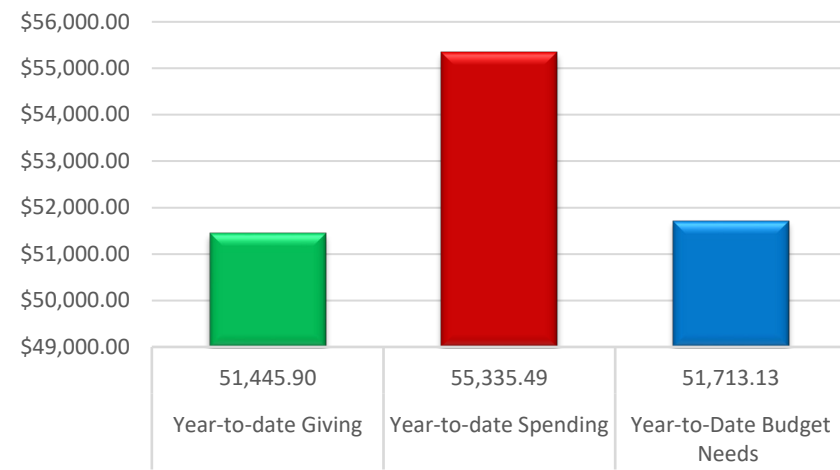


FCC Financial Update



2/25 Worship Attendance: 170
Average Attendance for February: 174

Our loose change offering for Week of Compassion totaled **\$225.40!**
Thank you to all who donated!

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie

Hello church! We find ourselves a few weeks into the season of Lent, a time dedicated to spiritual renewal and contemplation. It is my hope that we embrace this period with open hearts and minds. Lent calls us to a deeper understanding of our faith and a closer relationship with God, encouraging us to examine our lives and our commitments. In this sacred time, we are reminded of the power of sacrifice, prayer, and study in drawing us nearer to Jesus so that when Easter arrives we might more fully celebrate.

In our journey through Lent, I am excited to share with you our ongoing sermon series, "How Are We Saved?" Through this series, we are exploring the various facets of salvation, understanding its significance in our lives, and how it shapes our relationship with Christ. Additionally, I am leading a Lenten Bible study at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays that delves into the Scriptures, guiding us to reflect on our spiritual practices and how they can be enriched during this season. I invite each of you to join us as we seek to deepen our faith and walk more closely with God during this time of Lent.

Grace and Peace,
Ronnie

LUCKY BINGO

I cannot believe March begins this week! With March, comes many things, lions, lambs, wind, rain, EASTER (this year), and LUCKY BINGO! Lucky Bingo will be on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, in the Reception Hall (upstairs) from 4 – 6 p.m.. We will be having Lucky Bingo signups for walking taco supplies coming out soon. If you would like to donate \$5 gift cards to the place of your choice for prizes, we welcome them! Drop them by the office or you can give them to me as well. Our next Connections Team meeting will be on Monday, April 15, TAX DAY, at 5:30 p.m. See you then!!!!

Jana Frey
Connections Team Leader



Sunday, March 10 will be Girl Scout Sunday at FCC! We will welcome several Girl Scouts, leaders and their families to our worship service. They will sell cookies before and after worship and lead us in a flag ceremony at the beginning of the service. We are fortunate to be the meeting site for troops and leaders from Logan and Kingfisher counties.



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Kid Min Minute

We are so excited to get to watch Youth Sunday together as families. There is no Kid's Worship this Sunday so that we can all be in the sanctuary for this very special worship time!

Also, make sure you plan to stay for the Spaghetti fundraiser lunch benefitting FCC campers! We will also have to-go plates available if you aren't able to stay but would still like to support these kids earning a portion of the proceeds to go directly towards their camp registration costs! Cost of this lunch is by donation with a recommended \$5 per plate or \$20 per family. If your family members will be attending camp and you have not signed them up to help with this meal, head over to our website at fccguthrie.org for a link to the signup genius to reserve your spot to help! If your child is still deciding if they want to attend FCC summer camp experience, we still highly suggest you sign yourself and them up to help work the spaghetti lunch to help earn funds to offset camp costs! This is the last fundraiser the FCC kids will have an opportunity to help with, but the FCC youth do still have 89er food booth and the Little League baseball concession stand later this spring to earn some camp money in their accounts. (More on those two opportunities to come from Staci to the youth when information is available.)

Pastor's Class is coming up! Pastor Ronnie, Karen, Staci and Natalie will be hosting a Pastor's class in preparation for Baptism Sunday. If your child is a 4th grader or older all the way up through youth age and is starting to have deeper questions about their own faith, the church, what Baptism means, or if they have expressed a readiness to be Baptized, this is the class for them. We will spend April 7 and 14 from noon to 2 p.m. together learning about baptism, our church and beliefs, and answering all of the questions that come up when kids and youth want to be able to grow in our faith. They do not have to be 100% ready to be baptized to attend this class, they can attend to learn more about their faith journey and decide after they take the class if their hearts are ready to take the next step. If this is a class your child or youth would like to have the opportunity to attend, please email one of us or call the church office at 405-282-4080 to sign up.

Keeping Up With Karen



Easter is coming!

It's hard to even imagine saying that it is the end of February but here we are! I hope that as you journey through Lent you are seeing God in new and fresh ways. It is easy to get in a pattern and let our faith go on autopilot. If nothing else, I hope you have added something to your faith walk during this season that draws you closer to Christ. As always, I would encourage you to sign up on our You Version reading plan. The instructions for joining the study group are listed in this week's newsletter. A new plan begins today!

Lenten Lunch

The Lenten Lunches are underway. If you are available at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays through Lent, the luncheons are a great time to fellowship with others in the community and hear different pastors in town share their thoughts on the Easter season. This week, we host the luncheon and First United Presbyterian Church's pastor Rev. Katrina Richardson will bring the message. Next week's luncheon is at Guthrie Christian Church off South Division and Ronnie will bring the message.

Youth Sunday

This Sunday, I hope you will make plans to be here to support our Youth Group as they take charge of the entire worship service. It's always fun to see how they present the gospel message.

Camp!

Also, this Sunday is our Spaghetti Luncheon. It is a fundraiser for Camp. This year, we are hosting our own camp in Guthrie. It will be for our students who have completed 2nd-12th grades. If your student is planning to attend, please get them registered so we can start making plans. A \$25 deposit is due with registration. The link to register is: <https://fccguthrie.org/2024-fcc-summer-camp-experience/>

If your student is planning to go to camp, they will want to help at Sunday's luncheon as well. They can earn money toward their camp fees! It's an easy way to offset some of their costs. You can register to help at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448ACA92BA3F58-47926210-camp> (or visit the homepage of our website at www.fccguthrie.org and click the "Sign-up" button.

Mission Sunday

Although it's a little bit down the road, I want you to go ahead and mark your calendar for Sunday, May 19. We will host Mission Sunday during worship that day and go out and be the hands and feet of Jesus! This has been one of our most exciting Sundays as we do projects through the community. If you have some ideas for good mission projects or would like to help the outreach team organize this Sunday, please make plans to come to the Christian Outreach meeting on Sunday, March 10 after worship. We will meet in the Sunday School room just north of the Sanctuary.

Have a blessed week and I hope to see you Sunday!

Karen

REMINDER:

**THERE IS NO
KID'S WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY
MARCH 3**

NURSERY WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 0-3 YEAR OLDS.

WHAT KID MIN IS
LEARNING IN:



MARCH

To find out more,
scan this code!



YOUTH NEWS

This Summer... **We Are on The Case!** Our youth summer trip will be a new and totally unique experience – you won't want to miss this! Sign up for summer camp on the church website: fccguthrie.org! or grab a form on Sunday!

Check out these clues to a summer worth solving:

THE DATE: JULY 8 – 12 for students who have completed 6th – 12th grade. (Special arrangements can be made for students needing to leave for work or school athletics. Prior approval must be made for these special circumstances.)

THE LOCATION: The modern cabins at Central Oklahoma Camp and Conference Center, Guthrie.

THE PLANS: Solving the case, of course but also.. Worship, Small Group time, service projects, prayer, FOOD, fun games & activities — including swimming, fishing, canoes, paddleboats, ropes course, zip-line, indoor recreation and a night out in OKC!

THE COST: \$300 for Youth students (This includes 4 nights, an offsite activity and service project, plus all meals.)

THE DEADLINE: Monday, April 15 a deposit of \$25/student due when you register. The final payment is due by Sunday, June 9.

THE GUESTS: Invite your friends! Friends will need to adhere to the deadlines for sign-up as well.

THE FUNDRAISERS: THIS SUNDAY, March 3 – Spaghetti lunch - those who help shop the week before, set up, cook, serve and clean up can earn money toward camp. Contact Staci to get the link to sign up or find it on the church website.

Saturday, April 20th 89er Food Booth - those who help shop the week before, set up, cook, serve and clean up can earn money toward camp.

April & May Kiwanis Concession Stand – time slots will be available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and possibly some Saturdays. A link will be available soon.

THE HELP: We will need many adult volunteers to make this successful. Following the April 15 deadline, we will have a better idea of how many we will need. There will be opportunities to stay or come and go (ex: overnight counselors, small group leaders, meal prep, meal delivery, meal sponsorship, service projects, outdoor and indoor activities and drivers for off-site activities.

celebrate!

March Birthdays!

1 – Dennis Lynch
Brian Pierson
Jennifer Doll
2 – Ron Fields
4 – Sharon Johnston
Calee Lyons
Ron Wilder
6–Carolyn Kirschstein
7 –Debbie Hubbard
Brayden Pena
8 –Scott Biggs
Joanna Thompson
Jean Scott Gauldin

10 –Sam Porter
Jason Rice
12 –Shannon Doles
Brianna Powell
15–Ernesto Pena
Avery Schroder
16 –Holly Evers
18–Francie Krittenbrink
Tia Yancey
Lillian Stevens
19–Chloe Hood
Linda Tontz
20–Mickey Eckley

21 –Gretchen Hanna
Leia Johnston
Tommy Johnston
Peggy Momsen
24 – Robert Gill
Kenneth Eyster
27 – Mitchell Biggs
T.J. Wilson
Livi Johnston
28 –Kim Crick
29 –Garrett Reece
30 –Kacie Carey
31–Ken Wilkerson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

6 –Jim & Jackie Ross
10–Todd & Sarah Wilder
14–Jeff & Melanie Ball

16 –Tommy & Lori Payne
20–Brian & Mindy Reece
22–Dane & Codi Canning
Chalk & Ashley Beeson

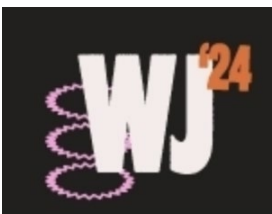


Unfortunately,
we will need to
reschedule -
NO lunch
delivery
this week!



WinterJam changes:

March 16 = general admission not Pre-Jam so tickets are \$15.
Reserve your seat on the bus today!



Prayer Requests

Hospitalized at this time: KC Griffin

We pray for our church family: Rodney Stewart, Millie Daniels, Diane Biggs, Becky Wilkerson, Paul Ketch, 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/nursing home: Joan Dreessen, Glennette Meredith, Elmina Lynch, Cynthia Baker, Mickey Eckley, Dorothy Smith

We pray for our friends and family members: Family of Gabrielle Long, Vickie & David Brown, Bud Nelson, Ed Hacker, James Liles, Camden Zehall, Mary Beth Gilliland, Mary Schaar, JD Inda, Tillie Hartman, Sharon Russell, Cathy Carter, Rosalee Martin, Barb & Kara Sawyer, Renee Leathers, Crystal Grilley, 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 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



Mark Your Calendar

Join us on the You Version Bible App!

March

YouVersion Reading Plan - Lent and beyond					
Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan	Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Mar	Peace is a Person	5 days	1-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
2-Mar	Peace is a Person	5 days	2-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
3-Mar	Peace is a Person	5 days	3-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
4-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days	4-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
5-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days	5-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
6-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days	6-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
7-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days	7-Apr	Living Worship	7 Days
8-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days	8-Apr	Conquering Doubt	5 Days
9-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days	9-Apr	Conquering Doubt	5 Days
10-Mar	How to Have Intentional Friendships	7 Days	10-Apr	Conquering Doubt	5 Days
11-Mar	Evangelize Don't Fossilize!	5 Days	11-Apr	Conquering Doubt	5 Days
12-Mar	Evangelize Don't Fossilize!	5 Days	12-Apr	Conquering Doubt	5 Days
13-Mar	Evangelize Don't Fossilize!	5 Days	15-Apr	Gratitude: Being Thankful Changes Everything	5 Days
14-Mar	Evangelize Don't Fossilize!	5 Days	16-Apr	Gratitude: Being Thankful Changes Everything	5 Days
15-Mar	Evangelize Don't Fossilize!	5 Days	17-Apr	Gratitude: Being Thankful Changes Everything	5 Days
16-Mar	Beyond Belief	5 Days	18-Apr	Gratitude: Being Thankful Changes Everything	5 Days
17-Mar	Beyond Belief	5 Days	19-Apr	Gratitude: Being Thankful Changes Everything	5 Days
18-Mar	Beyond Belief	5 Days	20-Apr	Rest Boldly	5 Days
19-Mar	Beyond Belief	5 Days	21-Apr	Rest Boldly	5 Days
20-Mar	Beyond Belief	5 Days	22-Apr	Rest Boldly	5 Days
21-Mar	I Am!	3 Days	23-Apr	Rest Boldly	5 Days
22-Mar	I Am!	3 Days	24-Apr	Rest Boldly	5 Days
23-Mar	I Am!	3 Days	25-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
24-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days	26-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
25-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days	27-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
26-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days	28-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
27-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days	29-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
28-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days	30-Apr	Learning How to Hear	6 Days
29-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days			
30-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days			
31-Mar	Love Remains	8 Days			

- 1 – Office Closed
- 2 – Dinner Group @ FCC 5:30 p.m.
- 3 – Worship 10:30 a.m. – Youth Sunday
- 3 – Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser for Camp
- 4 – Young Adults @ Dan's Pizza 6:30 p.m.
- 4 – Dinner Group @ Stacy's Place 6 p.m.
- 5 - Election (FCC is a polling location)
- 5 – Mother's Day Out 8:30-2:50
- 5 – Campfire 3:30-5
- 5 – Girl Scouts 6-7:30
- 5 – Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- 6 – Kidventure 3:30 p.m.
- 7 –Mother's Day Out 8:30-2:50
- 7 – NA Meeting 7 p.m.
- 8 – Office Closed
- 9 – Sanctuary & Reception Hall booked for Memorial Service
- 10 – Worship 10:30 a.m.
- 10 – Christian Ed Team Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- 10 – Outreach Team Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- 11 – Girl Scout Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 12 – Mother's Day Out 8:30-2:50
- 12 – Guthrie Ministerial Alliance Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- 12 – Campfire 3:30-5
- 12 – Girl Scouts 6-7:30
- 12 – Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- 13 – Kidventure 3:30 p.m.
- 13 – Youth Nights 5:30 p.m.
- 13 – Healing Service 6 p.m.
- 13 – Praise Team Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.
- 13 – Elders Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- 14 –Mother's Day Out 8:30-2:50
- 14 – NA Meeting 7 p.m.

- 15 – Office Closed
- 16 – Youth to Winter Jam
- 17 – Donut Sunday 10 a.m.
- 17 – Worship 10:30 a.m.
- 17 – Worship Team Meeting 11:30 a.m.
- 17 – Lucky Bingo 4 p.m.
- 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
- 23 – Dinner Group @ Stacy's Place 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.
- 26 – Mother's Day Out 8:30-2:50
- 26 – Campfire 3:30-5
- 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 – Office Closed
- 31 – Easter – Worship 10:30 a.m.

Highlights for April

- 2 – Election (FCC is a polling location)
- 7 – 1st Sunday 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

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