



# NEWS & EVENTS

## First Christian Church, Guthrie

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March 19, 2024

## LUCKY BINGO

Were you lucky? We had so much fun at Lucky Bingo! What a great crowd and amazing prizes. It was so fun seeing people draw gold and silver coins and blessing others with a chance to win prizes! So fun!

We gave away more than 30 \$1 and half-dollar coins, 60 gift cards, \$52 in cash as well as a table full of prizes - including our historic, one-of-a-kind 15th Annual 2023 Chili Cookoff cutting boards and spatulas! (We sort of had a misprint on our entire set of chili cookoff prizes, so what better way to use them than award with prizes - if you see someone displaying a 15th Annual Chili Cookoff Grand Champion cutting board with the year 2023 on it, you might be suspicious of their actual chili cooking skills!).

It was a great night of fellowship. Thank you to our Connection's Team for organizing, for all those who donated prizes and food and to Jana Frey for being our "caller!"



# Palm Sunday

March 24th

This Sunday we will celebrate Palm Sunday with our palm processional through the church to symbolize that day when Jesus entered Jerusalem. Now, we don't have any plans to ride any donkeys this year but we will have palm branches that the kids will wave while parading through the sanctuary with shouts of "Hosanna!" If your child would like to be in the processional, please plan to meet in the reception hall directly across from the sanctuary at 10 am. We will do a quick run-through of our processional route so everyone has an idea of the plan and then collect back into the reception hall to line up until it's our turn to enter into the sanctuary during this worship service. Kids of any age can participate in this! Parents, if you have a non-walker or a younger child, please feel free to join them if they need assistance in the palm processional.



## Prayer Requests

**We pray for our church family:** Lloyd Roettger, Don Hardin, Tracy Lyons, Sarah Schlueter, Debbie Hubbard, KC Griffin, Rodney Stewart, Diane Biggs, Becky Wilkerson, Carson Ireton, Keith Young, John Riddle, Mike Carey, Bill Bowles, Gerald Whitfield, Jennifer Bounds, Gene Owen, Denise Shoun, Marie Lynch, Dennis Lynch, Steve Ochs

**Our church family currently in rehab, assisted living, or nursing home:** Elmina Lynch, Cynthia Baker, Mickey Eckley, Dorothy Smith

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Family of Don Crabtree, Gary Nelson, Danny Stowe, James Stowe, Dorothy Midcliff, Denise Stills, Randy Kellogg, Alice Shore, Rodney Tauer, Vickie & David Brown, Bud Nelson, Ed Hacker, James Liles, Camden Zehall, Mary Beth Gilliland, Mary Schaar, JD Inda, Tillie Hartman, Sharon Russell, Cathy Carter, Barb & Kara Sawyer, Renee Leathers, Crystal Grilley, John Timmons, Linda Beedle, Charlotte Cascio, Teal Esmeyer, Hendrix Beutler, Dennis and Norma Kelley, Mike London, Sam Porter, Mike Bell, Jodie Flury, Woody Green, Gary Kragh, Blake Alaniz, Tonya Dawn McCulloch, 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

# Pastor's Class

APRIL 7 & 14 | NOON TO 2:00

Join your FCC pastors for these two classes to learn all about the next steps of faith, baptism, and more about your church.

Call the church office at 405-282-4080 or email Natalie at [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com) to let us know your child will be attending!

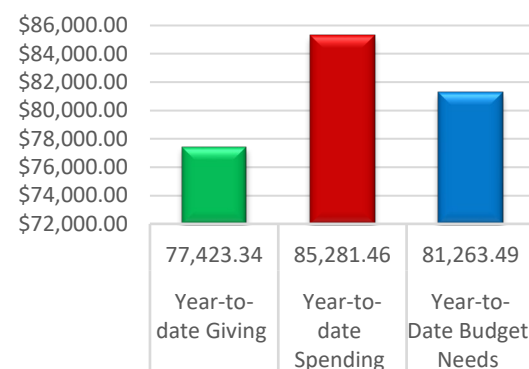
This class is recommended for 4th grade and older. Please chat with Ronnie, Karen, Natalie or Staci if your child is younger and they would like to attend

## FCC Attendance


March 17 – 146

Average March Attendance – 183

## FCC Financial Update



# **YOUTH NEWS**



... God has put the light of Jesus in all of us! But it would shine even brighter if we shared this light with someone else, and they shared it with someone else, and they shared it... When they see us, they can follow that light straight to God. Following Jesus makes it possible for us to be a reflection of God's love!

This is how we began Youth Extra on Sunday. It has been a while since we were able to be together to study the Bible so we covered a lot. Here's a review:

**John 2: 13-22** What did Jesus find in the temple courts? People were selling cattle, sheep, and doves and exchanging money. What did Jesus do about it? He made a whip out of cords and drove the people and animals away. He overturned the tables. Why did these things upset Jesus? They were turning God's house into a market, and they were focused on the wrong things.

**Mark 14:12-16** Let's set the scene! Jesus, the son of God, and his disciples were in Jerusalem for the Passover, and it was time to celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which lasted a week. These events were meant to remind the Jewish people of how God protected their ancestors when they were in Egypt. God watched over them during the ten terrible plagues and eventually led them out of Egypt through Moses. But this return of Jesus and this meal is extra special for a different reason. Jesus knew that he would die very soon.

**Mark 14:18-26** So imagine you are one of Jesus' friends who are sitting at the table when he drops this news. All thirteen of you have spent so much time together in the last three years. Now one of you would betray Jesus. Jesus doesn't spend any more time trying to expose who was going to betray him. It's as though Jesus was merely stating a fact . . . this is going to happen. He showed the disciples that even spending all that time with him didn't guarantee that they would always do the right thing. So he gives them a way to remember him when he's no longer with them. We know now that when Jesus talked about his body and blood, he meant that we should remember that he died for the sins of the world. Right then and there, though, I'm sure his friends were so confused. What Jesus did then is what he continues to do for us today . . . he chose to focus on the light, even in the midst of very real darkness. Instead of mourning over the great sadness and pain that lay ahead, he reminded his disciples of why he came. Even on this very dark day, he shined God's light.

**Luke 23:** Who did the religious leaders hand Jesus over to so that he could be put on trial? Pilate. What choice did Pilate give to the crowd? The choice was to have Jesus or Barabbas released. Why do you think they made that choice?

Jesus was nailed to the cross like a criminal. Even as he was dying, people were gathering to watch. They divided up his clothes. They mocked him for not rescuing himself. The second criminal, regardless of what he had done in the past, understood who Jesus was. When he cried out to Jesus, Jesus answered back. He listened to the criminal and showed him love and forgiveness. Even in his darkest moment, Jesus offered hope and light.

**Luke 23:44-49 & John 20:1-10.** So many weird things happened that morning. Mary, then Peter and John, thought they knew what to expect when they arrived at Jesus' tomb. They were so confused at the empty tomb. They shouldn't have been. Jesus had told them before that he would come back to life after he died. But they clearly had not believed those words. How would that even be possible?

**John 20:11-18.** Mary was so lost in her grief that it took two angels and Jesus himself to appear for it all to click. Of course, Jesus was alive! And they knew it wasn't some sort of trick. Everyone knew Jesus had been dead for three days, but there he was again, perfectly alive and well.

This is why we celebrate Easter. We celebrate the day that Jesus kept his promise to come back to life and gave us a reason to tell others about this good news!

# Young Adults Gatherings

March 25 - 6:30 p.m. @ FCC

April 1 - 6:30 p.m. @ Top Golf

ALL "20-SOMETHINGS" ARE INVITED!

Calling all 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders! Sign up for our FCC Summer Camp Experience by April 15! A deposit of \$25 is required to hold your spot. Check out our website for more information:  
[www.fccguthrie.org](http://www.fccguthrie.org)

Mark your calendars!

## ON THE CASE

### FCC Church Camp

# July 8-12

First Christian Church

Summer Camp 2024

## Loose Change Offering is this Sunday benefitting

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### Kid's Worship & Youth Extra

The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom shall I fear?

Psalm 27:1a (ESV)

WEEK 3

WE CAN CHOOSE

# JESUS.

GLOW IN THE DARK



# Mark Your Calendar

## March

- 18-22 – Spring Break (No MDO, Campfire, Girl Scouts)
- 19 – Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- 21 – NA Meeting 7 p.m.
- 22 – Office Closed
- 22 – Cookie Ministry deliveries
- 22 – Reception Hall booked for private event
- 22 – Dinner Group @ Ted's 5:30 p.m.
- 23 – Dinner Group @ Stables 4:30 p.m.
- 24 – Palm Sunday
- 24 – Loose Change offering benefitting FCC Camp program
- 25 – Staff Meeting 11 a.m. (Newsletter deadline is Noon)
- 25 – Girl Scout Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 25 – Young Adults Gathering @ FCC 6:30
- 26 – Mother's Day Out 8:30-2:50
- 26 – Campfire 3:30-5
- 26 – Guthrie Educational Foundation Fundraiser (GO TEAM FCC!)
- 26 – Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- 28 – Maundy Thursday
- 28 – Mother's Day Out 8:30-2:50
- 28 – NA Meeting 7 p.m.
- 29 – Good Friday
- 29 – Prayer Vigil 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- 29 – Office Closed
- 31 – Easter – Worship 10:30 a.m

## Highlights for April

- 1 – Young Adults @ Top Golf 6:30 p.m.
- 2 – Election (FCC is a polling location)
- 7 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday/Meet Your Elder Lunch
  - 7 – Pastor's Class
- 10 – Elders Meeting 6 p.m.
- 14 – Pastor's Class
- 15 – Camp Registration and deposit is due
- 15 – Connections Team Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 17 – Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
- 20 – 89ers Parade & Youth Food Booth
- 21 – Donut Sunday & Baptism Sunday
- 21 – Worship Team Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- 22 – Staff Meeting 11 a.m.
- 28 – Loose Change Sunday benefitting Mission Sunday

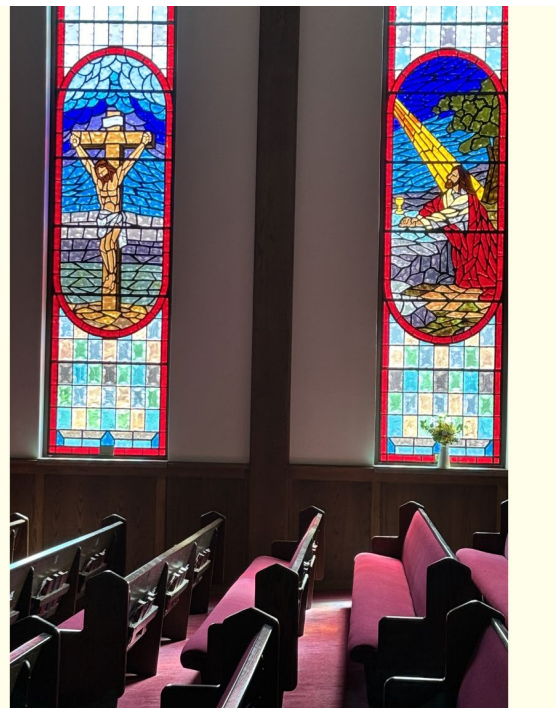
Join us!

SAY A  
LITTLE  
PRAYER

*Good Friday  
Prayer Vigil*

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

8 A.M. - 8 P.M.



# 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 - Lent and beyond

Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Mar	Peace is a Person	5 days
2-Mar	Peace is a Person	5 days
3-Mar	Peace is a Person	5 days
4-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days
5-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days
6-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days
7-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days
8-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days
9-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days
10-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days
11-Mar	Evangelize Don't Fossilize!	5 Days
12-Mar	Evangelize Don't Fossilize!	5 Days
13-Mar	Evangelize Don't Fossilize!	5 Days
14-Mar	Evangelize Don't Fossilize!	5 Days
15-Mar	Evangelize Don't Fossilize!	5 Days
16-Mar	Beyond Belief	5 Days
17-Mar	Beyond Belief	5 Days
18-Mar	Beyond Belief	5 Days
19-Mar	Beyond Belief	5 Days
20-Mar	Beyond Belief	5 Days
21-Mar	I Am!	3 Days
22-Mar	I Am!	3 Days
23-Mar	I Am!	3 Days
24-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days
25-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days
26-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days
27-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days
28-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days
29-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days
30-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days
31-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days

Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
2-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
3-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
4-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
5-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
6-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
7-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
8-Apr	Conquering Doubt	5 Days
9-Apr	Conquering Doubt	5 Days
10-Apr	Conquering Doubt	5 Days
11-Apr	Conquering Doubt	5 Days
12-Apr	Conquering Doubt	5 Days
15-Apr	Gratitude: Being Thankful Changes Everything	5 Days
16-Apr	Gratitude: Being Thankful Changes Everything	5 Days
17-Apr	Gratitude: Being Thankful Changes Everything	5 Days
18-Apr	Gratitude: Being Thankful Changes Everything	5 Days
19-Apr	Gratitude: Being Thankful Changes Everything	5 Days
20-Apr	Rest Boldly	5 Days
21-Apr	Rest Boldly	5 Days
22-Apr	Rest Boldly	5 Days
23-Apr	Rest Boldly	5 Days
24-Apr	Rest Boldly	5 Days
25-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
26-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
27-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
28-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
29-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
30-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days

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<https://www.youversion.com/>

If you have an iPhone



App Store

If you have an Android  
(all other phones)



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.