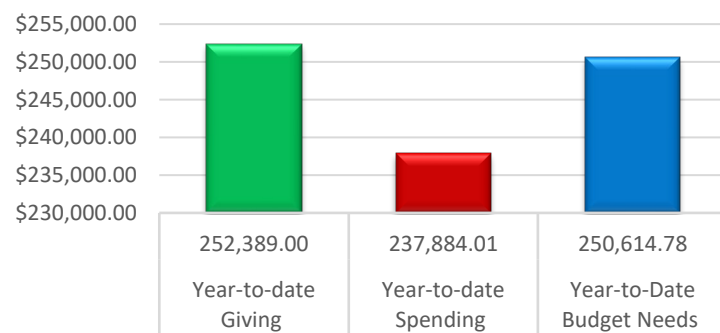


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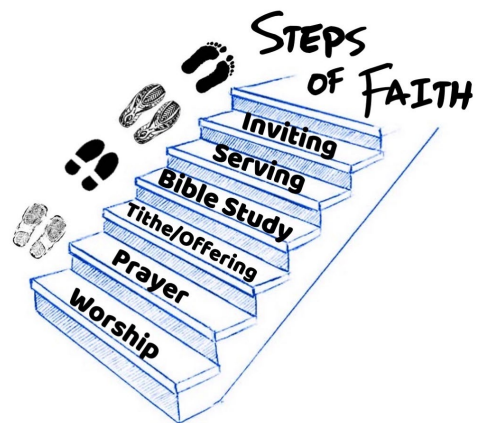
Capital Campaign

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:

\$169,636

9/25 Worship Attendance: 145 Average Attendance for September: 133



Make plans to join us Oct. 9 as we kick off our 2023 "Steps of Faith" Stewardship Campaign. How can you "step up" in 2023?

Changes to THE TIE THAT BINDS

Do you receive this newsletter in your mailbox? Would you be willing to change to electronic delivery? The cost of postage is increasing, including bulk mail prices, and we are required to pay for 200 mailings even though we only "snail mail" 140 copies of The Tie That Binds. As part of our 2023 budgeting process, we are considering options to reduce the expenses related to the monthly mailed newsletter. If you would like to convert to receiving the newsletter via email, please contact Shana at shanabench@coxinet.net or 405-282-4080.

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie



I am so thankful that our Worship Team is offering a Prayer Service for Healing on Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. This service will center around prayer for those in need of physical, emotional, mental and/or spiritual healing. We know that people have been through a lot in the last 2 years and we are praying that God will truly heal people and bring peace and comfort through this service. The service is for caregivers as well. We know it can be so draining to care for someone in need and we want to lift up those caregivers in prayer as well. This can include doctors and nurses, as well as those caring for family members.

The service will have music, a brief devotional, and prayer. It will last around 30-45 minutes. We want to encourage you to invite those you know of who are in need of healing and we look forward to seeing you there.

Grace and Peace, *Ronnie*

Young Adults will have their next gathering on Mon., Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Blue Belle Pizza Parlor. This is for all "20-somethings!"

Gideons Donation

On Sunday we heard from John Kellogg about the amazing work the Gideons do throughout the world. Our loose change offering totaled \$251.93 and will be given to the local Gideons. This will put 182 small Bibles in the hands of those who need them or 45 Bibles in hotel rooms! What an amazing way to continue to *Share Christ!*

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!)

Thanks to recent donations, **we are now only \$30,000 away from meeting our goal by March of 2023!** Please consider an extra donation to the Capital Campaign – no gift is too small!



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Keeping Up With Karen



September has been busy in the children's department of FCC! We've had a full month of Kidventure Wednesdays! We have been averaging about 55 kids in attendance each week as we learn some real messy truths from the Bible together. So far we have learned that God tells us there is a time and a season for everything; too much "yum" can easily turn into a "yuck" if we don't pay attention to God's timing. We've also learned that God's grace is always enough, and this week we will be fixing our eyes on Jesus while learning about perseverance. We've also chowed down on too much chocolate pudding to find a worm, shot kool-aid blasters at targets, raced with macaroni noodles, and all kinds of other activities to help us remember these Bible truths. We're just at the halfway mark of the fall Kidventure session and are excited for the next few weeks of activities! Special thanks to all of our adult and youth volunteers who are doing such a great job making our afternoons so fun and for our snack crew for showing up early to make sure all the kids get a good snack before we get started each time!

Our last Kidventure will be Oct. 12, the Wednesday just before Fall Break. After we wrap up Kidventure, we will immediately transition to using that once-a-week, after-school time together to begin practicing for the Christmas program. It's hard to believe that the holidays are right around the corner – but ready or not, here it comes! Shana Bench and Staci Carey have stepped up to direct another great program! This year, they will be creating more of a mashup style program from all of everyone's past favorite songs and dance numbers from previous shows. It's going to be a super fun show and we would love to have your child be a part of it. There will be an email sent out over the next couple of weeks to get the kids signed up to be in the show. Christmas program is open to any kids 5 years old through 6th graders. The participating kids must be able to attend the practices to be in the show and also must be able to be at the final performance to come to the practices. Our performance will be on the evening of Dec. 4, so go ahead and mark your calendars, you won't want to miss it!

We've also been having great 3rd - 6th graders attendance on 2nd and 4th Sundays in Kid's Worship Extra! They have been working through learning from the New Testament and are about halfway through it! In Kid's Worship, our 4 year olds through 2nd graders have been learning about how we can put on the Armor of God every day to fight against what we know to be not true about God. And our youngest group of disciples, the nursery age kids, are just about to pick up their interactive Bible lessons in October and will start with learning that God is always with each one of them while covering the story of Noah's Ark!

YOUTH NEWS

Happy Fall YOU all! Our "YES! YOU" series wraps up this month so come check out what it's all about... yes, you!

NOTE: calendar additions... Sunday, Oct. 9 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m., Road Trip to Daze in a Maze. Sunday, Oct. 16 = NO YOUTH due to Fall Break. Tuesday, Oct. 25 3:20 p.m. - 5 p.m. Jr High football pre-game @ FCC. Sunday, Oct. 30 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m... just come, or are you too scared??

This past month so many have been intrigued by the events of Queen Elizabeth II's death. Last Monday, as I watched the service I continued to be amazed at how loved she was and how an entire country was so reverent to the position she held and how she lived with grace yet attained such a high position. As I was driving to work that morning, I heard a list of reasons we respected the Queen read "on air" on the radio. Each one seemed to represent a life well lived and one that found balance. It made me wonder if I would have responded the way she did to a life that was more or less chosen for her. I found the list online later that day and thought it was interesting to share.

Reasons we respected the Queen:

1. She submitted to something bigger than herself for the good of others.
2. She was not controlled by her emotions.
3. She lived a quiet life, and could have but didn't draw extra attention to herself.
4. Her identity seemed secure despite constant global spotlight and criticism.
5. She was slow to speak and thoughtful with every word.
6. She was wholeheartedly committed to her marriage and family.
7. She regularly displayed courage and wisdom in unthinkable circumstances.
8. She saw her life as service.

May we be more like her and may we notice the older generations around us that are living faithful quiet lives and honor them as well.

While the culture in the United Kingdom and other commonwealths is very different from ours, I have no doubt that the qualities she portrayed are some that all of us would like to replicate given almost any circumstance. I have no doubt that she had her off-camera moments and wasn't perfect but to constantly be under the spotlight and microscope bears with it a pressure that many of us would not handle with such consistency.

In many ways, as I looked at the traits that were listed, I heard parallels to scripture and how Jesus called us to live. He asks us to live servant lives, to be slow to anger, slow to speak and quick to love. He called us to put other's interests before our own. He called us to find grace before judgement. I pray that as my faith continues to grow, that I will work harder at these attributes, knowing that others who may not know Christ will be drawn closer to him because of my responses in life. Just some food for thought this week!

In other news...

Fall is here (even if it doesn't always feel like it) and we have a full slate of fun ahead. We had our All-Church Picnic on Sunday. In October, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday on Oct. 2, with a focus on communion by intinction (coming forward) and being reminded of how we are all one body in Christ. On Oct. 9, we will kick off our Stewardship Drive. It is titled "Steps of Faith" and will have a weekly challenge of how you can grow in your faith. On Oct. 23, we are hosting a special seminar titled "Live Like You're Dying" from 5-7 p.m. We have been planning this for several years and put it on hold during the pandemic so we could better invite the community. We have a grant to pay for it and will have panelists from different "end-of-life" planning organizations. They will speak about topics to consider as we plan for the future, how to help loved ones approaching this stage and just basic planning for anyone. This is open to the public and has a free meal at 5 p.m.

We look forward to seeing everyone at these events and in worship each week!

Karen

Save the Date



- Nov. 6 – All Saints Recognition
- Nov. 8 – Election Day
- Nov. 9 – Elders & Cabinet Meetings
- Nov. 13 – Celebration Breakfast
- Nov. 13 – Fall Family & Friends Hayride & Cookout
- Nov. 20 – Christmas Stocking Handout
- Nov. 20 – Turkey Bingo
- Nov. 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 4 – Children’s Christmas Program & Tasting Party
- Dec. 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 14 – Elders & Board Meetings
- Dec. 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 18 – Congregational Meeting
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Service

Connections Team

Yay for cooler weather! I hope you all enjoyed our annual FCC picnic Sunday evening! We have some more exciting events heading your way! On Nov. 13, we will have an all-church gathering at the David and Ellie Ball family home with some hayrack riding, smores roasting, games and more! Be watching for more details about that! The following Sunday, Nov. 20, is Turkey Bingo! Who doesn't love some good 'ole Turkey Bingo! At this time, we are collecting \$5 gift cards as prizes! If you would like to donate one or more than one, feel free to drop them by the office and let them know they are for Turkey Bingo!

If you would like to help with planning any of these events, feel free to join us at our **next Connections Meeting on Tues., Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Reception Hall.** See you then!

Jana Frey, Connections Team Chair

Celebrate!

October Birthdays!

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| 1 – Linda Rice | 10 – Terri McNulty | 20 – Carson McNulty |
| Katelyn Payne | 11 – Taryn Ward | 21 – Sadie Porter |
| Faeron Dewart | 12 – Ron Wrede | 22 – Melvin Scheihing
Makenna Bench |
| 2 – Logan Reynolds | 13 – Joe Epperson | 23 – Phyllis Willbanks |
| 3 – Kamden Redman | 14 – Scott Turner | 24 – Velma Cox
Joan Dreessen |
| 4 – Kylie McLain | Janet Kelley | 25 – Barbara Wilder |
| Tristan Harrison | Michelle Hamm | 26 – Traci Hayes |
| 6 – Cynthia Cunningham | 15 – Audrey Evers | 28 – Boyd Rice
Tara Hood |
| Alicia Carey | Caleb Canning | 29 – Judy Scheihing
Chase Doles |
| JT Paul | Mia Zellers | Holland McLemore |
| 7 – Mark Thompson | 16 – Ada Belle Elder | 30 – Dave Williams |
| Christie Fincher | Carrol Porter | 31 – Danise Johnston
Shirley Waner |
| Brendan Hanna | Jed Redman | |
| 8 – Maisyn Beeson | 17 – Lofton Walker | |
| Aiden Hardin | 18 – Colten Stevens | |
| 9 – Sarah Powell | 19 – Anita Plummer-Owen | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 1 – Rhys & Dianne Williams | 11 – Charles & Rita Stowe |
| 2 – Alan & Michelle Schroeder | 16 – Brandon & Pam Henning |
| 4 – John & Debi Shore | 20 – James & Staci Carey |
| 5 – Darl & Carol Doles | |

Prayer Requests

Preparing for surgery: Terryl Wiczorek (9/29), Dennis Ochs (10/3)

We pray for our church family: Gary Weeks, Patsy Crick, Barbara Mahan, Kim Crick, Dennis Lynch, Velma Cox, Steve Ochs, Mickey Eckley, George Dreessen, Gerald Whitfield, Denise Shoun, Carl Biggs, Joan Dreessen

We pray for our friends and family members: Shelly Jordan, Shana Downs, Barry Resecker, Simon Halliman, Lindsay Szwed, Emma Canning, Renee Leathers, Larry Nagel, James Stowe, Jennifer Shirley, Karen Nemecek, Albert Tooley, Karen Aukwell, Jennifer Hand, Ed & Katherine Walton, Marty Stamp, Bradley Wilson, Joyce Brandes, Lee Pearce, 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

“Live Like You’re Dying Seminar”

Being proactive with difficult decisions, conversations

Sunday, Oct. 23 • 5-7 p.m.

First Christian Church • 402 E. Noble

Free Dinner, Free Seminar!

Expert panelists will share information, answer questions and discuss how to better plan for life’s expected (and unexpected) changes!

- **Financial Planning, Mike Sikes**
- **Healthcare, Nursing Homes, Companion**
- **Hospice/Spiritual, Gene Owen**
- **Wills/Power of Attorney, Brian Pierson**
- **Funeral Pre-planning, Ben Gallo**

This seminar is free and open to the public. It is informational only and a great time to ask questions. No one is too young to start planning!

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OCTOBER 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 – 2 nd grade every Sunday during worship **Kid's Worship Extra for 3 rd -6 th graders on the 2 nd & 4 th 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					1
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