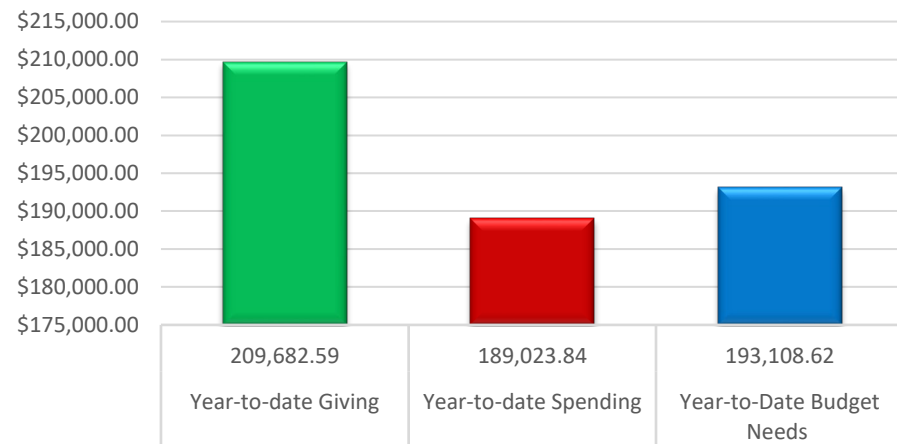


## FCC Financial Update



# #FCCallin

Loose Change Offering collected on Sunday was \$283.13! Thank you to all who donated toward Mission Sunday!

## Summer Sermon Schedule

July 30 – Good Neighbor Mission Sunday  
August 6 – Karen Allen  
August 13 – Ronnie Fields

7/23 Worship Attendance: 150  
Average Attendance for July: 139

**PLEASE NOTE:** The **Singles & Widows Luau** as been cancelled. If you pre-paid, a refund check will be coming to you in the mail.



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# Good Neighbor Mission Sunday

Top 5 things you should know about Mission Sunday:

1. Worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. this Sunday.
  - a. 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Worship
  - b. 10 a.m. – noon — Work Projects
  - c. Noon - 1 p.m. — Come and Go Lunch (Reception Hall)
2. It's Casual/Work Clothes for Worship & Work
3. There are projects for all ages (kids included!)
4. There is a nursery from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
5. We are still seeking names of people that may need light housework, yard work or technology assistance.



Please call the church office to sign-up and help with your favorite area! If you have questions, contact Karen Allen, Wayne Elder, Kelly Simpson or Krista Smith.

# Parking Lot Party

Thursday, July 27 Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers!

We are hosting a Parking Lot Party from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 27. There will be food trucks, a water slide, kiddie pools, Cornhole Tournament, Bunco and lots of fellowship! Be sure and bring a lawn chair if you plan to hangout outside.

Cornhole and Bunco will be INSIDE! Eating areas will be available inside, too. Bring a lawn chair if you want to be outside.



# → FCC KID ZONE ←

We are needing adult volunteer helpers in **Kid's Worship Extra** in the month of August! If you are available on a Sunday in August to lend a hand, please let Natalie know or email her at [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com). The specific dates we are looking for someone are 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, and 8/27. This volunteer will assist with the lesson and with the kids as needed; it's an easy position and a great excuse to get to come down, get to know our 4 year olds through 2nd graders and see what their Kid's Worship class is all about. No teaching required, just come ready to lend Natalie a helping hand.

We are winding down our summer days and looking forward to a great school year! Please be sure to be here on Sunday, August 13 for **Backpack Blessing and Educator Recognition Sunday!** This is one of my favorite Sundays of the year where all students are invited to come forward and receive a blessing over their backpack for the upcoming school year. Our hope is that by doing this, each and every child knows that they are fully supported and prayed over for all that may come their way for the school year. We invite students of all ages to participate in this service and don't forget to bring your backpacks with you. Each student will receive a special tag to help them know they have a whole congregation supporting them during the year and most importantly that they are fully loved and supported by God. Feel free to invite friends to this service, just be sure tell them to bring their backpacks too!

We will also pray over our educators, faculty, support staff, administrators, and school board members for their upcoming school year as well. Each of these very important groups of people will be recognized, prayed over, and receive a special gift in hopes to help get them started on the right foot for a successful school year!

We hope to see all of our students and educators at 10:30 worship on Sunday, August 13!

## YOUTH NEWS

Closing out July... busy! Hope you can join us!! **THURSDAY July 27: Waterslide & Block Party** ☀️ Waterslide: 4-6 p.m. = youth only, 6-8 p.m. = ALL ages! Block Party: 6-8 p.m. = food trucks, snowcones, cornhole tournament & more!

**SUNDAY July 30: GOOD NEIGHBOR MISSION SUNDAY & youth to Braum's!** 🖐️ 9:30 a.m. = Worship then divide into work teams (wear work clothes!) Noon = lunch at FCC then youth will load the bus to Braum's for a free treat and Staci will bring you home after!



## Keeping Up With Karen

Wow! What an amazing summer we are having at FCC! Attendance has been great and our Ministry Teams are knocking it out of the park with activities. We have two big events this week — the *Parking Lot Party* and *Mission Sunday!* I hope you are planning to be at both.

I want to say a bit about Mission Sunday... if you haven't signed up and plan to be there, please let me know so I can put you in an assigned area. On Wednesday, I will be messaging those who have signed up to give them further details about what they will be doing in their specific areas. We have plenty for everyone to do! Plenty for all ages. **We will have a nursery** for anyone who needs childcare so they can participate!

Sunday — Worship will be from 9:30-10 a.m.! Even if you can't stay to help, please plan to attend worship. We will have a few songs, communion, a short devotion and then get split into our groups. If you can't come at 9:30 but can help in one of the mission areas, join us at 10 a.m. in the Reception Hall. If you're working, we invite you to make plans to come back to the church between noon and 1 p.m. to have lunch and spend some time fellowshiping and sharing with one another about where you served.

Be sure to wear clothes that can get dirty if you are participating in one of our outside projects. There will be lawncare projects, painting, mulch spreading and much more!

FLOWERS! We want to give a big shout out to **Jayson Davison and Davison's Nursery!** They donated new flowers for our sanctuary entrance flowerbed and the flowerbed off Noble by our church sign. If you have a chance, go visit Davison's, located at 330 W Memorial Rd. in Oklahoma City. Their greenhouses are bursting with tons of flowers and all your gardening needs. Shana and I went down last Monday and could not believe how full the greenhouse was with plants and flowers of every shape and size. Jayson loaded us up with many flats of flowers and some fertilizer to nourish them. It was amazing!

On Friday, we had a Guthrie FFA Student, Lillie Birtwell, and her dad, who came to weed the beds, plant the flowers and begin mulching the areas. The church participated in an FFA Auction earlier in the year and "hired" Lillie to help us out. We are so grateful to get these beds in better shape.

As part of Mission Sunday, we will finish trimming a few of the shrubs in the beds and mulch the remainder of the flowerbed off Noble Ave. Likewise, as part of Mission Sunday, we are revamping our West Door Entrance to make it more welcoming. The West Door is one of the main entrances during the week for visitors as well as our Mother's Day Out families. We have battled having overgrown trees and flowerbeds that don't stay weeded; as well as a church sign that has seen 36 years of service. Wayne Elder and Jeff Saxton spent Saturday removing the trees and getting the dirt ready. We will be adding mulch, a bench, some pavers and a new directional sign to the area. This should give the area a more welcoming feel and purposeful area for those who stand and visit at that entrance before and after meetings or for MDO. Thanks Wayne and Jeff for getting this project started a little early! We will finish it Sunday!

Look forward to seeing everyone this week and throughout the month of August as we continue Sharing Christ and Growing in Faith.

In Christ's Love, *Karen*

Thank you  
Davison's Nursery!



West entrance -  
before and  
during the  
"remodel"



Fresh flower beds  
on North & South  
sides of the  
Sanctuary!







## August Birthdays!

- |                       |                      |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 – Jessica McLain    | 12 – George Hopkins  | 25 – Tahlia Tucker   |
| Gene Owen             | 14 – Pam Williams    | 27 – John Allen      |
| 2 – Staci Carey       | 15 – Ashley Beeson   | Max Fields           |
| Braylon Blakemore     | Cherokee Rice        | Garrison Jones       |
| 3 – Rick Savory       | 16 – John Shore      | 28 – Ginger Simpson  |
| 4 – Todd Wilder       | Brandon Parker       | Katherine Stinchcomb |
| Hogan McLemore        | 19 – Griffin Ball    | Anita Riddle         |
| 5 – Sherri McCollough | 20 – Chris Schroder  | Bill McLain          |
| Wilma Rogers          | 21 – Anna Stevens    | 29 – Gracie Ball     |
| 7 – Jerry Rucker      | Craig Benham         | Stan Wieczorek       |
| 8 – Neil Scheihing    | 22 – Bonnie Reynolds | Emmett Hardin        |
| Candy Staring         | 24 – Nikolas Pena    | 30 – David Ball      |
| 9 – Henry Cotton      | Terri Graybeal       | Justin Stevens       |
| 11 – Codi Canning     |                      | 31 – Matthew Yancey  |

## Connections Team Updates

We hope to see everyone on Thursday, July 27 at our Parking Lot Party from 6-8 p.m! We will have two food trucks, Dueling Dishes and Red Cedar Pizza, at the event for you to eat out that night! We hope everyone will support them as they are not charging us to be at our event. We will have a Cornhole Tournament and Bunco! We will also have snow cones, a waterslide, and little pools! Because of how hot it's going to be, Cornhole, Bunco and seating to eat your food will all be in the A/C! Bring a lawn chair if you'd like to sit outside to enjoy the "cool" weather! ☺ Make sure you've signed up for Cornhole if you are wanting to enter the tournament.

On August 5, we start our First Sundays! We will be serving sandwiches, chips and dessert. There is a requested donation of \$5 per person with a max of \$20 per family which helps cover the cost of the food. We encourage everyone to sit with people you don't know so we can get to know other members of our church family! There will also be a kid table. Each table will have talking points to get to know each other. We hope to have a great turnout!

Mark your calendars for September 24 - the annual church picnic! We will be having hotdogs, chips and desserts again. We are keeping this menu as when other dishes are brought, the committee ends up fanning the flies the entire evening. With this menu, everyone is able to enjoy the evening. We will be having the event at the same place as we have the last several years. Be watching for additional details! We hope everyone has a great rest of the summer!

*Jana Frey-Connections Team Leader*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays!



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 – Rick & Susan Savory   | 12 – Bobby & Susan Davison |
| 6 – Kevin & Alicia Carey  | 26 – Greg & Elise Frieese  |
| 9 – Ronnie & Shana Fields | Barry & Wendy Anderson     |
| 11 – Carl & Diane Biggs   | 29 – Keith & Deannie Young |
|                           | 30 – Herb & Sheryl Reeve   |

## Prayer Requests

**Our Love & Sympathy go out to:** Esther Weir and family in the death of her brother, Richard; Greg Ireton and family in the death of his father, Richard Ireton; Mike Carey and family in the death of his brother, Delbert

**Preparing for surgery:** Debi Shore (8/7/23)

**We pray for our church family:** Kim Hinkle, Nicole Linker, Lydia Gates, John Shore, KC Griffin, Gary Weeks, Joan Dreesen, Pat Ball, Dennis Lynch, Hank Hubbard, Steve Ochs, Mickey Eckley, Gerald Whitfield, Denise Shoun, Carl Biggs, Treva Seals

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Family of Bradley Wilson, The Family of Stephanie Wagner Lowrance, Jim Harman, Heather Swanson, Kristin Chorette-Sebren, Roger Myers, Carolyn Christie, Cindy Curtis, Jacob Carey, Tonya Dawn McCulloch, Ed Stevenson, David Brown, Barbara Marler, Susie Ellison, Tammy Willis, Phil Young, Mary Wheeler, Penelope Ivey and family, Teresa May, Elsie Steinbeck, Rocky Wilson, Kathleen Morris, Pearl Speer, Larry Nagel, James Stowe, Karen Nemecek, Ed & Katherine Walton, Marty Stamp, Joyce Brandes






**And our military all over the world:** Sonny Crick, Court Machtloff, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Frieese, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning, Nate Ames



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# AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Repeating Sunday Events: (unless otherwise indicated)</u>            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> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> 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><b>1</b></p> <p>9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>6 p.m. – Girl Scout Leader Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6 p.m. – Karen's Dinner Group to Gabriella's</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9 a.m. – Last day of Summer Mother's Day Out</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6 p.m. – Wilkerson's Dinner Group to Johnnie's</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Fellowship Hall reserved for private event</p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lunch</b>            \$5/person, \$20max</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p> Pastor Ronnie Returns to the office</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>6 p.m. – Elders Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>DONUT SUNDAY</b></p> <p> Backpack Blessings            Educator Recognition</p> <p>Parlor booked for private event</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>First day of school for Guthrie</p> <p></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b></p> <p>11:45 a.m. – FCC Leadership Planning Retreat            11:45 a.m. – Youth Planning Meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9 a.m. – Mother's Day Out "Meet the Teacher"</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>6 p.m. – Worship Team Meeting</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p> <p>5 p.m. – "Feed the Bluejays" Football Dinner </p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Reception Hall &amp; Parlor reserved for private event</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Loose Change Sunday benefitting GHS Pink Week</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>11 a.m. – Staff Meeting            Noon – Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. – Mother's Day Out</p>	<p></p>	