fight
- A clear blue lake
- Tried to feed a homeless man
- Waterfall



I loved reading through their notes and seeing the world from their eyes. It was a true reminder of how God is with us in the good, bad and everything in between. I would challenge everyone to spend some time this week reflecting each day on where you saw God. What things were obvious and then go a little deeper and think of where you saw Him “behind the scenes.” So often we are looking for lightning bolts and the reality is, God is guiding and directing all along.

May God bless you as you journey with Him!

Karen

NOTE: I will be out of the office and on vacation July 20-29. I appreciate this opportunity to travel with my family and refresh and renew. If you need anything during that time, feel free to contact the church office.

YOUVERSION BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

We are about to begin a new 3-month reading plan on the YouVersion Bible App. If you haven't joined us for these readings, it's a good time to get onboard. You can download the You Version app on your smart phone, create an account and then send a "Friend Request" to Karen Allen. After you do that, Karen will invite you to each study and you can opt in or skip those you aren't interested in. These are a great way to read scripture together and focus on different topics each week. There is also an option to comment or share your thoughts on the reading at the end of each day.

If you need help getting set up, please contact Karen at 405-615-2240 or before/after worship on Sundays. Currently, we have 55 people who are invited to each study and many participate in each one.

| Date | YouVersion Plan | Length of Plan |
|-------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1-Jul | Freedom | 7 Days |
| 2-Jul | Freedom | 7 Days |
| 3-Jul | Freedom | 7 Days |
| 4-Jul | Freedom | 7 Days |
| 5-Jul | Freedom | 7 Days |
| 6-Jul | Freedom | 7 Days |
| 7-Jul | Freedom | 7 Days |

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The 4th Sunday "Change the World" offering was amazing. Together our "change" totaled \$411.98! The Hope House kids were so excited to receive all the new games, DVDs, Snacks and a tub to store everything in. Thanks to everyone who brought your extra change and helped bring some sunshine to their world.

Thanks to Stacey Johnston and Kelly Simpson for helping brainstorm ideas for this Outreach project. Thanks to Kelly, Abigail and Colin for delivering the items to Hope House on Monday! They reported that the kids were so thrilled to receive everything. As many of you know, many of them were injured when the Hope House van rolled over. They have many scrapes and bruises and are still healing. We worked with Hope House parents to figure out something the kids would enjoy and we are confident it will brighten their spirits!

Thanks again to everyone who was a part of donating to make this happen!

Our next "Change the World" Sunday will be July 31. It's one week later than normal, but watch for more details in the weeks ahead and you'll see why we are pushing it to the 5th Sunday!



July Birthdays!

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|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Patsy Crick | 14 – Khloe Walker | 25 – Colin Simpson |
| 3 – Greg Friese | 16 – Janna Pierson | Cindy Reynolds |
| 4 – Jennifer Guinn-Mannas | 17 – Hallie Ross | 26 – Randy Ellis |
| Mikayla Johnston | 18 – Jenna North | Jean Ann Canning |
| 6 – Jerry Ball | 20 – Lindsey Ball | Linda Griffin |
| Susan Davison | Stacey Johnston | Hunter Betchan |
| Jamie Pena | 21 – Sharon Holden | 27 – Diana Dewart |
| 7 – Pam Henning | Lauren Stinchcomb | Becky Wilkerson |
| Mike Canning | 22 – Carson Wilder | 29 – Lakyn Redman |
| Addie Gill | 23 – Brian Johnston | Vivian Blakemore |
| 8 – Sammy LeGrande | 24 – Anna Frey | Jason Cotton |
| 10 – Kyle Blakemore | | 30 – Mike Carey |
| 12 – Rita Stowe | | Logan Payne |
| 13 – Sue Martin | | 31 – Caroline Roettger |
| Steve Hanna | | Donna Koch |
| Dennis Ochs | | Tommy Zellers |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 – Kevin & Jana Frey | 17 – Jason & Lesley Cotton |
| 2 – KC & Linda Griffin | Gary & Jane Weeks |
| 7 – Kendall & Amanda Shults | Virgil & Lesley Rodgers |
| David & Tara Hood | Coy & Kim Betchan |
| 9 – Wheeler & Von Coburn | 20 – Tommy & Sharon Johnston |
| 11 – Mike & Janie Carey | 23 – Scott & Joanna Thompson |
| 13 – Michael & Cambrea Johnson | 25 – Donovan & Lacey Hardin |
| 15 – Tom & Linda Holtz | 28 – Marsh & Nancy Powell |
| | 29 – Andy & Dawn Hacker |
| | 31 – Roy & Vicki Jones |

Prayer Requests

We pray for our church family: Ginger Gumerson-Simpson, Terryl Wieczorek (surgery June 29), Cynthia Baker, Clara Price,, Lydia Gates, George Dreessen, Gerald Whitfield, Denise Shoun, Elmina Lynch, Kim Crick, Robbie Helton, Sarah Schlueter, Sharyl Padgett, Dennis Lynch, Carl Biggs, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreessen

We pray for our friends and family members: Valerie Cotton, Lindsay Szwed, Alice Simmons, Emma Canning, Shane Weathers, Renee Leathers, Larry Nagel, James Stowe, Jennifer Shirley, Karen Nemecek, Albert Tooley, Ellen Jean Weeks, Karen Aukwell, Jennifer Hand, Ed & Katherine Walton, Marty Stamp, Trish Worster, Bradley Wilson, 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, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning



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JULY 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 – 2nd grade every Sunday during worship
**Kid's Worship Extra for 3rd-6th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

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1
Church Office Closed

2

3
 Wear your red white & blue

4
 Independence DAY
Church Office Closed

5
9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

6

7
9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

8
Church Office Closed

9

10
 Christmas in JULY
Donut Sunday
11:45 a.m. – Lunch & Learn

11
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12
9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

13
Mission Camp
6 p.m. – Elders Meeting
7 p.m. – Special Board Meeting

14
9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out
3 p.m. – 3rd -6th grade Water Slide Party

15
Church Office Closed

16

17
 Christmas in July
11:45 a.m. – Potluck Luncheon

18

19
9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

20

21
9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

22
Church Office Closed

23
Girl Scout Event in Reception Hall
Private Event in Parlor

24
Noon – Youth to Wake Zone

25
11 a.m. – Staff Meeting
Newsletter articles due to church office by NOON

26
Newsletter Mailed
9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

27

28
9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out

29
Church Office Closed

30

31
"Change the World" loose change offering collected

Notes: