

This Sunday (Feb. 26) is “Change the World” Loose Offering Sunday! Our donations will go to



The Tie That Binds

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2/19 Worship Attendance: 148

Average Attendance for February: 165

Singles & Widows Valentine Dinner

Special “thanks” to Karla Morris and Lydia Gates for organizing this event! The ladies enjoyed pizza, chips, beverages, candy and deserts. Games were played and a devotion was shared reminding everyone that we are valued by others and by God!

A special yarn-covered heart art project was another special part of the evening. Plans are already in the works for a late-spring gathering.



The season of Lent is upon us! Lent is the season of the church that spans from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The 40 days (not including Sundays) represents the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert being tempted. The season of Lent is meant to be spent in prayer, fasting, and giving. It is a time of introspection to clear away those temptations and sins that keep us from fully celebrating life that really is life. Our sermon series for Lent will cover the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. So much happened in that last day and we will use it to prepare ourselves for the joy and celebration of Easter.

As a church we have an Ash Wednesday service to kick it off, on February 22 at 6pm. It is a brief worship service leading up to the giving of ashes. Ashes are a reminder that we will one day die and we need to repent and return to Jesus. It's a great way to begin Lent and the journey toward Easter.

We also have the opportunity to fellowship with other churches during Lent. There will be several community Lenten Lunches this year. They are held each Wednesday during Lent. This week's is Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 11:30 a.m. at Noble Avenue Baptist Church.

Be sure to invite your friends and family to church this Lenten Season. There are so many wonderful things happening!

Grace and Peace,

Ronnie



Choir Cantata

Mark your calendars!
We will begin choir practice
for the Easter Cantata on
March 1 at 7 p.m. The Easter
Cantata will be on April 2.

First Christian Church

**Ash Wednesday
Service**

February 22nd

6 p.m.



Potato Bar Success

Wow! What an amazing Baked Potato Bar we had on Sunday. When we tallied the final donations, we were blown away by your generosity! We raised \$1,479.36 for our Vacation Bible School volunteer shirts and other supplies! We are so blessed!

We appreciate everyone who stayed to eat and who donated toward VBS. We will be able to buy all of the shirts and have funds leftover to go toward snacks and other supplies.

A special thank you to Brian Johnston at Hometown Foods in Crescent for donating potatoes. They were so good! We also had several donate desserts including Desi Rice, Carol Doles, Annette Keller, Alicia Carey, Kallie Olson, Julie Davison, Peggy Momsen, Deanna Davenport, Karla Morris, Stephanie Tucker, Tammy Schroeder and Karen Allen. They were all delicious!

Also, we want to give a shoutout to our Christian Education Team who helped prep, serve and clean up!

In case you haven't already marked your calendars... VBS will be June 12-15 (4 days) and is for age 4 years (by June 12) through those who have completed 5th grade.



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RONNIE FIELDS, Sr. Pastor

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FCC KID ZONE

The Kid's Ministry is buzzing with events and things to know for this spring! Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** with their donations for the baked potato lunch Sunday! We are so excited about this year's VBS and to be able to show the kids how to shine Jesus' light with all of your donations is greatly appreciated! VBS is June 12-15! We will begin seeking volunteers for VBS week in the next several weeks, so please begin prayerfully considering how your time and talents can contribute to this amazingly fun outreach ministry! If you already know you are ready to volunteer, please email kacie.carey@yahoo.com or nahardin@gmail.com to let us know!

We have just 3 more weeks of our scavenger hunt through the Psalms for our spring **Kidventure** on Wednesdays after school. Our last Kidventure is March 8 and then after spring break, we will take a break from Kidventure until the fall session starts sometime after Labor Day. After spring break, on March 22, 29, and April 5, Pastor Ronnie, Karen and I will be hosting a **Pastor's Class** from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. If your child is a 4th grader or older and is starting to have deeper conversations about their faith, the church, what baptism means, or if they have expressed a readiness to be baptized, this is the class for them. The kids do not have to be 100% ready to be baptized to attend this class, they can attend to learn more about their faith journey and decide at a later time if their hearts are ready. Please email Natalie at nahardin@gmail.com if you have a child ready to attend Pastor's Class!

On March 5, immediately following the worship service, we will have a **summer camp information meeting**. This is a meeting for any children and youth who are about to complete 2nd grade through those completing 12th grader who want more information or have questions about all things summer camp! Going to camp is a big decision and parents and campers alike need the details! We'll have camp dates, costs, locations, and even get to hear from some of our previous campers about their experiences. Whether you have a child who is so excited for camp that they can hardly wait or if you have more of a timid kiddo who isn't sure if camp is for them, please attend this short meeting to get all of the information and have a chance for them to ask any questions they may have. We will meet in the Parlor on the 1st floor and it should be a pretty quick meeting.

Be sure to check out the **"Kids @ FCC" Facebook group** for updates on Kid's Worship and KWX Sunday classes, more ideas on how to disciple your family throughout the week, pictures of our activities, and any other up to the minute information for Kid's Ministry! The link for the group can be found through our FCC Facebook page. There might even be a spring break outing for the kids in the works. Info will be posted in that group and emailed out as soon as we have the cost of the outing and transportation details nailed down. More details and signups coming soon!

FCC YOUTH

Spring is right around the corner making busyness blossom with each extra hour of sunshine! Spring is also flowered with faith filled promises flowing from the falling of rain.

Need a little less flowery language...

translation: don't be too busy to miss the joy of Jesus!

Sat. March 4th 4 – 10 p.m. \$15 WINTER JAM (RSVP by Wed. March 1st)

Sun. March 5th 11:45 a.m. Summer info meeting (camp, missions, VBS)

Wed. March 8th 6 – 8 p.m. "March Madness"

Fri. March 10th 2:30 – 6 p.m./Sat. 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Serving, come & go... PROM dress ministries

Sun. March 12th 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Youth

Sun. March 19th (no youth meeting) Lucky BINGO @ 4 p.m.

Sun. March 26th Youth TBA



Keeping Up With Karen



The return of the Retired Fellowship group has been a huge hit! We have already had two events — "Dinner and a Movie" and "Bingo at the Thunder, along with watching the Blue Thunder game." It has been refreshing to get this group out and about again!

Many... MANY.... have asked about the Branson trip and it is just a few steps from being completely planned. I have a few more schedule changes to make before sending out a flyer but I have locked in Nov. 6-9, which means we'll be seeing Christmas shows, doing sightseeing and shopping... oh, and of course eating some amazing food! Hopefully, on Sunday I will have flyers ready to hand out!

As far as more local events, our next scheduled trip is to the Myriad Gardens and for lunch. If we have at least 10 sign-up, we will qualify for group rates for a guided tour and explore the conservatory and enjoy "tulip season," which begins in March. In addition, we will tour the Crystal Bridge, which features botanical gardens, waterfalls, a cloud sculpture, and other terrace features. Cost will be \$13 per person for the tours. We will plan to leave the church at 8:45 a.m. and stay at the gardens until 11:30. We will then go to lunch at Toby Keith's. Lunch will be paid on your own. We will plan to return to Guthrie by 1:30-2 p.m. (depending on how long lunch takes). To sign-up, let me know by calling the church office or texting me at 405-615-2240. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet in the entryway on Sundays. Deadline to sign-up is March 19, so we can arrange for tickets (**all tickets must be pre-paid by March 19**).



Hopefully our kids (4th-6th graders) have Pastor's Class on their radar. It will be Wednesday, March 22 and March 29 – 3:30-4:45 p.m. This is a great time to explore their faith with Ronnie, Natalie and me. It's designed to answer questions, give information and help them answer if they are ready to accept Jesus as the Lord and Savior. We have a make-up class planned for April 5. Then, on April 16 we will have "Baptism Sunday!" This is an opportunity for anyone who has been wanting to be baptized to make that decision and confession of faith. Likewise, if the 16th isn't the best day, we would love to have a conversation about what day is best for you or your child. Also, just because your child attends Pastor's Class, that doesn't mean they have to make that decision. All children learn and grow at their own pace and we recognize that! I think I attended Pastor's Class two or three times before I felt comfortable making my confession of faith. To sign-up for Pastor's Class, contact the church office.

Hope everyone has a great week!

Karen

LUCKY BINGO

Are you feeling LUCKY? Our next Connections event will be held on March 19th! We will have donuts for breakfast and Lucky Bingo beginning at 4 p.m. that afternoon! Walking tacos will be served for dinner. You should've received an email from the church office regarding the items needed for our dinner that evening. If you would like, we are also taking cash donations and \$5 gift card donations for prizes. Just make sure to mark them as "Lucky Bingo".

Our next Connections Team meeting will be held on April 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the choir room. Hope to see you there!

Jana Frey

Connections Team Leader

The Connecting Point
for those ages 30 - 50(ish)
who want to have fun and
connection with friends

Learn how to
prep some easy
dishes & enjoy
fellowship
together!

Monday, Feb. 27
6 p.m.
RSVP by Feb. 23
(nursery available)

Cooking Class

Register Now!
282-4080

Baptism Sunday



We have planned a Baptism Sunday on April 16! This will be a Sunday to celebrate Baptism and those who have gone through Pastor's Class that are ready to make that next step are encouraged to participate in this Sunday. However, if that Sunday doesn't work for whatever reason for your family, we can always schedule another time.

DINNER GROUP SIGN-UPS HAPPENING NOW!

Our most recent round of Dinner Groups have been a huge success. Currently, we have four groups meeting led by Diann and Gene Owen, Ronnie Fields, Karen Allen and Stacey and Jamie Johnston. These groups have met in November, December/January and February/March. As they wrap up their February/March dinners, the groups will be dividing and creating new groups and it's a great time to get involved.

What is a Dinner Group?

A dinner group meets once a month for three months. The groups are organized based on what type of group you desire. Some groups eat out each month, others dine at the church as a potluck while others choose to rotate homes. Some groups have children, while others are adult-only and some can even be as narrow as "women only," "men only," "singles," "couples." Basically groups can be whatever we decide to make them and what those attending desire.

How do I get involved?

For the next three Sundays, there will be a sign-up board in the entryway. You can check your preferences for the type of group and write in "best nights" to meet. We will organize groups from this and text/e-mail out your group leader's name and a list of those in the group. Groups will begin meeting in March. You can also text or call Karen at 405-615-2240 to let her know you want to join.

Celebrate! March Birthdays!

1 –Dennis Lynch
Brian Pierson
Jennifer Doll
2–George Dreessen
Ron Fields
4–Sharon Johnston
Calee Lyons
Ron Wilder
6–Carolyn Kirschstein
7 –Debbie Hubbard
Brayden Pena
8 –Scott Biggs
Joanna Thompson
Jean Scott Gauldin

10 –Sam Porter
Jason Rice
12 –Shannon Doles
Brianna Powell
15–Ernesto Pena
Avery Schroder
16 –Holly Evers
18–Francie Krittenbrink
Tia Yancey
Lillian Stevens
19–Chloe Hood
Linda Tontz
20–Mickey Eckley

21 –Gretchen Hanna
Leia Johnston
Tommy Johnston
Peggy Momsen
24 – Robert Gill
Kenneth Eyster
Whitley Lasenberry
27 –Mitchell Biggs
Ty Biggs
T.J. Wilson
Livi Johnston
28 –Kim Crick
Emily Carpenter
29 –Garrett Reece
30 –Kacie Carey
31–Ken Wilkerson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

6 –Jim & Jackie Ross
10–Todd & Sarah Wilder
14–Jeff & Melanie Ball

16 –Tommy & Lori Payne
20–Brian & Mindy Reece
22–Dane & Codi Canning
Chalk & Ashley Beeson



Ada Belle Elder
1931 - 2023

Prayer Requests

Our love and sympathy go out to: The Family of Ada Belle Elder. Memorial Service and reception will be held Friday, Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. at FCC.

We pray for our church family: Clara Ketch, Rita Stowe, KC Griffin, Jennifer Bounds, Kameron Hopper, Hank Hubbard, Margaret McNeely, Dennis Ochs, 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: Stanley Lear, Matt Simmons, Renee Leathers, Rocky Wilson, Jacob Carey, Travis Woodard, George Gauldin, Janie Cox, Jim Harman, Kathleen Morris, Charlotte Cascio, Eddie Tomlinson, Phil Pingel, Pearl Speer, Barry Resecker, 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, Nate Ames



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MARCH 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated)</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>**Kid's Worship for 4 yrs – 2nd grade every Sunday during worship</p> <p>**Kid's Worship Extra for 3rd-6th graders on the 2nd & 4th Sundays</p>	<p>Office: fccguthrie@coxinet.net</p> <p>Rev. Ronnie Fields: ronnie@coxinet.net</p> <p>Karen: Karenkallen@cox.net</p> <p>Shana: Shanabench@coxinet.net</p> <p>Natalie: nahardin@gmail.com</p> <p>Staci: carey.staci@yahoo.com</p> <p>Michelle: michelle.m.gill@live.com</p> <p>Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com</p>		<p>1</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ 1st Baptist (Broad & Springer)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – VBS Decorating Team Meeting</p> <p>7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Reception Hall and Sanctuary booked for Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Reception Hall and Sanctuary booked for Wedding and Reception</p>
<p>5</p> <p> Girl Scout Sunday</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Lunch & Learn</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting</p> <p>11:45 a.m. – Camp Meeting for Parents & Campers</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting</p> <p>5:30 p.m. – Connections Team Meeting</p> <p>6 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ 1st United Presbyterian</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Kidventure</p> <p>6 p.m. – Elders Meeting</p> <p>6 p.m. – Youth "March Madness"</p> <p>7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting</p> <p> Time to Spring Ahead</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ 1st United Methodist</p> <p>7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p> HAPPY St. Patrick's DAY</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p> DONUT SUNDAY</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Christian Ed Meeting</p> <p>4 p.m. – LUCKY BINGO!</p> <p> I'm so lucky!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 p.m. – Young Adults to Showbiz Bowling</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ FCC</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Pastor's Class</p> <p>7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Loose Change Offering to benefit FCC Mother's Day Out</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Worship Team Meeting</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>11 a.m. – Staff Meeting & Lunch</p> <p>Noon – Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>8:45 a.m. - Retired Fellowship to Myriad Gardens</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting</p> <p>6 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ Guthrie Christian</p> <p>3:30 p.m. – Pastor's Class</p> <p>7 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p>31</p> <p> #FCCallin</p>	