



NEWS & EVENTS

First Christian Church, Guthrie

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Growing in Faith

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August 8, 2023

Backpack and Educator Blessing is Sunday and... Pastor Ronnie returns to the Pulpit!

Join us this Sunday for our 10:30 a.m. worship service as we celebrate Pastor Ronnie's return from sabbatical. His sermon is titled "Lessons from the Trail – Awe Inspiring, based on Psalm 95:1-7, Psalm 100. It will also be our Educator and Backpack Blessing Sunday. This is always a favorite for many as we invite students to come forward and let us pray over them and give them a special "bag tag" that encourages them throughout the year. Also, we will be giving them some inspirational stickers – some to keep and some to share with friends.

We will also pray over our educators as they return to school and give them a bag of school supplies to help stock their classrooms. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors!

It's Donut Sunday!



Be sure and stop in the Reception Hall on Sunday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and grab a donut, juice, milk and coffee! After donuts, visit the photobooths that are set up!

Photo Booths for Sunday!

In the Reception Hall, beginning at 9:30 a.m. we will have two photo booths set



up for everyone to take photos. One booth will feature a "Back To School" theme and the other will have a plain background. We hope that everyone will stop by to get their picture taken at the regular background, as we would like to use these pictures to update our SimpleChurch/online church directory. Makenna Bench will be our photographer for that booth. At the other booth, designed by Paige O'Connell, feel free to snap your student's picture and be ready for the 1st Day of School! The photo booths will also be available after the worship services.

Loose Change Sunday is Aug. 27 — start collecting now!

August's Loose Change offering will be going toward Pink Week! We will be using the funds to put together a basket for the Pink Week football game, where it will be auctioned off to raise funds for GHS Pink Week! The Pink Week event focuses on cancer survivors and those battling cancer.



Our First “1st Sunday” was a success!

On Sunday, we began a new program called “1st Sunday!” This monthly meal is an opportunity to eat a quick meal following worship and have a chance to mix and mingle with new people and answer some fun questions to get better acquainted. Thanks to Jana and Kevin Frey from our Connections Team for organizing this month's luncheon!



**Our next “1st Sunday” will be Sept. 3
with a menu of:**
Pulled Pork
Potato Salad & Baked Beans
Chips & Dessert
Drinks



Small Dinner Group Sign-up is Underway

Our FCC Small Dinner Groups are reorganizing in August and mixing groups up so everyone can meet new people. It's a great time to sign-up! The next round of groups will meet three times during Sept. to Dec. There are a variety of groups — those that go out to eat, some rotate to different homes, and others do potluck at the church. Groups are about 8-10 people and some groups are singles only, others are couples. And singles, some include children. To sign-up call the church or sign-up on the board in the entryway on Sunday mornings. Deadline to sign-up is Aug. 27.



This Small Dinner Group met last week at Gabriella's Italian Grill and Pizzeria in Edmond. Debbie Williams, Vicki Jones, Karen Allen and Pam Williams enjoyed an evening dining and visiting.

Dinner Group Sign-ups

You choose the type of group you want to participate in...

Couples, Singles, Kid-friendly, All Ages,
Eat in Homes, Restaurants, Potluck

Sign up in the entryway or call the church office

Prayer Requests

Preparing for surgery: Clara Price (9/21)

Hospitalized: Jennifer Bounds

We pray for our church family:

Debi Shore, Hadley Timmons, Jason Cotton and family in the death of his niece Tabitha Cotton (services will be Sat. at SouthPoint at 2 p.m., Andrew Hardin, Carol Smith, Don Hardin, John Shore, KC Griffin, Joan Dreessen, 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:

Larry Nagel, John Balsiger, Allen Wilson, Dennis Dawson, Gary Kragh, Woody Green, Heather Swanson, Carolyn Christie, Ethel Padden, Cindy Curtis, Jacob Carey, Tonya Dawn McCulloch, David Brown, Susie Ellison, Tammy Willis, Phil Young, Mary Wheeler, Penelope Ivey and family, Teresa May, Elsie Steinbeck, Rocky Wilson, James Stowe, Ed & Katherine Walton, Joyce Brandes

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

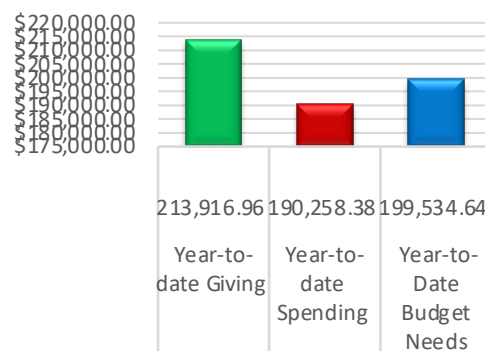
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FCC Attendance

August 6 – 149

Average July Attendance - 141

FCC Financial Update



Can you help?

On Mission Sunday we accomplished so many things in the community, schools and at the church. We have a few projects that need a little more help to complete. If you are available to help with them, call the church office at 405-282-4080 and let us let us know!

- Tree trimming/shrub removal — our Mission Team did an AMAZING job clearing the area in front of the playground. There is one tree/bush on the west end of the area that needs cut and trimmed. A branch has broken off from the tree. This job would need a small chainsaw or other type of saw to cut the branch off and some trimmers. The branch and other debris can be put in the church dumpster.

- Church Playground Weeds — There is a decent size group of weeds at the bottom of the steps on the playground a few weed throughout. This job would require gloves (church has them) and we will provide a trash bag to collect them.

Kid's Worship XTRA

3rd-6th Graders Meet This Week

Reminder! This Sunday is a Kid's Worship Extra Sunday. This class is for our 3rd-6th graders and meets during the worship service following the children's sermon. Students can leave during Children's Sermon and meet in the entryway to head to their classroom. This week, Staci Carey and Desi Rice will be leading the class.

FCC LEADERSHIP RETREAT IS AUG. 20

Our annual FCC Leadership retreat will be immediately following worship on Aug. 20.

This retreat is a time for the church staff, church board, elders and team leaders to make plans and brainstorm ideas of how we can better fulfill our Mission Statement as a church and our calling in the community. If you have ideas to share, please let one of our team leaders know before Aug. 20. Team leaders include: Desi Rice, Stephanie Tucker, Jana Frey, Mike Simpson, Bill Mahan, Wayne Elder, Kelly Simpson, Krista Smith, Bobby and Susan Davison, Nick and Paige O'Connell and Stacey Johnston.



**Mark Your
Calendar**

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUNDAY

Sunday, August 13th at 10:30am

PRAYER AND
RECOGNITION FOR
EDUCATORS AND
FACULTY

BACKPACK
BLESSING
FOR STUDENTS

DONUTS AND
PHOTOBOOTHS
FOR EVERYONE!

**Students of all ages: Bring your backpacks with you
to worship!**

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
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YouVersion Reading Plan - August-October

Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Aug	Loving Yourself So You Can Love Others Well	4 Days
2-Aug	Loving Yourself So You Can Love Others Well	4 Days
3-Aug	Loving Yourself So You Can Love Others Well	4 Days
4-Aug	Loving Yourself So You Can Love Others Well	4 Days
5-Aug	Live in Grace, Walk in Love	5 days
6-Aug	Live in Grace, Walk in Love	5 days
7-Aug	Live in Grace, Walk in Love	5 days
8-Aug	Live in Grace, Walk in Love	5 days
9-Aug	Live in Grace, Walk in Love	5 days
10-Aug	Prayer Walking - Making Your Steps Count	3 Days
11-Aug	Prayer Walking - Making Your Steps Count	3 Days
12-Aug	Prayer Walking - Making Your Steps Count	3 Days
13-Aug	Prayer Matters	5 Days
14-Aug	Prayer Matters	5 Days
15-Aug	Prayer Matters	5 Days
16-Aug	Prayer Matters	5 Days
17-Aug	Prayer Matters	5 Days
18-Aug	Peace of Mind: Back to School Reflections	3 Days
19-Aug	Peace of Mind: Back to School Reflections	3 Days
20-Aug	Peace of Mind: Back to School Reflections	3 Days
21-Aug	Real Hope: The Art of Listening	5 Days
22-Aug	Real Hope: The Art of Listening	5 Days
23-Aug	Real Hope: The Art of Listening	5 Days
24-Aug	Real Hope: The Art of Listening	5 Days
25-Aug	Real Hope: The Art of Listening	5 Days
26-Aug	Deep Discipleship	6 Days
27-Aug	Deep Discipleship	6 Days
28-Aug	Deep Discipleship	6 Days
29-Aug	Deep Discipleship	6 Days
30-Aug	Deep Discipleship	6 Days
31-Aug	Deep Discipleship	6 Days
1-Sep	Your Story for God's Glory	5 Days
2-Sep	Your Story for God's Glory	5 Days
3-Sep	Your Story for God's Glory	5 Days
4-Sep	Your Story for God's Glory	5 Days
5-Sep	Your Story for God's Glory	5 Days
6-Sep	Made To Shine: Enjoy & Reflect God's Light	10 Days
7-Sep	Made To Shine: Enjoy & Reflect God's Light	10 Days
8-Sep	Made To Shine: Enjoy & Reflect God's Light	10 Days
9-Sep	Made To Shine: Enjoy & Reflect God's Light	10 Days
10-Sep	Made To Shine: Enjoy & Reflect God's Light	10 Days
11-Sep	Made To Shine: Enjoy & Reflect God's Light	10 Days
12-Sep	Made To Shine: Enjoy & Reflect God's Light	10 Days
13-Sep	Made To Shine: Enjoy & Reflect God's Light	10 Days
14-Sep	Made To Shine: Enjoy & Reflect God's Light	10 Days
15-Sep	Made To Shine: Enjoy & Reflect God's Light	10 Days

Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
16-Sep	Becoming Clay in the Potter's Hand	5 Days
17-Sep	Becoming Clay in the Potter's Hand	5 Days
18-Sep	Becoming Clay in the Potter's Hand	5 Days
19-Sep	Becoming Clay in the Potter's Hand	5 Days
20-Sep	Becoming Clay in the Potter's Hand	5 Days
21-Sep	AHA	7 Days
22-Sep	AHA	7 Days
23-Sep	AHA	7 Days
24-Sep	AHA	7 Days
25-Sep	AHA	7 Days
26-Sep	AHA	7 Days
27-Sep	AHA	7 Days
28-Sep	Believing God is Good No Matter What	5 Days
29-Sep	Believing God is Good No Matter What	5 Days
30-Sep	Believing God is Good No Matter What	5 Days
1-Oct	Believing God is Good No Matter What	5 Days
2-Oct	Believing God is Good No Matter What	5 Days
3-Oct	Sabbath - Living According to God's Rhythm	8 Days
4-Oct	Sabbath - Living According to God's Rhythm	8 Days
5-Oct	Sabbath - Living According to God's Rhythm	8 Days
6-Oct	Sabbath - Living According to God's Rhythm	8 Days
7-Oct	Sabbath - Living According to God's Rhythm	8 Days
8-Oct	Sabbath - Living According to God's Rhythm	8 Days
9-Oct	Sabbath - Living According to God's Rhythm	8 Days
10-Oct	Sabbath - Living According to God's Rhythm	8 Days
11-Oct	Gifts Ungiven	3 Days
12-Oct	Gifts Ungiven	3 Days
13-Oct	Gifts Ungiven	3 Days
14-Oct	It's Never Too Late	5 Days
15-Oct	It's Never Too Late	5 Days
16-Oct	It's Never Too Late	5 Days
17-Oct	It's Never Too Late	5 Days
18-Oct	It's Never Too Late	5 Days
19-Oct	Real Hope: Weariness	5 Days
20-Oct	Real Hope: Weariness	5 Days
21-Oct	Real Hope: Weariness	5 Days
22-Oct	Real Hope: Weariness	5 Days
23-Oct	Real Hope: Weariness	5 Days
24-Oct	8-Day Armor of God Bootcamp	8 Days
25-Oct	8-Day Armor of God Bootcamp	8 Days
26-Oct	8-Day Armor of God Bootcamp	8 Days
27-Oct	8-Day Armor of God Bootcamp	8 Days
28-Oct	8-Day Armor of God Bootcamp	8 Days
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