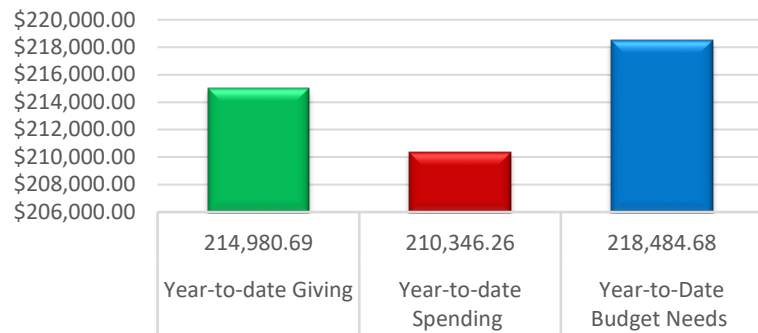


## FCC Financial Update



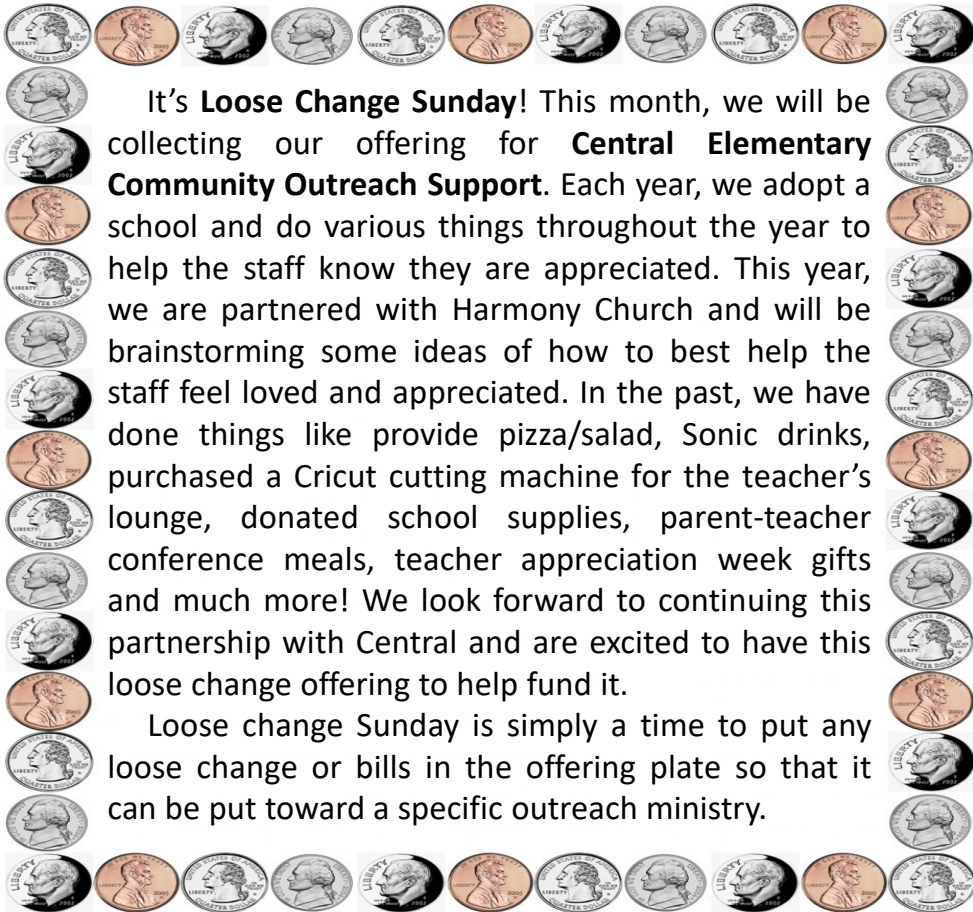
## Capital Campaign

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:

**\$136,553**

8/21 Worship Attendance: 167 Average Attendance for August: 175



It's **Loose Change Sunday!** This month, we will be collecting our offering for **Central Elementary Community Outreach Support**. Each year, we adopt a school and do various things throughout the year to help the staff know they are appreciated. This year, we are partnered with Harmony Church and will be brainstorming some ideas of how to best help the staff feel loved and appreciated. In the past, we have done things like provide pizza/salad, Sonic drinks, purchased a Cricut cutting machine for the teacher's lounge, donated school supplies, parent-teacher conference meals, teacher appreciation week gifts and much more! We look forward to continuing this partnership with Central and are excited to have this loose change offering to help fund it.

Loose change Sunday is simply a time to put any loose change or bills in the offering plate so that it can be put toward a specific outreach ministry.

## Capital Campaign

In March of 2020 we kicked off a 3-year Capital Campaign to replenish funds used to replace our outdated boiler and failing roof. The goal was to raise \$200,000 over 3 years as we prepare for the next equipment replacement – likely HVAC units over the Sanctuary end (most of the units are over 30 years old!)

We are now 6 months away from our end-date and about \$63,000 short of our goal! Please consider an extra donation to the Capital Campaign – no gift is too small!



# The Tie That Binds

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## Notes from Pastor Ronnie

We are gearing up for fall as all of our normal activities begin to resume. Lunch and Learn, Mid-Week Bible study, Youth, and KidVenture along with our special events like the upcoming picnic. We want you to grow in your faith and experience the love of church family. That happens through Bible study, worship, and fellowship. And not only do we want to see you, but we want you to invite your friends and family who don't have a church home. Our number one goal as followers of Jesus is to make Disciples. It's the last thing Jesus said, "make disciples." We do our best to make it easy for you to invite by providing a variety of ministries and events. The Bible is clear - the harvest is ready, but the workers are few. The people are ready! Are you willing?



*Ronnie*

## MINISTRY FAIR

Come and find a place to serve!

• Sunday, Aug. 28 •

After Worship in the Reception Hall

• Visit our Ministry Team Booths •  
EACH BOOTH WILL HAVE FOOD!

Christian Education  
"Smores"

Christian Outreach  
"Fish-Themed Snacks"

Connections  
"Meats, Cheese, Crackers"

Property  
"Chips and Dip"

Stewardship  
"Sandwiches"

Worship  
"Fruits and Veggies"

Ministry Fair is THIS SUNDAY following worship! We will have six ministry areas set up, where you can learn more about what is happening at FCC and how to get involved. Also, each ministry team is featuring a charcuterie board of food! It will be quite a variety of different foods.

If you're curious about a few of the things that it will feature:

- Christian Education will have a "Smores" board.
- Christian Outreach will have "all things fish" (as we are to be Fishers of Men!).
- Connections will have meat and cheese.
- Property will have chips and dips.
- Stewardship will have sandwiches.
- Worship will feature "colors of the cross" with foods that are red, purple, green, black and white!

We hope you will take a few minutes to visit the booths and grab some snacks. This is a come and go event, so tour around and visit with each other as you enjoy foods from various tables.

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## KidMin – 3rd - 6th grader Paint Party

Calling all 3rd - 6th grader artists! On Aug. 28, right after worship service, we will have a pizza and paint party at the church. Parent pickup will be at 2 p.m. and the cost for this event is \$10 per person. Email [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com) to RSVP and pay by this Wed., Aug. 24 to reserve a spot!

## KIDVENTURE

We will kick off another round of Kidventure on Sept. 7. Kidventure is from 3:30 – 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and is open to 5-year-olds through 6th graders. Kidventure will meet every Wednesday afternoon from Sept. 7 to Oct. 12.

Sign-ups are open! To sign-up, use the link that is posted on the FCC FB page and the “Kids @ FCC” FB group or if you have kids who are Kidventure age, the link was sent out last week to your email! Please email [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com) if you are having trouble locating the sign-up link. All kids who attend Kidventure must have a form filled out prior to attending. We will be giving away t-shirts this year for the kids to wear each Wednesday. Kids who are registered by this Wed., Aug. 24 will be guaranteed the shirt size they request. Any sign-ups we get after Aug. 24 will be given a shirt based on first come, first served basis until we run out!

## Keeping Up With Karen



We have hit the ground running with school getting back in gear and a full schedule of Fall Activities. Our leadership team had their annual planning event on Sunday after church and it is so exciting to see all the plans that lie ahead. One of our goals as a church is to have a balance of activities. We spent time looking at each month and asking ourselves if we had ministries that included fellowship, spiritual growth, evangelism, outreach, stewardship, learning and worship. We also spent time evaluating some of the activities we've done in the past and dreamed of how we could improve them or refurbish them into more evangelism-oriented activities.

In the coming year, our focus is going to be heavy on evangelism as we work to “Share Christ” and follow the great commission of “Go and Make Disciples.” We feel like there are so many opportunities for us to grow and we all know people who aren't involved in a church and don't feel the connectedness or support of having a church family.

Moving forward, as we launch activities one of our primary focuses will be “who can we invite” to join us. We are creating activities specifically toward being off-site of the church so it is easier to invite, and then have a follow-up event at the church within a couple weeks of each off-site event. I hope each of you will be intentionally praying about who you can invite to church. We have had a number of new families visiting with us and we are thrilled! We love hearing about their gifts and talents and how they feel welcomed from the minute they step into the church building. On Sundays, please make intentional efforts to meet someone new or maybe it's someone whose been here a while and you just don't know their name. I am the worst at remembering names, so often times I have to just say “I know I should know your name but tell me one more time.” I have never been offended when someone asks me my name for the second or third time. Never be embarrassed to ask someone who they are and then follow up with asking a little bit about their family or what brought them to the church.

If you need a course in how to meet and greet, visit with any of our ushers or greeters. Janet Hudson leads our usher and greeter teams and is amazing at what she does in the entryway each Sunday as she greets guests and welcomes everyone. She has trained all of our hospitality team members and can help you learn to be more comfortable meeting and greeting people! It definitely takes intentional effort to meet new people and I appreciate how welcoming and loving our church family is to guests.

### KID'S WORSHIP EXTRA!

This week, Staci and I launched a new feature for Kid's Worship Extra. We meet in-person during worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, but on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and occasionally 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays students stay in worship. To help bridge our time apart, we are producing a review sheet that students can pick up at the Kid's Check-in Station. The sheet can be filled out during worship and returned to the Check-In Station for a sweet treat! We had 16 students turn in sheets this past Sunday! You all did great! We look forward to seeing you in class this Sunday!

Have a great week!

*Karen*

What will YOU do with it?



SEPT 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45

**fccYOUTH begins our regular season on Sept 11<sup>th</sup>!**

**This is a group designed for Jr High & High School students to build and strengthen relationships with Jesus and each other. The group will spend time playing, praying, learning and leading along with some eating! We meet every Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. service.**

**Hope YOU can join us!  
Staci Carey, Youth Minister  
405-831-5509**



## Connections Team Update

Please make plans to stay after church next week for our Ministry Fair! There will be all types of charcuterie boards to sample as well as information for all committees that are offered at FCC. We invite you to plug in with a team, even if it's for something small. There are always opportunities for you to participate. Our next "all church" event will be our annual church picnic! (see details below)

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4 at 6 p.m. in the choir room. See you then!

Jana Frey, Team Leader

## Stewardship Team News

The Stewardship Team hopes that you will stop by our table at the Ministry Fair this Sunday. We would love to visit with you about our team. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tues., Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. We will making plans for our upcoming Stewardship Drive.

## Capital Campaign

We are 6 months away wrapping up our Capital Campaign. We are so grateful for everyone's support of this. Without your support we wouldn't be so close to our goal. Is there more that you can do in the next 6 months to help us reach our goal?



# September Birthdays!

- |                     |                     |                    |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 2 – Jarrett McNulty | 14 – Grayden Beeson | 24 – Bella Benham  |
| 3 – Ron Plagg       | Jamie Johnston      | Hadley Henning     |
| 4 – Coy Betchan     | Holly Kinkade       | 25 – Josh Ball     |
| 7 – Jim Case        | Eli Plagg           | Hank Hubbard       |
| 8 – Kenzie Mays     | 15 – Gary Weeks     | 27 – Lesley Rodger |
| Jerry Yancey        | 17 – Pat Ball       | 28 – Levi Betchan  |
| 9 – Carol Field     | Andy Hacker         | 29 – Ethan Cotton  |
| 10 – Donovan Hardin | 18 – Bob Powell     | Michelle Schroeder |
| Jordyn McNew        | 19 – Linda Holtz    | 30 – Charlie Ball  |
| 12 – Justin Mays    | 20 – Karen Allen    |                    |
| Paisley Pena        | Luke Lyons          |                    |
| Jackie Ross         | 22 – Esther Weir    |                    |

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 – Scott & Kim Biggs          | 22 – Jed & Carissa Redman   |
| 2 – Robert & Michelle Gill     | 23 – John & Anita Riddle    |
| 7 – Jim & Deanna Case          | 25 – Sammy & Joann LeGrande |
| 18 – Bob & Shirley Powell      | 26 – Josh & Betsy Ball      |
| 19 – Lloyd & Caroline Roettger |                             |



**Sunday, Sept. 25 • 4:30 p.m. Fishing and Games • 5:30 p.m. Dinner**

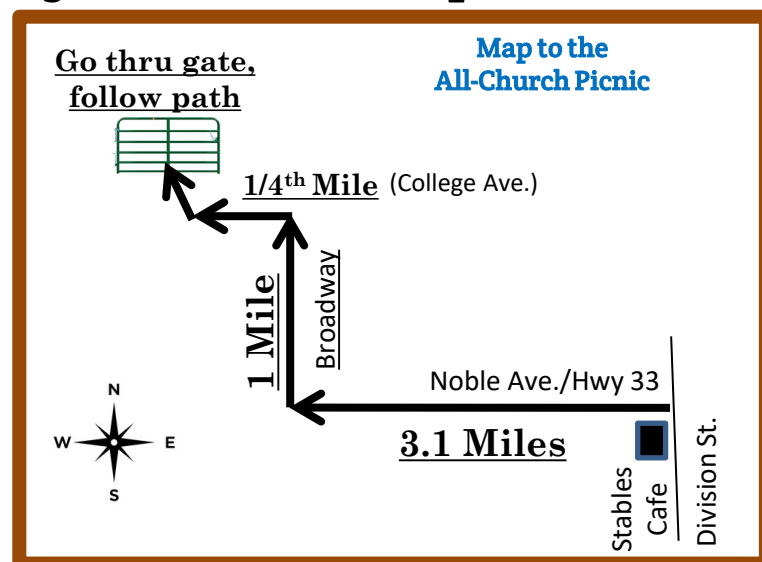
### Where's it at?

#### Directions to the picnic/pond:

- From the intersection of Division and Highway 33 (Noble Ave.) go approximately **3.1 miles west** to Broadway (just past the hospital).
- **Turn right** (north) on Broadway and go **1 mile** to where the road ends.
- **Turn left** (west) and go approximately **¼ mile** — look for a green gate on your right. (look for the balloons)
- **Turn right** (north) and drive thru the green gate and follow the mowed path. It will take you to the pond with places to park and you will see a house as well.

### What can I bring for "fishing & games?"

- **Fishing!** (bring a pole and some bait)
- **Kayaks** (life jacket required)  
Nothing with a gasoline powered engine please.
- If **swimming in pond**, a life jacket must be worn.
- **Bug spray & Sunscreen**
- **Walking shoes** if you want to hike
- **Lawn chairs**
- There are **restroom** facilities onsite.
- **INVITE** a friend or neighbor! The more the merrier!



### What about food?

- **Hot Dogs and Buns** (church will provide and we will have some pre-cooked or you can cook over a firepit)
- **Chips, Cookies, Bottles of water** will be provided.

### Questions?

- Contact a member of the Connections Team:  
Jana Frey — 405-615-7764  
Deanna Davenport — 405-802-2380  
Karen Allen — 405-615-2240

## Prayer Requests

**We pray for our church family:** Patsy Crick, Barbara Mahan, Judy Coburn, Kim Crick, Dennis Lynch, Dennis Ochs, Velma Cox, Steve Ochs, Mickey Eckley, Conna Dewart, Kevin Kemper, Ruth Underwood, Terry! Wiczorek, George Dreessen, Gerald Whitfield, Denise Shoun, Robbie Helton, Carl Biggs, Jerry Yancey, Joan Dreessen

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Barry Resecker, Simon Halliman, Lindsay Szwed, Alice Simmons, Emma Canning, Shane Weathers, Renee Leathers, Larry Nagel, James Stowe, Jennifer Shirley, Karen Nemecek, Albert Tooley, Karen Aukwell, Jennifer Hand, Ed & Katherine Walton, Marty Stamp, Trish Worster, Bradley Wilson, Joyce Brandes, Lee Pearce, 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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# SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Repeating Sunday Events:</b> (unless otherwise indicated) 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  **Kid's Worship for 4 yrs – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade every Sunday during worship **Kid's Worship Extra for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> graders on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	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			<b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>2</b> Church Office Closed	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Labor Day – Office Closed	<b>6</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 4 p.m. – Girl Scout Store & Meeting 6 p.m. – Connections Team Meeting 7 p.m. – Stewardship Team Meeting	<b>7</b>  3:30 p.m. - Kidventure	<b>8</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>9</b> Church Office Closed GHS Homecoming	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting 11:30 a.m. – Lunch & Learn	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out  6 p.m. – Girl Scouts	<b>14</b>  3:30 p.m. – Kidventure 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Cabinet Meeting	<b>15</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>16</b> Church Office Closed	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> DONUT SUNDAY  11:30 a.m. – Lunch & Learn 11:30 a.m. – Worship Team Meeting	<b>19</b> No School for Guthrie	<b>20</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 1 p.m. – Trustee Meeting	<b>21</b> 3:30 p.m. - Kidventure	<b>22</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>23</b> Church Office Closed	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> "Change the World" Sunday Gideons Presentation 11:30 a.m. – Lunch & Learn 4:30 p.m. – Church Picnic	<b>26</b> 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting Newsletter articles due to church office by NOON	<b>27</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out Newsletter mailed 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts	<b>28</b> See You At The Pole  3:30 p.m. - Kidventure Saw You At The Pole	<b>29</b> 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>30</b> Church Office Closed Memorial Service for Fifi Canning	<b>31</b>