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January 30, 2024

FCC Leadership Planning Retreat

This Sunday following worship, our FCC Leadership Team (Team Leaders, Elder, Trustees, and Staff) will meet to plan the next 6 months of our church calendar. We will brainstorm new ministries, re-vision old ministries and enjoy fellowship together. If you are on the Leadership Team, grab your baked potato and join us in the Choir Room.



This Sunday's sermon is titled "Identity in Ink: Finding Your Verse in His Story" based on 1 Corinthians 9:22



Sunday's Loose Change Offering brought in **\$394.94** for our Cookie Ministry! Thank you to all who contributed!



Our next Bible Study begins Tues., Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room (enter at the handicap ramp at the NE corner of the building). We will focus on women of the Bible. This study is led by Wayne Elder. All are welcome!



Kid's Ministry



Please make plans to join us for the Baked Potato Bar luncheon right after worship this Sunday, Feb. 4! The cost of lunch is by donation, with a recommended amount of \$5 per plate or \$20 per family. All funds raised from this lunch will go towards our Vacation Bible School budget for volunteer t-shirts, curriculum, supplies and snack costs! We are able to offer a free VBS full of fun and Biblical learning each summer because of our congregation's generous support of the ministry and we hope to be able to offer the same kind of experience again this summer as we dive into a deeper friendship with God! To-go plates will be available if you can't stay to eat but would like to still support the VBS ministry! See you Sunday!

Prayer Requests

We pray for our church family: The family of Conor Reeves (celebration of life is this Fri., Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Cimarron National Golf Course), KC Griffin (hospitalized), Rodney Stewart, John Riddle, Bill Cunningham, Maxine Ball, Deannie Young, Mike Carey, Bill Bowles, Gerald Whitfield, Jennifer Bounds, Gene Owen, Denise Shoun, Marie Lynch, Dennis Lynch, Steve Ochs, Carl Biggs

Our church family currently in rehab, assisted living, or nursing home: Joan Dreesen, Keith Young, Glennette Meredith, Elmina Lynch, Cynthia Baker, Mickey Eckley, Dorothy Smith

We pray for our friends and family members: Family of Linda Ellis, Gayla and Mark Ross's Family, Mary Schaar, Logan Berkley, JD Inda, Tillie Hartman, Jacob Carey, Sharon Russell, Camden Zehall, Cooper Lawson, Cathy Carter, Rosalee Martin, Barb & Kara Sawyer, Renee Leathers, Crystal Grilley, Don Channel, Mike Brown, John Timmons, Linda Beedle, Charlotte Cascio, Teal Esmeyer, Hendrix Beutler, Dennis and Norma Kelley, Mike London, Sam Porter, James Stowe, Mike Bell, Jodie Flurry, Woody Green, Gary Kragh, Blake Alaniz, Tonya Dawn McCulloch, David Brown, Susie Ellison, Mary Wheeler, Penelope Ivey, Teresa May, Elsie Steinbeck

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

VBS at FCC is coming soon!

Save the date!

See you there!



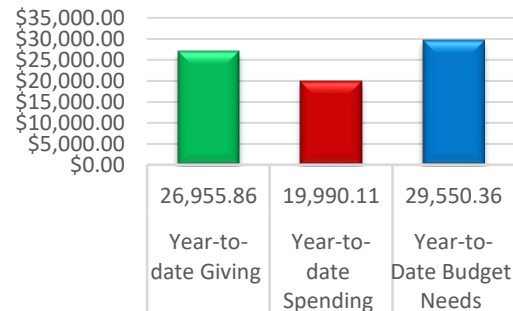
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FCC Attendance

January 27 – 181

Average Jan. Attendance – 148

FCC Financial Update



WHAT KID MIN IS LEARNING IN:



To find out more,
scan this code!



Mark 1:4-11
Psalm 29

WEEK 1

I can listen to
God's voice.

John 1:43-51
Psalm 139:13-18

WEEK 2

I can trust
Jesus knows me.

Mark 1:14-20
Psalm 62:5-12

WEEK 3

I can trust God's
plans for me.

Matthew 9:9-13
Psalm 111

WEEK 4

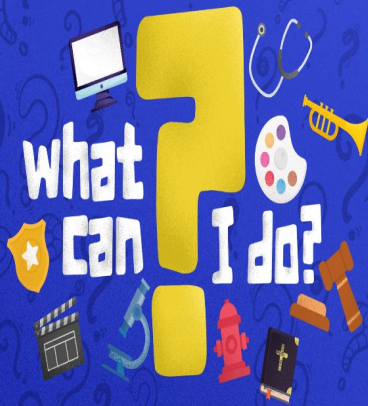
I can include
people who
aren't like me.

what
can I do?

"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

YOUTH NEWS



I can do all this
through him who
gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13 (NIV)



2/4 Sun
Youth Extra!
Baked Potato Bar



March 3rd!
Youth Sunday



Matthew 9:9–13

Quite often, we hang out with people who act a lot like us. When we find out someone thinks like us, acts like us, or enjoys the same things we do, it's easier to bond with them and form a friendship. Jesus operates a little differently... In this week's Bible story, Jesus calls another one of his disciples - Matthew. Matthew had a pretty unpopular job. He was a tax collector. In those days, Jewish citizens despised tax collectors and would treat them like "traitors" because their entire job was to take money from their own people and turn it over to the government . . . the very government that was treating them unfairly. If that weren't bad enough, tax collectors also had a reputation for collecting extra money and keeping it for themselves!

Jesus was different. Instead of ignoring Matthew, as many others did, Jesus invited him to have dinner with him. That must have surprised Matthew and the followers of Jesus, too! There was a group of religious leaders called the Pharisees who didn't like what Jesus was doing. Why was he hanging out with people like tax collectors? They didn't understand the way Jesus loved all kinds of people the same. Jesus didn't care how different or unpopular someone was. He loved and accepted everyone the same. Jesus didn't just talk to Matthew. Jesus invited him to become one of his disciples. Jesus didn't care what other people thought. He showed God's love to everyone and left no one out!

SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS:

What made Matthew unpopular with people in his community? (He was a tax collector.)

What did Jesus do that was so shocking to the Pharisees? (He ate with "tax collectors and sinners," people who were not well-liked and considered outcasts.)

Read Matthew 9:12. Why do you think Jesus said this? (Possible answer: He wanted to show he was spending time with the people who needed him most.)

Read Psalms 111:4. How can we be gracious and compassionate toward others, like God is to us? (We can include others who aren't like us!)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

Do you recall a time when you felt excluded or left out?

Can you think of a time when you caused someone else to feel excluded?

Why do you think God wants us to include people who are different than us?

FCC Summer Camp 2024 — “On The Case!”

We are excited to launch our own Summer Camp in 2024. In the past, we have typically participated with our Regional Church Camp but in recent years have been dreaming of putting together a camp that is unique to our students and one that would offer a chance to build strong relationships, do service projects in our area and give them an opportunity to invite friends. Here’s a little Q&A to help everyone understand the plan!

****WHEN:** Camp for 2nd-3rd graders (completed) will be July 8-10 and camp for 4th-12th (completed) will be July 8-12. All of our campers will be at the same campsite, we have just designed it so our youngest campers are only staying two nights so they can “get their feet wet” without being away from home for a full week.

****WHERE:** We will stay in the modern cabins at Central Oklahoma Camp and Conference Center. This camp is located on the southern edge of Guthrie and one that some of our older campers will be familiar with from previous camps.

****WHAT TO EXPECT:** We will have adults staying with campers throughout the week. At Camp we will have opportunities for Small Group time, meals, fun activities — including swimming, fishing, canoes, paddleboats, indoor recreation and cookouts. Our 4th-12th graders will also have an opportunity to do the ropes courses, participate in offsite service projects and have a fun evening out at an event center and restaurant.

****HOW MUCH IS IT?** Anticipated pricing is \$140 for 2nd – 3rd graders and \$300 for 4th – 12th graders.

****FUNDRAISING:** There will be multiple opportunities for students to earn money to help offset the cost. On March 3, we will have a spaghetti dinner with proceeds benefitting those who help shop, set-up, cook, serve and clean up. In May and June, junior high and high school students can volunteer at the Kiwanis Baseball Park concession stand and earn money per shift toward their camp fees. We have also been gifted boxes of Pokémon cards that will be sold at a Pokémon trading card event at the church. Students can help with those events to earn money. Dates will be coming soon for this.

****CURRICULUM:** We will be doing a curriculum that is similar to our Sunday morning and youth curriculum with some added fun. The title of the curriculum is: *“On The Case!”*

****I HAVE ATHLETIC PRACTICE OR JOB AND NEED TO LEAVE CAMP OCCASIONALLY:** We understand that for some Junior High and High School students, school sports practices begin in July. If your student has an athletic practice they need to attend, they can leave for practice as long as the specific days/times are turned in prior to camp and your student has transportation to and from practice. If your student has a job and needs to leave for work, they will also be allowed to leave for work purposes so long as the days/hours are turned in ahead of camp. If your student drives, you will need to fill out a permission slip for them to leave camp and drive themselves to either of these activities.

****SIGN-UP DATE:** April 1 is the deadline to reserve a spot. The initial deposit is \$25/student. The remainder will be due by May 31. We will not be able to take late sign-ups due to deadlines to reserve space at Camp.

****WHO CAN I INVITE?:** Students are welcome to invite friends who are within the age ranges of the camp they are attending. Friends will need to adhere to the deadlines for sign-up as well.

****VOLUNTEERS:** We will need a multitude of adult volunteers to make this successful. Following the April 1 deadline, we will have a better idea of how many we will need. There will be opportunities for small group leaders, meal prep, meal delivery, meal sponsorship, service project adult helpers, outdoor and indoor activity helpers, overnight volunteers to stay with students in cabins and drivers for off-site activities. Adult volunteers are not expected to be there every day and there will be opportunities to work a few hours or help a couple days; any amount of hours would be helpful!

****GOALS:** For this camp to be successful we need a minimum of seven students in each age group (2nd and 3rd graders, 4th-6th graders, 7-12th graders). If we are unable to obtain those numbers in a specific group we will not be able to host that age group this year. As always, Regional camp opportunities are available as well for each age group.

****HOW DO I SIGN UP??** Registration forms will be available on Sunday, Feb. 4. We will have them in hard copy as well as online!

****PRAYER:** Please commit to pray for this new adventure as we embrace something new and different. Pray for those who are planning, those who will come and for our volunteers!





Mark Your Calendar

February

- 4 – 1st Sunday Luncheon following worship
- 4 – FCC Leadership Planning Retreat 12:30 p.m.
- 5 – Connections Team Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 5 – Young Adults Gathering 6 p.m.
- 6 – Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- 7 – Kidventure 3:30 p.m.
- 13 – Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- 14 – Kidventure 3:30 p.m.
- 14 – Ash Wednesday Service 6 p.m.
- 14 – Elders Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- 18 – Donut Sunday 10 a.m.
- 18 – Worship Team Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- 20 – Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- 21 – Kidventure 3:30 p.m.
- 25 – Loose Change Offering benefitting Week of Compassion
- 25 – Outreach Team Meeting 11:30
- 27 – Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- 28 – Kidventure 3:30 p.m.
- 29 – LEAP DAY!

March

- 3 – Youth Sunday (7-12th graders lead worship)
- 3 – Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser for Camp
- 6 – Kidventure 3:30 p.m.
- 10 – Girl Scout Sunday
- 10 – Christian Ed Team Meeting 11:30
- 13 – Kidventure 3:30 p.m.
- 13 – Healing Service 6 p.m.
- 13 – Elders Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- 17 – Donut Sunday 10 a.m.
- 17 – Worship Team Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- 18-22 – Spring Break
- 24 – Palm Sunday
- 24 – Loose Change offering benefitting FCC Summer Camp program
- 28 – Maundy Thursday
- 29 – Good Friday
- 31 – Easter

Join us!



Quilt Raffle!

\$1 – 1 Ticket

\$5 – 6 Tickets

\$20 – 25 Tickets

Win this amazing Thunder Quilt!
The quilt is 70"x57" feet (would cover a full-size bed) and features a Thunder border and patches throughout; as well as the Thunder team colors.

It was donated by:

Sooner Quilts in Guthrie!

Tickets on sale Feb. 1-18

(drawing during worship on Feb. 18

*** need not be present to win ** but we hope you are ☺)*

All proceeds will benefit the FCC Summer Camp Experience and Children and Youth Ministries!

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.



Join us on the You Version Bible App!

YouVersion Reading Plan - January-February

Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan	Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Jan	Living Changed: In the New Year	4 Days	31-Jan	Who are you and why are you here?	5 Days
2-Jan	Living Changed: In the New Year	4 Days	1-Feb	"Do Not Be Anxious..." But How?	6 Days
3-Jan	Living Changed: In the New Year	4 Days	2-Feb	"Do Not Be Anxious..." But How?	6 Days
4-Jan	Living Changed: In the New Year	4 Days	3-Feb	"Do Not Be Anxious..." But How?	6 Days
5-Jan	Identity: Who are you?	6 Days	4-Feb	"Do Not Be Anxious..." But How?	6 Days
6-Jan	Identity: Who are you?	6 Days	5-Feb	"Do Not Be Anxious..." But How?	6 Days
7-Jan	Identity: Who are you?	6 Days	6-Feb	"Do Not Be Anxious..." But How?	6 Days
8-Jan	Identity: Who are you?	6 Days	7-Feb	7-Day Reset	7 Days
9-Jan	Identity: Who are you?	6 Days	8-Feb	7-Day Reset	7 Days
10-Jan	Identity: Who are you?	6 Days	9-Feb	7-Day Reset	7 Days
11-Jan	Who Do You Think You Are?	5 Days	10-Feb	7-Day Reset	7 Days
12-Jan	Who Do You Think You Are?	5 Days	11-Feb	7-Day Reset	7 Days
13-Jan	Who Do You Think You Are?	5 Days	12-Feb	7-Day Reset	7 Days
14-Jan	Who Do You Think You Are?	5 Days	13-Feb	7-Day Reset	7 Days
15-Jan	Who Do You Think You Are?	5 Days	14-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
16-Jan	Who Me? Make Disciples? How God has equipped You	6 Days	15-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
17-Jan	Who Me? Make Disciples? How God has equipped You	6 Days	16-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
18-Jan	Who Me? Make Disciples? How God has equipped You	6 Days	17-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
19-Jan	Who Me? Make Disciples? How God has equipped You	6 Days	18-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
20-Jan	Who Me? Make Disciples? How God has equipped You	6 Days	19-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
21-Jan	Who Me? Make Disciples? How God has equipped You	6 Days	20-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
22-Jan	Embrace Who You Are: Loving How God Made You	5 Days	21-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
23-Jan	Embrace Who You Are: Loving How God Made You	5 Days	22-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
24-Jan	Embrace Who You Are: Loving How God Made You	5 Days	23-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
25-Jan	Embrace Who You Are: Loving How God Made You	5 Days	24-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
26-Jan	Embrace Who You Are: Loving How God Made You	5 Days	25-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
27-Jan	Who are you and why are you here?	5 Days	26-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
28-Jan	Who are you and why are you here?	5 Days	27-Feb	In Our Place: Lenten Devotions	14 Days
29-Jan	Who are you and why are you here?	5 Days	28-Feb	Peace is a Person	5 days
30-Jan	Who are you and why are you here?	5 Days	Feb-29	Peace is a Person	5 days

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If you have an Android
(all other phones)



App Store



Play Store

1. Once you download the app, create a user profile
2. Send a "friend request" to Karen Allen
3. Karen will accept it and begin sending you invites to each study. You can choose to join a study or wait for the next invite.