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2023 FCC Mission Sunday was AMAZING! We had 146 adults, youth and children serve in so many ways and bless so many people and places. Mission Sunday is a Sunday where we have a shortened worship service and put our faith into action! We had people share their gifts and talents in so many different ways.

A huge shout out to our Christian Outreach Team and the Mission Sunday Team leaders for helping everyone be a success!

Our teams included:

Backpack Blessing, Outreach Sticker Packaging, Popcorn Invites and School Supply Packets for Educators — led by Natalie Hardin

Cookie Baking and Delivery Team — led by Staci Carey

Guthrie Beautification Team — led by Sherry Porter

Prayer List Calling Team — led by Gene Owen

SCHOOLS — Central Elementary Flowerpots and Outdoor clean-up Team — led by Kelly Simpson

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SCHOOLS — Guthrie Upper Elementary School Painting, Outdoor/Playground Clean-up Team — led by Wayne Elder

Lawncare Teams — Led by Jason Rice and Justin Stevens

Lunch Prep and Meal Ministry Team — led by Karen Allen

Photography Team — Makenna Bench and Kyndal Carey

Technology Team — led by Krista Smith

FCC Flowerbeds and Playground Clean-up Team — led by numerous people!

West Welcome Entrance Remodel Team — Bill Mahan

Special thanks to Kelly and Colin Simpson for help setting up and sorting supplies on Saturday!

Many hands make light work and kudos especially to those who were out in the heat serving, it was so hot and yet they persevered and got it done! We accomplished so many projects – inside and outside — and had a great time interacting with those in our community. THANK YOU to everyone who came and served on Sunday! We look forward to continuing to make this an annual event and will be looking at moving it to Spring to help avoid the extreme heat. If you have other input that would be helpful to know for planning future Mission Sundays please let Karen Allen know! Together, we can make a huge difference!



Mission Sunday Pics

(more pictures are on our Facebook page- "First Christian Church of Guthrie")



A few numbers from Mission Sunday

- 800 — Stickers purchased and bagged for students
- 298 — Amount of square feet of dirt removed from the west entrance; 3-feet deep
- 204 — Cookies baked for deliveries to shut-ins and "neighbors"
- 146 — Adults, Youth and Children who served on Sunday
- 140 — Meals served at lunch
- 125 — Popcorn Bag Invites created for Backpack Blessing Week
- 85 — Sticker Baggies to give to students so they can share some inspiration with other students
- 60 — Bag Tags with scripture attached
- 40 — Educator School Supply Bags
- 13 — Freezer Meals for Shut-Ins
- 7 — Bags of trash collected from cleaning Noble Ave.
- 1 — dump trailer full of clippings from GUES
- COUNTLESS bags of clippings from Cottoral and Central
- COUNTLESS lives touched!

Prayer Requests

Preparing for surgery: Andrew Hardin (8/2), Carol Smith (8/4), Debi Shore (8/7), Clara Price (9/21)

We pray for our church family: KC Griffin & Family in the death of his sister-Pearl Speer, Don Hardin, John Shore, 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: Jim Harman, 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, Larry Nagel, 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

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!

1st Sundays!

HINT: It's THIS Sunday!

We are so excited to kick off this new program on the first Sundays of the month! Everyone is invited! It will be in the Reception Hall and will feature a lunch and time to visit. One of the keys of this program is to help people get better acquainted over lunch. We will have “kid tables” and “youth tables” so they can sit together. For adults, we will use some colored-tabs on the serving line to help you find a table with that color table cloth and mix with different people. We know couples likely will want to sit together and we will try to put you with at least one other person you know if you are single. Also, if you have children who are too young to sit at the “kid’s table” then they are welcome to stay with you.

At the tables, we will have some discussion questions with low-key questions like “what is your favorite snack food” or “what season do you like – spring, summer, winter or fall?” We hope this will get your table talking and learning more about each other.

One of the best comments we had from Mission Sunday was that people enjoyed working with people they had not previously met or been acquainted with. We hope this monthly meal will be a chance to do the same.

For the meal, this month we will have finger sandwiches, chips, fruit, desserts and drinks. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person with a max of \$20 per family. Again, if you can’t donate, please come anyway! We want everyone to be a part as we kick off this new luncheon.

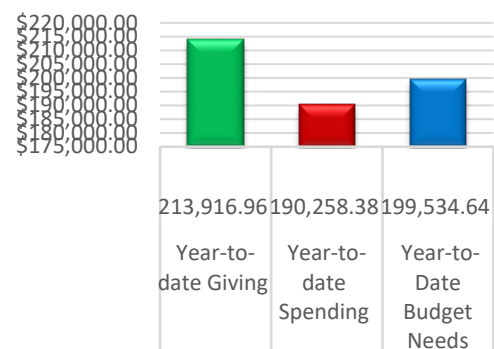
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FCC Attendance

July 30 – 146

Average July Attendance - 141

FCC Financial Update



Cornhole & parking lot party

Thursday's FCC Parking Lot Party was AWESOME! We had so much fun on the giant waterslide, playing bunco, playing cornhole in a tournament, food trucks, sno cones, and lots of time to visit and catch up with everyone. We had lots of visitors too!

Also, thank you to everyone who participated in our 1st Annual FCC Cornhole Tournament! We had 14 teams participate in the double-elimination tournament. Congratulations to Chad and Cayne Kyle for taking the championship!

"Corny" prizes were awarded to the Top 7 teams including Tommy Johnston and Karen Allen (2nd Place), Jerry Caughman and Brittany Torres (3rd Place), Andy and Dawn Hacker (4th Place), Aiden Hardin and Weston Bohard (5th Place), Jamie and Jayma Johnston (6th place) and Emalyn Redman and Clara Price (7th Place).

Prizes were all corn-themed and seemed to be a big hit. Thanks to everyone who came inside to eat and cheer on the competitors! It was a great turnout and fun event.

Great job to our Connections Team for putting on the event and to Red Cedar Pizza and Dueling Dishes Food Trucks for setting up at our event.



CONNECTING POINT

Our 30-50(ish) year old group

Our Connecting Point group met Sunday evening to cool off at our “top-secret” location. When attendees RSVP’d for the event, we shared with them the location...Pastor Ronnie’s pool! Ronnie told the church staff (who all fall into the Connecting Point age group) that we could use his pool while he is gone. After a little coordination with the Fields’ house-sitter, a pizza & pool party was planned! Thanks to Ronnie & Shana for sharing your pool 😊



Gary & Jane Weeks are currently attending General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky and shared this picture with us! Jane is representing FCC Guthrie as a voting delegate. The Weeks' are also attending with their son Michael, who serves at Slash Christian Church and their granddaughter, Ruthie, who is attending as a representative of Chapman University. We hope they have safe travels home and will have many stories to share!



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 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
29-Oct	8-Day Armor of God Bootcamp	8 Days
30-Oct	8-Day Armor of God Bootcamp	8 Days
31-Oct	8-Day Armor of God Bootcamp	8 Days