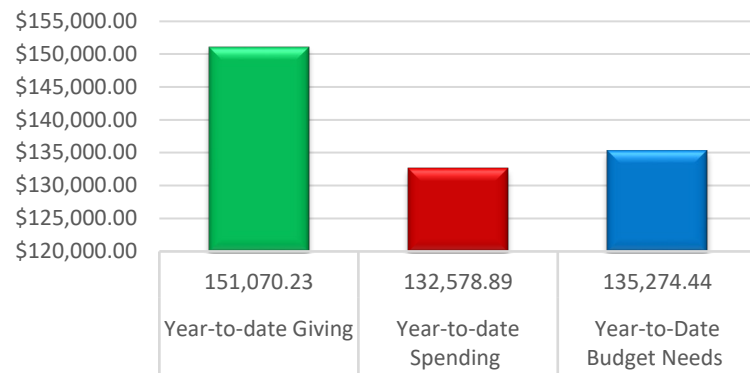


## FCC Financial Update



5/21 Worship Attendance: 155  
Average Attendance for May: 157

## CELEBRATE PENTECOST SUNDAY



This Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday**. Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season for Christians and commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. The Church of God, which began on Pentecost which we read about in Acts 2 is given the mission of preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God. **We encourage you to wear red, orange and/or yellow on Pentecost.**



# The Tie That Binds

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Growing in Faith

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## Connections Team Updates

Can you believe it's already summer? We know you all will have plans over the summer but you won't want to miss out on the several activities we are planning. We are planning a parking lot party toward the end of July as well as other fun summer activities! Watch the News & Events and FCC Facebook page for more details!



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KAREN ALLEN, Associate Minister

**Class Of 2023**

*We are proud of you!*

- Devin Frey, Guthrie High School
- Jarrett McNulty, Guthrie High School & Meridian Technology
- Jaci Wiss, Mulhall-Orlando High School & Meridian Technology
- Peyton Hayes, Guthrie High School
- Lauren Porterfield, Meridian Technology
- Carson Wilder, Guthrie High School

On Sunday we also recognized our college graduates – Mekaila Carey, University of Connecticut – Master of Public Administration and Kaitlyn Wood – Oklahoma State University – Master of Science in Teaching, Learning & Leadership. We are so proud of all of our 2023 Graduates!

**Join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as Gary Weeks shares the message**

# → FCC KID ZONE ←

Please note, there will **not** be any Kid's Worship or Kid's Worship Extra classes this coming Sunday, May 28. All kids 4 years and older will remain in the worship service with their families. Nursery will still be available for those kids 0 - 3 years old.

**Vacation Bible School:** I hope that every kid makes plans to attend VBS at FCC as we learn together how to Shine Jesus' light through the week and then go out into our everyday lives to keep His light shining! We have a stellar group of adult and youth volunteers who have signed on for the mission of VBS! If you would like to help with VBS and have not yet been assigned a volunteer position, please email [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com) as soon as possible to get you into a spot and also to get a free volunteer shirt! The shirt order for our volunteers will be submitted this Wed., May 24. After that, the sizes are first come first served until we run out and we will not be ordering many extras. Nursery is available for volunteers who have kids too young to attend VBS.

VBS kid registrations are up on our website, [www.fccguthrie.org](http://www.fccguthrie.org), so please check out our website to sign up your kids 4 year old through completing 5th grade! This is an event that we hope the kids will be excited to invite their friends to as well. Everyone will need to go through the same registration process, and we hope to see lots of our regular faces and friends too! VBS is June 12 through the 15 from 9 a.m. to noon.

**VBS decorating night:** We are changing our annual VBS decorating night. it will now take place on Thurs., June 8 at 5 p.m! We need all hands on deck as we work together to turn our building into a space station that is ready for launch that following Monday for VBS week! Please plan to join us to help; there will be all kinds of projects to help with so even if you aren't incredibly artistically, we can still use your help! Email Natalie to let her know that you will be coming because we will take a break for pizza and a short volunteer training about 6 p.m. and then get back to decorating until complete. If you can only join us for part of the evening, please still come!



**Children's Sunday:** This summer, we are combining VBS Sunday, Children's Sunday and Father's Day all into one big mashup celebration! You'll see the kids lead almost the whole service by themselves – from greeting our congregation as they enter the building, to leading the VBS worship songs they will have been practicing all week, to helping deliver the message of the day and serving communion and taking the offering – the kids will be taking charge! We will be reaching out to organize details of this service so please be on the lookout for an email coming soon with more information. Kid's Worship and Kid's Worship Extra kids will use their next couple of classes practicing their parts for the service.

**New – Cupcake decorating class:** We have an exciting family fellowship event to offer! On Thurs., July 6 from 6 to 9 p.m., we are offering a fun outing to learn how to decorate crazy cupcakes just for us at the Meridian Technology Center - South Campus here in Guthrie! The cost of this class is \$35 for one adult and one child. Each child has to have an adult accompanying them, the technology center's rules do not allow for kids to sign up without an adult accompanying each of them. Deadline to sign up and pay for this class is June 29 by 3 p.m. Sign up and arrange payment by emailing [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com). We need at least 3 families paid by June 29 to be able to make this class happen and we only have 5 or 6 spots due to the kitchen space, so sign up and pay soon to get a spot for you and your child!

**Camp:** Please be in prayer throughout the month of June for our 12 campers, 3rd grade through youth group age, who are all set to attend three different camps throughout the month. We pray that they will have an enjoyable time of fellowship with their peers from all over the region and learn about what it means to have a Fruitful Faith while they are there! Thank you for your support to be able to help send these kids to camp and please keep them in your prayers over the next few weeks!

## Keeping Up With Karen



Ronnie's Sabbatical is underway and I'm pleased to report that things are going smoothly at the church. Many of you have reached out to ask how to help and to check on how things are going and I really appreciate it. I have been extremely thankful for the good attendance in worship the past couple weeks. We have had great worship experiences with extra music and activities and I look forward to continuing that momentum into June.

Just to keep everyone in the loop here is the upcoming schedule for sermons/Sunday services. May 28 — Rev. Gary Weeks will share the message. Gary has filled the pulpit several times for us as a retired minister who served several congregations and eventually became the administrator at Oklahoma Christian Camp and Conference Center. While there, he founded the Make Promises Happen Camps, providing camping experiences for those who are disabled. The camps provide "life without limits" opportunities for youth and adult campers and has become a nationally known program. Gary and his wife, Jane, have always been active in FCC Guthrie, raising their three children in Guthrie and serving in volunteer positions across the community. We look forward to his message! We will also celebrate Pentecost on Sunday – so wear something red, orange or yellow!

On June 4, I will once again share the message. I will be continuing along a similar theme as my first two but taking a bit of a different approach in looking at it from a different angle. If you missed my first sermon it discussed how we are to be "Salt" in the world — adding goodness to things and adding just the right amount that it makes people thirst for God. This past week's sermon was titled "God is in this Story." It looked at the idea of no matter where you are in life – in a great place or difficult place — God is writing your story, chapter by chapter. Some chapters are long others are short; some uplifting, others not as much. The sermon on June 4 will take a look at God in your life – past, present and future. Most importantly, it looks at how God is faithful to us. He reassures us that if we look for Him, He is there.

On June 11, Gene Owen will be sharing the message. Gene is well-known for his work in the hospice and Companion healthcare business as a Chaplain. Gene has shared many powerful messages throughout the last several years and I am excited to hear from him again.

On June 18, we will celebrate Father's Day and have Children's Sunday as well as our VBS kids performing some of their music. It's going to be a jam-packed service you won't want to miss!

On June 25 and July 2, Wayne Elder will start a two-week "At the Movies" series. Wayne is one of our elders and is excited to share his testimony and message. If you've ever heard Wayne give a Communion or Offertory Thought or just share in general, his messages are always lively, thoughtful and impactful.

Please be present in worship every chance you get! Worshipping together makes all the difference in how your week starts and for those who are sharing the message.

### BRANSON TRIP UPDATE!

The Branson Trip is busting at the seams and I am thrilled! We have 44 signed up and will limit it to that number so that we aren't completely full on the bus and can be a little more mobile getting on and off the bus. Reminder...the first payments are due July 1!

I hope everyone has a blessed week and I'll see you Sunday! *Karen*



## June Birthdays!

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|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 – Kennedi Hacker   | 16 – Brian Reece  | 21 – Ella Tontz    |
| Kathy Walter         | 17 – Marsh Powell | Carissa Redman     |
| Judy Coburn          | 18 – Janie Carey  | Ethan Frey         |
| Elden Waner          | Josh Ward         | Julie Wiss         |
| 3 – Roy Jones        | Kegan Payne       | 22 – James Carey   |
| 5 – Jayma Johnston   | 19 – Paula Bowles | Brittney Jarnagin  |
| 6 – Ally Carey       | Kristi Blakemore  | 23 – Amanda Shults |
| 9 – Natalie Hardin   | Jake Carey        | 25 – Curtis Ketch  |
| 10 – Shana Bench     | Hank Hinkle       | 29 – Jacki Cowan   |
| 12 – Owen Wilder     | 20 – Avery Olstad | 30 – Terry Hinkle  |
| 13 – Zeke Paul       | Tammy Schroder    |                    |
| 14 – Phyliss Stroup  | Ava Yancey        |                    |
| 15 – Kelly Considine | Michelle Gill     |                    |
|                      | Jace Gill         |                    |

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 – Brian & Janna Pierson     | 6 – Ron & Barbara Wilder | 19 – Len & Linda Tontz     |
| John & Karen Allen            | Ron & Linda Wrede        | 23 – Nolan & Kim Crick     |
| 3 – Bill & Cynthia Cunningham | 10 – Ken & Kathy Walter  | 27 – Thomas & Janet Hudson |
| 5 – Ron & Juanita Plagg       | 11 – Jason & Desi Rice   | 28 – Jerry & LaHonda Ball  |
| Brad & Janice Hand            | 12 – Ben & Ali Gallo     | Mike & Kelly Simpson       |
|                               | 18 – Boyd & Linda Rice   | 30 – Don & LaMoyne Hardin  |

Date & Time	Youth Activity	Details
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> 6 pm-7:30 pm & 10 <sup>th</sup> 9:30 am - 7:30 pm	Fundraiser	Kiwanis concession stand shifts (\$15 cash/credit your acct)
THURS. JUNE 8 <sup>th</sup> 5 pm - 7 pm	VBS decorating	Help set up for VBS & eat pizza!
SUN. JUNE 11 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am - 12:30 pm	VBS decorating	Help set up the sanctuary
MON. 12 <sup>th</sup> - THURS. 15 <sup>th</sup> 8:45 am-Noon	VBS	Volunteer to help! Contact Natalie or Staci to sign-up
WED. JUNE 14 <sup>th</sup> Noon-3:30 pm	Lunch & Swim	Pizza & More Party @ FCC then swimming @ Carey Pool
THURS. JUNE 22 <sup>nd</sup> 4 pm - 7 pm	Fundraiser	Help pick up items & organize for sale
FRI. JUNE 23 <sup>rd</sup> 10 am - 7 pm	Fundraiser	Help pick up items & organize for sale
SAT. JUNE 24 <sup>th</sup> 7 am - 2 pm	Fundraiser	Sign-up for shifts.

fccYOUth  
JUNE



Sign-up for  
Remind texts:  
Text Staci  
@  
405-831-5509



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### Attention Kid's Worship Extra Kids!

We have some updates for the next couple weeks! This Sunday, we won't meet due to Memorial Day Weekend... BUT we will have an additional KWX on June 4! You will be meeting with Natalie to work on a special Father's Day worship service project and our current 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be working out parts for Children's Sunday – which is on Father's Day. Even though our 6<sup>th</sup> Graders have "technically" promoted to the Youth Group, we are inviting them to stay (if they want) to do Children's Sunday with us since we didn't do one in the Fall.

ALSO... Mark your calendar for June 14! We will have Pizza and Practice for our current 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders right after VBS. We will practice until 1 p.m. Then, the current 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to go to the Youth Swim party at Staci's. Current 5<sup>th</sup> graders will need to be picked up at 1 p.m. on June 14.

Save the date: Sat. June 24, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. While you are doing your spring cleaning, think of us (no adult clothing, please)! Items can be dropped off at the church on Friday, June 23 between 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. Need help with your items? You can arrange for items to be picked up the week of the sale. Contact the church office or Staci Carey at 405-831-5509. This is a youth fundraiser. We thank you for supporting youth ministries!

## Prayer Requests

**Preparing for surgery:** Pam Williams, Debi Shore

**We pray for our church family:** Tahlia Tucker, Sarah Anderson, John Shore, Cathy Clark-Mitchell, Pat Ball, Velma Cox, Dennis Lynch, Mike Canning, Hank Hubbard, Patsy Crick, Anne Frey, Clara Ketch, KC Griffin, Kameron Hopper, Margaret McNeely, Dennis Ochs, Kim Crick, Steve Ochs, Mickey Eckley, Gerald Whitfield, Denise Shoun, Carl Biggs, Joan Dreessen

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Family of Nik Labus, Mitch Cotton, Penelope Ivey, Corbly Estlack, Wayne Corless, J.D. Inda, Teresa May, Elsie Steinbeck, Johnny Harman, Tim Taylor, Stanley Lear, Renee Leathers, Rocky Wilson, Jacob Carey, Jim Harman, Kathleen Morris, 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 Friese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning, Nate Ames



## Retired Fellowship! It's time for another outing!

• June 21 • 8 a.m. departure from FCC •

### The Pioneer Woman Mercantile/Lunch/Lodge Tour

If you're retired (or just want to play like you are for a day), we invite you to join our Retired Fellowship Group as we travel to Pawhuska to each lunch and shop at the Pioneer Woman Mercantile. Lunch is on your own and there is a menu available online or printed out in the sanctuary entryway. We will plan to travel to the "Lodge" where she films her shows and tour it following lunch. Depending on the wait at the Mercantile, we will plan to be back to Guthrie between 3:30-4 p.m. Also, please note that you will need to be able to stand for a little while as we wait in line to eat; often there is a bit of a wait to get tables for lunch. We will divide into groups so seating will be quicker. This trip is limited to the first 24 that sign up if you want to ride in a church vehicle. Call the church office at 405-282-4080 or e-mail karenkallen@cox.net. You can also text Karen at 405-615-2240.



## New HVAC Units are coming!

As you may (or may not) be aware, the HVAC units on the Sanctuary end of our building are original to the building – 35 years old! We have recently had trouble with the units and the time has come to replace them. The Board recently voted to replace all 6 units at a cost of \$109,404. We will use Capital Campaign funds to pay for this project. Once the project is complete, we hope to see significant energy savings, as well as hear less of the units when they "kick on."



## You're Invited

Join us for  
*Judy Coburn's*

### 85th birthday

June 3 1 p.m.

FCC Reception Hall

Hosted by Judy's Family

# Our Young Adults are headed to...



# THE CHICKEN SHACK

**Monday, June 5 6 p.m.**

**All 20-Somethings are invited!**

## Loose Change Offering will be collected this Sunday benefitting **CASA** **Logan County!**



## CASA for Kids Needs You!

Serving abused and neglected children in Payne, Logan, & Kay Counties in Oklahoma.  
We need volunteers and board members! Contact us for more information.

### What is a CASA volunteer?

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer is a trained citizen who is appointed by a judge to speak up for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court.



### What is a CASA volunteer's role?

A CASA volunteer investigates the child's situation - talks to the child and others involved in the case. Then presents information to the court and makes recommendations that can change the child's life for the better.



### How much time does it require?

Each case is different. A CASA volunteer usually spends 10-12 hours per month on casework. More complicated cases may take more time.



### How do I get involved?



Scan Me

www.casaforkids.com  
info@casaforkids.com  
405-293-6200

Change a child's story.



Wanda Harrigan and her granddaughter Lauren Porterfield have started crocheting lap afghan blankets to give to the Veterans in the VA hospital this Christmas. They have bought and been given yarn but could use some more crocheters. They are doing granny squares.









They can use more acrylic yarn and more hands to crochet too. If you are interested in joining Wanda and Lauren with this project, please call the church office.



# First Christian Church

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# JUNE 2023

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 <sup>nd</sup> grade every Sunday during worship **Kid's Worship Extra for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> graders on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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			<b>1</b> No Mother's Day Out	<b>2</b> Church Office Closed	<b>3</b> 1 – 3 p.m. – 85 <sup>th</sup> birthday party for Judy Coburn in Recep. Hall Hosted by her family - All are invited!
<b>4</b> Karen Allen is preaching	<b>5</b> 9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out Teacher Meeting 10 a.m. – noon – MDO "Meet the Teacher" 6 p.m. – Young Adults to Chicken Shack	<b>6</b> 9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>7</b> 6 p.m. – Elders Meeting 7 p.m. – Board Meeting	<b>8</b> 9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 5 p.m. – VBS Decorating	<b>9</b> Church Office Closed	<b>10</b>
  <b>Chi Rho Camp @ Anadarko</b>						
<b>11</b> Gene Owen is preaching 11:45 a.m. – VBS Decorating	<b>12</b> 6:30 p.m. – Karen's Dinner Group to Fish City	<b>13</b> No Mother's Day Out 6 p.m. – Ronnie's Dinner Group to Gage's	<b>14</b> 12 -1 p.m. – 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Pizza & Rehearsal 12 p.m. – Youth Pizza & Swim Party	<b>15</b> No Mother's Day Out	<b>16</b> Church Office Closed	<b>17</b>
  <b>Vacation Bible School</b>						
<b>18</b> DONUT SUNDAY  VBS SUNDAY FATHER'S DAY LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY Private Event in Fellowship Hall	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>21</b> 8 a.m. – Retired Fellowship to Pawhuska (registration required)	<b>22</b> 9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out 4 p.m. – Youth set up for Rummage Sale	<b>23</b> Church Office Closed 10 a.m. – Youth set up for Rummage Sale	<b>24</b> 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Youth Rummage Sale in Reception Hall
<b>Discovery Camp @ Chouteau</b>						
<b>25</b> Wayne Elder is preaching 11:30 a.m. – Congregational Meeting following Worship 8 p.m. – Youth "Glow" Swim Party <b>Discovery Camp Ends</b>	<b>26</b> 11 a.m. – Staff Meeting & Lunch	<b>27</b> 9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>28</b> 6 p.m. – Wilkerson's Dinner Group @ Wiczorek's home	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out	<b>30</b> Church Office Closed	
  <b>Junior Camp @ Chouteau</b>						