



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:

\$171,617



The Tie That Binds

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Sharing Christ
Growing in Faith

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10/23 Worship Attendance: 137 Average Attendance for October: 121

Upcoming Connections Events

Are you ready for some fun? We have so many events coming up that you won't want to miss! Nov. 13 from 4 - 6 p.m. we will have our **Fall Family Fun Night** at the home of David and Ellie Ball. We will have food, games and fellowship! Bring a friend, lawn chairs and a fishing pole for some fun!

The following Sunday, Nov. 20, is **Turkey Bingo!** Connections will provide the meat for walking tacos. We will have a signup sheet for other items needed for our potluck dinner. Be watching for those signups next Sunday. On Dec. 3, we will be bringing back **Christmas in the Country** for the first 25 women that sign up! This event will be held at the home of Mike & Janie Carey. Cost is \$5/person. Call the church office to sign up. Our next **Connections meeting** will be Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m. We would love to have you join us!

Changes to THE TIE THAT BINDS

If you would like to continue receiving a paper/mailed copy of monthly *The Tie That Binds* please contact Shana at shanabench@coxinet.net or 405-282-4080. Otherwise, we will be converting everyone to the electronic version, which includes a weekly News & Events update!

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie

I have to say, I really like the theme of our stewardship campaign this year, "Steps of Faith." I have found it to be challenging in my own walk with Jesus. In the words of the late Tom Callahan, Sr. "You're either growing or dying. There ain't no third direction." This is true not only in life, but in faith. As disciples of Jesus we should always be asking ourselves "what's next?" How can I grow deeper in my relationship with Jesus? How can I become more like him today than I was yesterday? How can I shine brighter the light of Christ to those around me? I hope you will join me in taking a good look at where you are at and take the next step in your faith journey.

Ronnie



Steps of Faith

Week of Oct. 23 Prayer

How can you take a step of faith in your prayer life?

- Pray on Sundays during worship
- Pray for those on our prayer list
- Download "Prayerminder" and create a prayer list with reminders to help remind you to pause during the day
- Pray with someone or ask them to pray for you.

FALL = FAMILY, FRIENDS, FUN

Fall = Hayrides, Firepits, Games

EVERYONE'S INVITED!

Sunday, Nov. 13 • 4-6 p.m.

• David and Ellie Ball's Farm • (maps available on entryway table)

What to expect: Free hot dogs, Frito chili pie, chips, s'mores, drinks, fishing (bring a pole), hayrides, yard games, visiting (bring a lawn chair), inviting friends/neighbors!



That's a wrap on our fall session of Kidventure! We spent 6 fun weeks together learning very messy truths from the Bible. On our first week of Kidventure, the kids played all kinds of water games and got to know each other. For Week 2 we learned too much yum can become a yuck with a lesson based on Ecclesiastes 3:1 – There is a time for everything, a time for every activity under heaven. On Week 3, we heard more about God's grace based on the verse in 2 Corinthians 12:9 – But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. Week 4 brought us a lesson in perseverance from Hebrews 12:1-2 – "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Our games for Week 4 helped us to remember to keep our eyes focused on Jesus and to never give up. Week 5 was all about the power of our words, coming from Psalms 19:14 – "May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to you, Oh LORD, my rock and my redeemer." We were quickly reminded with our games that we cannot easily take back words that have already been said because our words have power! And then we wrapped up Week 6 together with some large group games. Special thanks to our adult and youth volunteers who helped make Kidventure happen in so many ways! Thank you to our snack crew – Alice Allen, Janna Pierson and Karla Morris for arriving extra early to get the snacks ready for the kids and for cleaning up the Fellowship Hall each week after snack time was over! Thanks to our youth volunteers – Taylor Mays, Abigail Simpson, Ella Tontz, and Holland McLemore. And many thanks to our station leaders and crew leaders – Deanna Davenport, Michelle Gill, LaMoyné Hardin, Meredith Langendorfer, Jill Ochs-White, Paige O'Connell and Kelly Simpson. We would also like to thank the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation for the grant we received for Kidventure; we were able to purchase t-shirts for all of the kids and volunteers in addition to all of the necessary supplies and equipment to make each Kidventure a unique learning experience that will stick with the kids! We will start Kidventure back up in January, so be watching your email to sign up if you or your child would like to be a part of it for the next session!

With the wrap up of Kidventure brings the annual Christmas program! The kids started rehearsing last week and have already learned several of the songs for the show. Shana Bench and Staci Carey have been hard at work to compose a show made up of a lot of the past favorite songs and numbers! We can't wait to show you what they've come up with and how the kids have put their own creative spin on each of the songs. We will practice each Wednesday afternoon leading up to the day of the show on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 pm. Please make plans to join us for the performance and to stay for the dessert party that will immediately follow! It's going to be *"The Best Christmas Program Ever...51 Years In The Making!"* See you there!

**Save
the
Date**



- Dec. 3 – Christmas in the Country
- Dec. 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 4 – Lunch & Learn following worship
- Dec. 4 – Stocking Supplies Due
- 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 @ 5 p.m.
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Service

What an amazing event we had Sunday evening with the "Live Like You're Dying" Seminar! We had about 65 in attendance and an amazing panel of speakers who answered questions for more than an hour about everything from wills and trusts, to organ donation, long-term care, hospice and everything in between. I just finished reading the surveys and across the board the event had glowing reviews but even more exciting was that 80 percent of the surveys said they wish it had last longer (it was a 2-hour event). Rarely do you hear that about events these days, so I take that as a good indicator that the information being shared was helpful.

I am already getting lots of questions about a follow-up event or hosting it again, so I'm sure it will get on the radar again sometime for those who missed it. As I said again and again at the seminar, it's never too early to plan for end-of-life decisions. Ronnie always says that the chances of dying are one-to-one and he's right! We never know what tomorrow will bring but we can make decisions now that will make that moment so much easier for our children, brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, friends and others who may have to make decisions on our behalf. One of the best gifts we can give our loved ones is a plan and for them to know our wishes.

So, even if you weren't able to attend the seminar, I will pose the following questions to you and hope you will consider action on some of them.

- How have you prepared your estate/finances so that others will be directed how to handle things in the event of your death? (Even if you don't have a lot of money, you still have something that will have to be dealt with.)
- Do you have a will or trust?
- Have you done an Advanced Directive or DNR so if you were to become incapacitated or on life support, your loved ones would know your wishes?
- Would you want to live in a nursing home or to ever be put on hospice?
- Do you have a cemetery plot, an idea of what you would want for your funeral as far as casket or cremation, full memorial service or graveside? Do you have a monument?
- What would you like at your memorial service? Do you have a favorite scripture, songs, poems and have your written out your obituary? Have you told someone where all of this is stored so it will be easy to access?
- If you are single, is someone else on the titles to your car, home, bank accounts, safety deposit boxes etc. or are you willing for the courts/lawyers to soak up your life savings sorting out your estate?
- Does someone you trust know the password to your cell phone, e-mail or any life insurance policies that might be needed when you die?
- Is there a list of relatives and friends who you would want contacted and their current contact information, so news about your services/death could be shared?
- Do you know your mother's maiden name and your grandmother's maiden name? Often times at the funeral home you will need this information for death certificates and if you have a complicated past you may need to research this information to make those questions easier for your family to answer.

There is a myriad of questions that could be added but if you are able to start tackling each of these, rest assured it will be a wonderful gift to your family. I know nobody ever wants to sit and talk about their own death but it certainly will give you peace of mind to know that the decisions are made and they are made in a time of rational thought, rather than crisis mode.

Once again, thank you to everyone who attended and asked important questions and thank you to Gene Owen, Tina Gille, Mike Sikes, Brian Pierson and Ben Gallo.

Hope everyone has a great week!

Karen



YOUTH NEWS

Celebrate! November Birthdays!

NOV 3rd THURS Lunchtime @ GHS & GJHS	Thankful Thursdays: Thankful for YOU!	Pizza lunch delivery! Send your pizza order by: Tues. Nov 1st...
NOV 6th SUN 11:30 am-1pm @ FCC	Games & Goodies	Thank You Notes series.... Come play!
NOV 10th THURS 6pm-7pm @ Braums	Thankful Thursdays: Thankful for friends!	Come and eat or grab an ice cream! Bring a friend for a treat!
NOV 13th SUN 10am @ FCC (no afternoon YOUTH)	Breakfast goodies!	Meet in the "gym" for food
Fall Friends & Family Hayride 4pm-6pm	David & Ellie Ball's	Contact Staci for directions
NOV 17th THURS 3:30pm-5pm @ FCC	Thankful Thursdays: Thankful for Jesus!	Snacks, games and thankful notes!
NOV 20th SUN 11:30am-1 pm @ FCC	Help decorate for Christmas	Pizza provided
NOV 24th: THURS @ your place :)	Happy Thanksgiving	Tell more than one person how thankful you are for them!!
NOV 27th SUN 11:30am-12:30pm @ FCC	Thank You Notes wrap -up!	Bring a food leftover to "share"

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| 1 – Kenneth Griffin
Shirley Powell
Yvette Story | 8 – Sarah Anderson
Gabby Bench
Elise Ellis
Toby Wilder | 20 – Amy Haskins Kirk
21 – Jewel Jarnagin
23 – Brock Parker
25 – Wheeler Coburn
Wayne Elder
Kendra McNew
Sherry Porter |
| 3 – Jana Frey
John Gauldin
Cruz Tontz | 10 – Bill Cunningham
Rikki Gumerson | 26 – Aubrey Timmons
27 – Jeff Cowan
29 – Jeff Ball
Kim Biggs
Desi Rice |
| 4 – Barry Anderson
Tracy Lyons
Lauren Parker | 11 – Charlie Stowe
12 – Dylan Zellers
13 – Khloe Lasenberry
14 – Ryan Wiss | 30 – Dane Canning
Lindsay Mays |
| 5 – Scott Thompson
Len Tontz | 15 – Margaret McNeely
Conner Wiss
Barbara Mahan | |
| 6 – Taylor Mays
7 – Chase Davison | 16 – Barbara Ketch
Judy Reeves | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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| 1 – Dave & Pam Williams | 18 – Chris & Tammy Schroder |
| 3 – James & Kendra McNew | Ernesto & Jamie Pena |
| 4 – Stan & Sheila Florence | 20 – Kyle & Kristi Blakemore |
| 9 – Rick & Susan Martin | 21 – Rodney & Jane Stewart |
| 11 – Terry & Jennifer Doll | Dennis & Marie Lynch |
| 14 – Ken & Becky Wilkerson | 25 – Melvin & Judy Scheihing |
| 16 – Steve & Gretchen Hanna | Robert & Diana Dewart |
| | 26 – Stan & Terryl Wiczorek |

Prayer Requests

Our Love & Sympathy go out to: Judy Coburn & family in the death of her sister-in-law, Karen Coburn; Janie Carey, Gene Owen, and Judy Coburn in the death of their cousin, Mary Maupin

Hospitalized at this time: Dennis Ochs (Mercy Rehab)

Preparing for surgery: Susan Davison (Nov. 10), Shana Bench (Nov. 18)

We pray for our church family: Kameron Hopper, Natalie Hardin, Lydia Gates, Terryl Wiczorek, Baylor Wilhelm, Patsy Crick, Kim Crick, Dennis Lynch, Velma Cox, Steve Ochs, Mickey Eckley, George Dreesen, Gerald Whitfield, Denise Shoun, Carl Biggs, Joan Dreesen

We pray for our friends and family members: Robin Gooch Family, Eddie Tomlinson, Rae Lynn Lovelace, Rien Barrow, Phil Pingel, Pearl Speer, Shelly Jordan, Shana Downs, Barry Resecker, Simon Halliman, Lindsay Szwed, Emma Canning, Renee Leathers, Larry Nagel, James Stowe, 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



Christmas Stockings

It's already time to start thinking about Christmas stockings and this year we are changing it up a bit for our October/November collections. As we have talked with school counselors and assessed needs we have figured out that our elementary schools are in good shape on toiletries, socks, etc. So our pre-season collection will focus on toiletries for those in grades 5th-12th.

Beginning Sunday, please bring body wash, shampoo and deodorant for our donation box. We will split up the supplies among the various grades. Then, on Nov. 20 we will hand out "stocking tags" that will include a student in pre-k through high school age and give their gender and grade level. With the stocking tag you are asked to bring a toy in the price range of \$20-\$25.

If you are unable to shop, our elves would be happy to assist. You can donate money to the "stocking fund" and we will do the shopping for you. Thanks for being a part of this incredible ministry!

— Christian Outreach Team





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NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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</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>	<p>1 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 5:30 p.m. – Connections Team Mtg 6 p.m. – Girl Scout Leader Mtg 6:30 p.m. – Bible Study 7 p.m. – Stewardship Team Mtg</p>	<p>2 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Rehearsal 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 11 a.m. – Youth Lunch Deliveries @ GJHS & GHS</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5 Parlor & Downstairs Kitchen booked for private event</p>
<p>6 All Saints Recognition "Fall Back" Time Change 11:30 a.m. – Lunch & Learn 11:30 a.m. – Outreach Meeting 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 ELECTION DAY 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 11:30 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 5:30 p.m. – Girl Scout Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>9 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Rehearsal 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 6 p.m. – Youth @ Braums</p>	<p>11 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>12 Fellowship Hall booked for private event</p>
<p>13 9:30 a.m. – Stewardship Breakfast 11:30 a.m. – Christian Ed Meeting 4 p.m. – Fall = Family, Friends & Fun Event @ Ball Farm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 6 p.m. – Young Adults Gathering @ Roma's 6:30 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>16 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Rehearsal No Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Youth Thankful Thursday</p>	<p>18 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>19 Girl Scout Event in Reception Hall </p>
<p>20 DONUT SUNDAY  11:30 a.m. – Christmas Decorating 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting 1 p.m. – Bridal Shower for Courtney Turner in Parlor 5 p.m. – Turkey Bingo</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 No Mother's Day Out 6:30 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Church Office Closed No Mother's Day Out </p>	<p>25 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>←————— Thanksgiving Break for Guthrie Public Schools —————→</p>						
<p>27  Loose Change Sunday 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting </p>	<p>28 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting Newsletter submission deadline</p>	<p>29 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>30 3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Rehearsal 7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>			