

3/26 Worship Attendance: 151
Average Attendance for March: 169

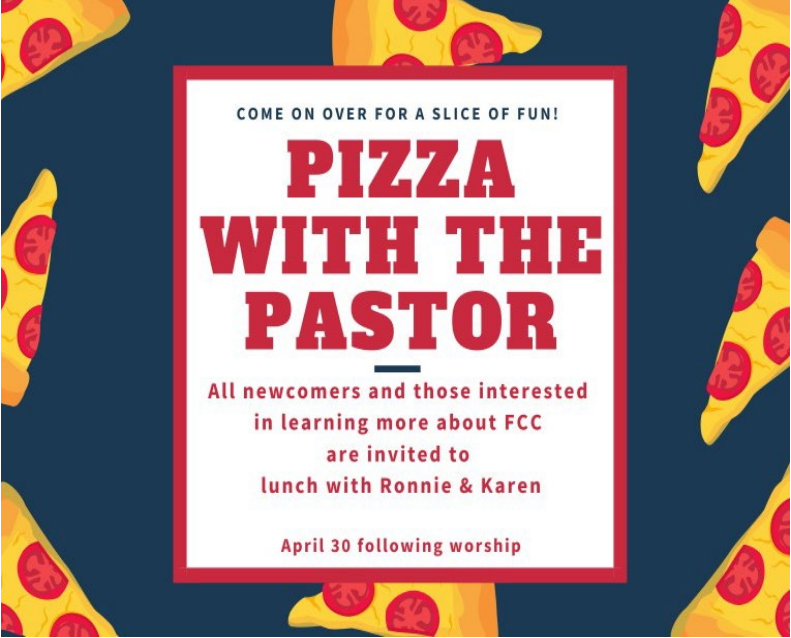
Loose Change Offering

We collected **\$198.06** benefitting our **Mother's Day Out** program! Thank you to all who contributed. Next month's loose offering Sunday will be April 30 and will go to our Central Elementary Teacher Appreciation fund.



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Easter is coming!



During Holy Week we will be offering the opportunity to walk a **prayer labyrinth** on Thursday and Friday (April 6-7) from 6 -8 p.m. We will have it set up in the Reception Hall.

What is a labyrinth? It's like a maze but with no dead ends. It is an ancient spiritual practice dating back thousands of years. A labyrinth is simply a place to walk and pray. There is nothing mystical about it. It gives you the freedom to walk around while focusing your mind on God – and not worry about getting lost. A labyrinth contains a single walking path to the center and then back out again.

How long will it take to walk it? That's up to you, take as little or as much time as you want in your prayer walk.

Will there be any guidance? Yes, we will have some examples of ways you can pray while walking.

Next Sermon Series after Easter

Our next sermon series will be "Disillusioned: What do we do with doubt?" and will begin April 16. I know many of us struggle with whether doubt is good or bad, healthy or unhealthy and we will be looking at Biblical examples of doubt and how Jesus and God dealt with it. To go along with the series we will be offering a special worship opportunity on April 26 at 6 p.m., a "Doubt Worship" if you will. You won't want to miss it!

Ronnie

We received seven grants from the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation!!!

In February, staff members applied for seven different grants, hoping for funding from monies available from the ODF. All of the grants received partial funding and many received the full amount! We are so grateful to the ODF for recognizing the important of our ministries in the Guthrie area.

The grants received include:

- \$1,800 — Sabbatical
- \$1,500 — Vacation Bible School
- \$1,037.50 — Esther in Branson, Esther Bible Study
- \$1,000 — Microphones/Equipment for Musicians
- \$500 — Kidventure
- \$600 — Lunch and Learn
- \$500 — Food for the Soul (meal prep with an evangelism aspect)

Our grants totaled \$6,937.50!



FCC KID ZONE

Spaghetti Camp Fundraiser Lunch is THIS Sunday, April 2 immediately following the worship service! We hope that you and your family will be able to stop by and join us for this lunch that is put on by the campers, their families, and other volunteers. The campers helping with the lunch are hoping to raise funds to help offset some of their camp fees for this summer. We have about 8 kids, grades 2nd through 6th grade, who are making plans to attend camp this summer. While these families will be financially contributing to their own camp fees, they are also working Sunday to earn some additional funds to go towards their overall cost. Any funds donated above and beyond the percentage that the kids who are going this summer earn will go back into the camp fee fund for future campers to be used in the next few years by other active FCC kids wanting to go to camp at that time. The cost for the lunch is by donation (recommended \$5 per person or \$20 per family). We will have to-go boxes available for sale as well if you'd like to donate and take a box home to enjoy at a later time! Let us cook your lunch Sunday so you don't have to!

Also happening this Sunday is our **Kid's Palm Processional!** This Sunday, April 2, is Palm Sunday and to recognize and celebrate this day, we will have our own palm processional through the church to symbolize that day when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Now, we don't have any plans to ride any donkeys this year but we will have palm branches that the kids will wave while parading through the sanctuary with shouts of "Hosanna!" If your child would like to be in the processional, please plan to meet in the reception hall directly across from the sanctuary at 10 am. We will do a quick run through of our processional route so everyone has an idea of the plan and then collect back into the reception hall to line up until it's our turn to enter into the sanctuary during this worship service. Kids of any age can participate in this! Parents, if you have a non-walker or a younger child, please feel free to join them if they need assistance in the palm processional.

Date & Time	Activity	Details
SAT. APRIL 1st 1pm-5pm	Church work day	Come and go... lots of projects needing youth & adult help
SUN. APRIL 2nd 11:30am-1:30pm	Spaghetti lunch	Church camp fundraiser lunch - Want help paying for camp? HELP!
THURS. APRIL 6th Maundy Thursday	Labyrinth	6pm - 8pm (all ages, come & go)
FRI. APRIL 7th Good Friday	Labyrinth	6pm - 8pm (all ages, come & go)
SUN. APRIL 9th HAPPY EASTER!		No youth activities
WED. APRIL 12th 6pm-7:30pm	Pizza Party	Pizza & games in the "gym"
SUN. APRIL 16th 11:30am-12:30pm	YOUTH	
SAT. APRIL 22nd 10am-2pm	Fundraiser	89er Food Booth sign-up now for your shift... need adults too
SUN. APRIL 23rd	Sundae Bar...	Come enjoy Sundaes on Sunday!
SUN. APRIL 30th 11:30am-12:30pm	YOUTH	



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Keeping Up With Karen



Easter is coming! Hopefully, Spring is coming too! I know we are all ready for a little sunshine in our lives. As we approach Easter, I pray you will feel the warmth of not only the sun but the Son!

If you have not made it a priority to be in church through Lent, I hope these next couple weeks will find you longing to spend time in fellowship with your church family as well as inviting friends to join you at activities and in worship.

SMALL DINNER GROUPS!

I just finished reconfiguring our Small Dinner Groups and I am thrilled to say we have more than 60 participating in these groups. They will begin meeting in April and carry on until at least June, with others continuing on through the Summer. If you missed joining one but have interest, call or text me this week at (405) 615-2240 and I can put you in one. Dinner groups are a great way to meet new people and enjoy dinner together.

BRANSON!

If you saw the article on the front page of today’s newsletter you saw that we received a grant for \$1037.50 for Esther in Branson. I wrote this grant hoping to fund half the ticket price for the first 25 people to sign up for the Branson trip. With that, we are also hoping as a follow-up we can do an Esther Bible Study when we return and invite others to join us. Please know that just because you go to Branson does not mean you have to attend the Bible Study, but we are thinking some may want to explore the story more in-depth after having seen the stage production.

With that said, the first 25 people to sign-up will receive \$40 off their Branson trip. The remaining \$37.50 from the grant will be used for curriculum for the Bible Study. Currently, we have 16 signed up for the trip, so nine discounts remain. If you have questions about the Branson trip feel free to ask me and I will help fill you in. If you know of someone who might want to go, be sure and share the flyer with them or have them contact me. This trip is open to all adults.

BAPTISM SUNDAY!

This past Sunday, we witnessed Dakota Hubbard rededicating his life to Christ and it was such a moving moment in our worship service. On April 23, we will hold a “Baptism Sunday” for anyone who would like to be baptized. While you can be baptized on any Sunday, we have found that sometimes our youngest believers enjoy sharing their baptism day with their friends. If you have a student who is interested in being baptized on that Sunday, please let us know, or if any adults are interested in being baptized they are certainly welcome! We would like to know as soon as possible because Shana Bench makes shirts for each of those who are baptized and if possible, we would like them to be able to wear them on that Sunday. You can call the church office at (405) 282-4080 to let us know or text/call me at (405) 615-2240.

MISSION SUNDAY!

I know July seems like a long way off, but we want you to mark your calendar for July 30 as we bring back an ever-popular event we had been doing pre-covid. Mission Sunday will be July 30. If you are unsure what that is, just know that it is a great Sunday to put our words into action as we become the “Body of Christ” serving in our community. We will have a brief worship service that day, followed by teams of “workers” going out into various areas to bless others. In the next couple months, we will be collecting projects – everything from yard work to cleaning ceiling fans, help with technology, sacking lunches for the homeless to making blankets and cooking meals for shut-ins. There will be different options for everyone. If you have a project you know of, let the church office know!

I hope everyone has a blessed week as we move closer to Holy Week! *Easter is coming!*

Karen



Congratulations, Dakota!

Dakota Hubbard rededicated his life to Christ on Sunday through reaffirming his confession of faith and baptism. We are so excited for Dakota and his family. Dakota is married to Ashle Hubbard and they have a daughter, Gracelyn. Dakota works at Dolese as a fabricator and welder. He is the son of Hank and Debbie Hubbard in our congregation. Congratulations!



LifeLine will be at FCC on Saturday, April 1. They provide various cardiovascular screenings at a reduced cost (5 screenings for \$149). Pre-registration is required. Sign up now by calling toll free to 1-844-591-7160 or text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607 or visit <https://llsa.social/HC>.

Connections Team Updates

A HUGE thank you to all who participated in Lucky Bingo! We hope everyone had a great time! Our next meeting will be held April 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. We would love for you to join us!

Jana Frey,
Connections Team

Single & Widowed Ladies

GARDEN & TEA PARTY

May 6 2 p.m.

*Bring your favorite coffee/tea mug or cup & saucer

*Salads, Pie, Tea & Coffee will be served; Devotion & Games

RSVP to 405-282-4080 by May 3

First Christian Church, 402 E. Noble Ave.

Party will be held in the Choir Room, enter at ramp near church buses

FREE EVENT



The FCC Property Team, led by Gene Owen and Bobby Davison, is hosting a workday on Saturday, April 1 at the church. This will be a time to work on cleaning out some flowerbeds, cleaning out the pantry and bereavement closet storage; wash church vehicles and check tires, oil, etc.; look at the rooftop air handler unit and evaluate for repair/replace; evaluate leaking water faucets on playground and southside of building, clean out the shed, repair any items that may need attention, and just generally spruce up the building ahead of Easter. We will meet from 1-5 p.m. Feel free to bring any gardening tools or other supplies you think may be helpful. If you can't come for the entire time, feel free to drop in and help for whatever time you can.

April Birthdays of the Month

1 – Taylor Schroder	12 – Cade Carey	24 – Alice Allen
Lesley Cotton	Nancy Powell	Ben Gallo
2 – Andrea Stevens	13 – Bob Davis	27 – Ali Gallo
3 – Debi Shore	15 – Nate Ames	Melanie Ball
6 – Ella Gill	16 – LaDonna McCune	28 – Austin Reece
8 – Ruth Underwood	17 – Alex Allen	Carol Doles
9 – Gary Hixon	20 – Brody Hinkle	Peyton Hayes
Brenan Cotton	Sharlene Biggs	29 – Conna Dewart
10 – Jane Stewart	21 – Jim Ross	30 – Dawn Hacker
11 –Skyler Gill	Hannah Ross	Clara Price
	Jacob Frieze	Abigail Ball
	23 – Diane Biggs	Star Turner
	Brandon Henning	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2 – Paul & Christie Fincher	28 – Jason & Sherri McCollough
8 – John & Jean Scott Gauldin	Gene & Diann Owen
22 – Randy & Elise Ellis	Brian & Danise Johnston

Prayer Requests

Hospitalized: Mike Canning

We pray for our church family: Hank Hubbard, John Shore, Patsy Crick, Anne Frey, Clara Ketch, KC Griffin, Kameron Hopper, Margaret McNeely, Dennis Ochs, Kim Crick, Dennis Lynch, Steve Ochs, Mickey Eckley, Gerald Whitfield, Denise Shoun, Carl Biggs, Joan Dreessen

We pray for our friends and family members: Ernie Kirk, Kaysen McCoy, Elsie Steinbeck, Johnny Harman, Tim Taylor, Stanley Lear, Renee Leathers, Rocky Wilson, Jacob Carey, 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 Machtloff, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Frieze, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning, Nate Ames

Holy Week Activities



A peaceful time of meditation and reflection for your family. All ages welcome!



Children of all ages are invited to carry palm leaves during the worship service.



Celebrate our Risen Savior with FCC!

Worship Services begin at 10:30 a.m. and includes nursery for 0-3 years old & Kid's Worship for ages 4 years - 2nd grade. Kid's Worship EXTRA for 3rd - 6th grade takes place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.



BRANSON 2023

FCC's 10th Trip to Branson!

"Sightseeing and Shows (and a little shopping)"

Nov. 6-9 (Monday-Thursday)

4 days, 3 nights

- Branson Towers, Branson, Mo. (Continental Breakfast Daily, opens 6:30 a.m.; and nightly ice cream social!)
- Price includes: 6 Shows, 3 dinners, lunch at Lamberts, all breakfasts and transportation included
- Village Tours and Travel Bus line
- Cost is \$810/person (2 guests/room), \$1010/person (single room), \$740/person (triple occupancy room).
- NOTE: "Trip Insurance" is available for \$19.95 per person (Non-Refundable). Trip insurance allows for cancellation up to 72 business hours prior to group's arrival. Any change after 72 hours are non-refundable.



Monday, November 6

- 7:45 a.m. – Depart First Christian Church, Guthrie, OK
- noon – "Cracker Barrel" Lunch in Joplin (lunch on your own)
- 3 p.m. – Arrive at "Branson Towers" Branson
- 4:15 p.m. – Tanger Outlets Shopping (will adjust time depending on when we arrive)
- 6:30 p.m. – Dinner at the Hughes Brothers Theater
- 8 p.m. – Hughes Brothers Christmas Show

Tuesday, November 7

- 10 a.m. — Top of the Rock Adventure — Cave Tour/Ozark Natural History Museum
- 12:30 p.m. — Lunch @ The Landing (on your own) and shopping
- 3 p.m. — Hotel Break
- 5:30 p.m. — Dolly Parton's Stampede Show and Dinner
- 8 p.m. — Presley's Jubilee



Wednesday, November 8

- 10 a.m. – Group Picture outside hotel
- 10:30 a.m. — Shopping at The Grand Village Shoppes and Lunch at Mel's Diner (on your own)
- 2 p.m. — Texas Tenors at Grand Shanghai Theater
- 5:15 p.m. — Grand Country Mall and Buffet Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. — Queen Esther at Sight and Sound Theater



Thursday, November 9

- Shopping at the Amish Store
- 10 a.m. — Clay Cooper's Country Show
- 12:45 p.m. — Lunch at Lambert's Café (included in package)



DEADLINE for RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1st Payment: \$200 Due – July 9 • 2nd Payment: \$200 Due – Aug. 13 • 3rd Payment: \$200 Due – Sept. 17 •

Final Payment Due: Oct. 1







Call Karen Allen @ 282-4080 with questions.



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APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated)</u> 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 Sadie: sadieporter0@gmail.com Michael: mrjohnson139@gmail.com					1 8 a.m. – LifeLine Screenings 10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal 1 p.m. – All-Church Work Day
2  Palm Sunday & cantata 11:30 a.m. – Lunch & Learn 11:30 a.m. – Camp Fundraiser 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting 11:30 a.m. – Outreach Team Meeting	3	4 Election Day (FCC is a polling site) 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 5:30 p.m. – Connections Team Meeting 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study	5 11:30 a.m. – Lenten Lunch @ Woodcrest Baptist 3:30 p.m. – Pastor's Class (make-up class)	6 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	7	8
9 	10	11 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 11:30 a.m. – Ministerial Alliance 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study	12 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 6 p.m. – Youth Pizza Party	13 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out Church Camp money due to FCC office	14  6:30 p.m. – “The Connecting Point” Singo Party – NO SINGING INVOLVED! at Guthrie Golf & Country Club	15
16  DONUT SUNDAY 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting	17  6 p.m. – Young Adults (20-30 year olds) to Pop's in Arcadia	18 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study	19	20 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	21	22 9 a.m. – Fellowship Hall booked for private event
23  Baptism Sunday & Capital Campaign Celebration 11:30 a.m. – Worship Team Meeting	24 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting & Lunch Noon – Newsletter Deadline 5:30 p.m. – Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting	25 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 3:30 p.m. – Campfire Meeting 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Adult Bible Study	26 6 p.m. – “Doubt” Worship Service	27 8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	28	29
30 Loose Change Offering to benefit Central Elementary Teacher Appreciation 11:30 a.m. – Youth Meeting 11:30 a.m. – Pizza with the Pastor	<div>#FCCallin</div>					