



2023 Chili Cook-off was amazing! Thank you to all those who entered and to everyone who brought side items. It was delicious! Winners were:



Grand Champion - Diana Baldwin and Ron Fields 1st Place Spicy - Jace Gill 2nd Place Spicy - Ronnie Fields 3rd Place Spicy - Kevin Kemper 1st Place Medium - Dakota Hubbard 2nd Place Medium - Charles Stowe 3rd Place Medium - Karla Morris 1st Place Mild - Debbie Hubbard 2nd Place Mild - Debbie Hubbard 2nd Place Mild - Stephanie Tucker 3rd Place Mild - Gabby Bench People's Choice Award - Bill and Barbara Mahan

Thank you to our judges: Mike Canning, Wayne Elder, Andrew Hardin and Don Hardin. Special thanks to our Connections Team for all the "behind the scenes" work to make this event happen!

Upcoming Events & Meetings

**Sunday, Jan. 15 – Donuts before worship, Outreach Team meets following worship, Christian Ed Team meets following worship

**Monday, Jan. 16 – Young Adults (20s-30s) will meet at Ted's Café Escondido on Danforth at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 18 - Retired Fellowship Outing

**Sunday, Jan. 22 – Worship Team meets following worship service

**Monday, Jan. 23 – Pastoral Relations Committee meets at 5:30 p.m. (Committee members are Jana Frey, Jed Redman and Kelly Simpson– please contact any committee member with praises and concerns.)

FCC KID ZONE

With the start of the new year and the new semester, that can only mean one thing...that it's almost Kidventure time! We will kick off Kidventure on Wed., Jan. 18 and sign-ups are open! Go to the FCC facebook page or the Kids @ FCC facebook group for the link to sign up. Kidventure is open for any kids 5 years old through 6th grade. We will meet each Wednesday for 8 weeks from 3:30 to 5 p.m. If your child would like to join us, please be sure to get them signed up!



We are in need of adult and youth volunteers to help with Kidventure too! If your new year's resolution is to find a fun way VOLUNTEER to get plugged in and get active in FCC, this is it! Whether you can help on one Wednesday or if you have a little more time to

offer, we can work with any availability you have. Please include your ability to help on the sign up form when you sign up your kids or if you do not have kids to register and still would like to help, we would love to have you with us! Email Natalie Hardin at nahardin@gmail.com to get on the schedule! No training or expertise is required to volunteer, just an attitude ready to have fun and we can guide you from there!

Dates to Know:

Be sure that you are saving the date for our VBS this summer, June 12 -15th! It is going to be out of this world!

Summer Camps:

*Discovery Camp (completed 2nd and 3rd grade): June 23 - 25th in Chouteau, OK

*Junior Camp (completed 4th and 5th grade): June 26 - 30th also in Chouteau, OK

*Chi Ro Camp (completed 6th through 8th grade): June 5 - 9th in Anadarko, OK

More info about camps coming out soon, stay tuned!

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fccYOUth is back in full swing so hope you can join us! If you know a student in 7th - 12th grade who needs to get connected, contact Staci Carey at 405-831-5509 or call the church office.

This week: Sunday - following Worship (around 11:30) am) Touch base about Youth Sunday plans then the Youth Bible Series: Not Feelin' It!

💭 NEW INFO: Lunch Delivery was left off the January calendar so mark yours! Wed. 25th = Godfather's Pizza or Subway sandwich. (Orders due by noon on Tues. 24th)

Mark your calendars – Youth Sunday is Feb. 12!

Prayer Requests

We pray for our church family: Anita Plummer-Owen in the death of her brother-in-law, Michael Johnson & family in the death of grandfather, Esther Weir, his Margaret McNeely, Dennis Ochs, Kameron Hopper, Patsy Crick, 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: Martin Hoel, Janie Cox, Doyet & Karen Moore & family, Jim Harman, Kathleen Morris, Charlotte Cascio, Wes Weir, Wayne Simmons,, Phil Pingel, Pearl Speer, Shelly Jordan, Barry Resecker, Shane and Renee Leathers, Larry Nagel, James Stowe, Karen Nemecek, Ed & Katherine Walton, Marty Stamp, Bradley Wilson, Joyce Brandes, Treva Seals

Our military all over the world: Sonny Crick, Court Machtolff, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning

FCC Attendance

Jan. 8 - 187 Jan. Average Attendance – 144 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 needed to meet our goal : \$9,374.95



Loose Change Offering will be collected Jan. 29. This month's collection will benefit Brunch on Noble. Brunch on Noble is served EVERY Saturday at First United Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall and provides a FREE hot meal for anyone who needs it.

"Retired" Fellowship Gearing up for a year's worth of fun!

Hey, all you "Retired" Fellowship attendees... it's been a while since we've done activities and I've heard lots of feedback that you all are ready to get out and get going again! So, let's do it!

If you are new to FCC and aren't sure if you fit in this group here's the requirements...

- 1. Retirement age or you feel like you should be retirement age (typically, the group is comprised of those 60-years plus).
- 2. You like to have fun and are looking for some activities to go to with those in the church (or outside the church) who are similar age.
- 3. You have a somewhat flexible schedule because we like to move at our own pace and occasionally activities end with an unscheduled stop at Braum's or somewhere for dessert!

Karen have been working on a schedule of outings for 2023 and would like to start with a "movie and dinner" in January. A new movie titled "A Man Called Otto" released in theaters last week and we will plan to see it **Wednesday, Jan. 18** in the afternoon and follow with dinner at "The Garage." We hope to hit a 3:30 movie time and will either go to ShowBiz or Tinseltown depending on availability of tickets. Tickets will be a maximum of \$9 and dinner will be on your own. We will leave from the church at 2:40 p.m. You can reserve a space by calling the church (405) 282-4080 or text/call Karen Allen at 405-615-2240. Deadline to reserve space is Sunday at noon! We will have to pre-purchase tickets so money will be due on Sunday as well.

Also, coming up, we have been invited to join in a new event with the OKC Thunder! They are hosting "Bingo with the Blue." This event is **Wednesday, Feb. 15** at the Paycom Center in Downtown Oklahoma City. Bingo starts at 10 a.m. and the basketball game will tipoff at noon. The OKC Blue is an NBA G-League team, which basically acts as a farm-team for the OKC Thunder. Tickets are \$10 and include Bingo and the ballgame. We will leave from the church at 8:45 a.m. and should return by 3:30 p.m. We will need to reserve tickets soon so deadline to reserve a space and pre-pay for your ticket is Sunday, Jan. 22.

Other events on the horizon are: a visit to Myriad Gardens and Lunch, the Azalea Festival, lunch at the Pioneer Woman Restaurant and tour of the lodge, a potluck and games night, freezer meal cooking night and dinner, Talimena Drive Day, Christmas Lights and... we are looking at a Branson trip. We are interested to gauge interest in a Fall (October) Branson trip. It's been 4 years since we last went and would like to know if that is something that might be of interest again. Let Karen know your thoughts!

If you are interested in the January or February event, please sign-up now! Spaces will go fast!

DIG IN to the Word...Bible Study with us!

We have an ongoing group of people who do Bible studies together on the YouVersion Bible app. If you want to join the group and discussion, download the app, send a friend request to Karen Allen and she will invite you to each study.

YouVersion Reading Plan - New Year's to Beginning of Lent						
Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan		Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Jan	Practicing the Presence of God	5 Days		31-Jan	Growth Spurt	7 Days
2-Jan	Practicing the Presence of God	5 Days		1-Feb	Growth Spurt	7 Days
3-Jan	Practicing the Presence of God	5 Days		2-Feb	Real Hope: All In	5 Days
4-Jan	Practicing the Presence of God	5 Days		3-Feb	Real Hope: All In	5 Days
5-Jan	Practicing the Presence of God	5 Days		4-Feb	Real Hope: All In	5 Days
6-Jan	Forward to a New Year	5 Days		5-Feb	Real Hope: All In	5 Days
7-Jan	Forward to a New Year	5 Days		6-Feb	Real Hope: All In	5 Days
8-Jan	Forward to a New Year	5 Days		7-Feb	High on Faith	4 Days
9-Jan	Forward to a New Year	5 Days		8-Feb	High on Faith	4 Days
10-Jan	Forward to a New Year	5 Days		9-Feb	High on Faith	4 Days
11-Jan	Breakthrough - How to Get unstuck	5 Days		10-Feb	High on Faith	4 Days
12-Jan	Breakthrough - How to Get unstuck	5 Days		11-Feb	Evangelism Made Easy: Jesus at the Door	5 Days
13-Jan	Breakthrough - How to Get unstuck	5 Days		12-Feb	Evangelism Made Easy: Jesus at the Door	5 Days
14-Jan	Breakthrough - How to Get unstuck	5 Days		13-Feb	Evangelism Made Easy: Jesus at the Door	5 Days
15-Jan	Breakthrough - How to Get unstuck	5 Days		14-Feb	Evangelism Made Easy: Jesus at the Door	5 Days
16-Jan	Taking Care of Your Mental Health - Audio	5 Days		15-Feb	Evangelism Made Easy: Jesus at the Door	5 Days
17-Jan	Taking Care of Your Mental Health - Audio	5 Days		16-Feb	Strange Scriptures to Grow Your Faith	7 Days
18-Jan	Taking Care of Your Mental Health - Audio	5 Days		17-Feb	Strange Scriptures to Grow Your Faith	7 Days
19-Jan	Taking Care of Your Mental Health - Audio	5 Days		18-Feb	Strange Scriptures to Grow Your Faith	7 Days
20-Jan	Taking Care of Your Mental Health - Audio	5 Days		19-Feb	Strange Scriptures to Grow Your Faith	7 Days
21-Jan	Real Hope: Forgiveness Changes	5 Days		20-Feb	Strange Scriptures to Grow Your Faith	7 Days
22-Jan	Real Hope: Forgiveness Changes	5 Days		21-Feb	Strange Scriptures to Grow Your Faith	7 Days
23-Jan	Real Hope: Forgiveness Changes	5 Days		22-Feb	Strange Scriptures to Grow Your Faith	7 Days
24-Jan	Real Hope: Forgiveness Changes	5 Days		23-Feb	Begin Lent in Jesus' Footsteps	6 Days
25-Jan	Real Hope: Forgiveness Changes	5 Days		24-Feb	Begin Lent in Jesus' Footsteps	6 Days
26-Jan	Growth Spurt	7 Days		25-Feb	Begin Lent in Jesus' Footsteps	6 Days
27-Jan	Growth Spurt	7 Days		26-Feb	Begin Lent in Jesus' Footsteps	6 Days
28-Jan	Growth Spurt	7 Days		27-Feb	Begin Lent in Jesus' Footsteps	6 Days
29-Jan	Growth Spurt	7 Days		28-Feb	Begin Lent in Jesus' Footsteps	6 Days

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If you have an iPhone



App Store

If you have an Android (all other phones)



 Once you download the app, create a user profile

- 2. Send a "friend request" to Karen Allen
- 3. Karen will accept it and begin sending you invites to each study. You can choose to join a study or wait for the next invite.

