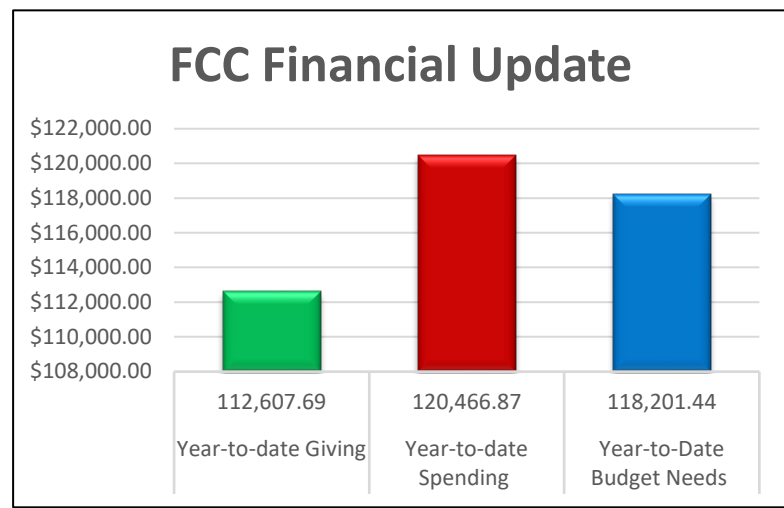


Connections Team Update

What a great Sunday we had! Donuts, yogurt, bagels and NEW MEMBERS! God is definitely at work in Guthrie, America! Our next 1st Sunday meal will be May 5th-CINCO DE MAYO! We will be having Mexican food and there may be a special surprise as well! Bring \$5 per person to share in this after church luncheon. The Connections Team will meet again on June 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the choir room. Come join as we plan ongoing activities, an upcoming ice cream social, and the church picnic, just to name a few! We would love to have you! Have a great week!

Blessings to each of you!
Jana Frey - Connections Team Leader



Important Notes:

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 29 from 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. for a staff outing!

Lifeline Screenings are happening at FCC on Monday, May 6. If you're interested, please call Shana in the church office.

There's still a few spots left for our FCC Summer Camp July 8-12. Call the church office today!



The Tie That Binds

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Growing in Faith

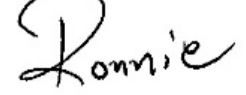
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Notes from Pastor Ronnie

Wow! What a Sunday! We welcomed 11 families into our church. This growth is an exciting testimony to our mission, "sharing Christ, growing in faith." It reminds us of the power of invitation, of opening our doors and hearts to those around us. Every one of our new families commented on how welcoming and friendly our church is. Keep up the great work and do not let up for a second. We want everyone to feel welcome in God's home.

A question we received in pastor's class sparked reflection: "How can I lead people to Jesus?" The answer lies in the simplicity of extending an invitation to church, a first step toward faith and community for many. Let us move forward with a renewed dedication to inviting others, sharing the love and grace found in God and evidenced in our congregation. As we grow together, we continue to plant seeds of faith that, through Christ, will grow into a sanctuary of hope and belonging for all.

Grace and Peace,




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 RONNIE FIELDS, Sr. Pastor
 KAREN ALLEN, Associate Minister

Baptism Sunday



April 28 10:30 a.m.

4/21 Worship Attendance: 202
 Average Attendance for April: 176

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Kid Min Minute

Keeping Up With Karen



What a fantastic Sunday we had with so many different highlights! I have heard so many joyful comments about all the people who “officially” joined our church family on Sunday. Some of these families have been coming for quite some time, while others are fairly new. It is exciting to be a part of a growing church and one that focuses on inviting new people.

Also exciting, these past few Sundays we have hosted Pastor’s Class and with 24 attending it has been a room full of learning, great questions and excitement as some of them prepare for making their Confession of Faith, Baptism and others explore their faith further. Their questions have been good and have made each of our ministers think about “Questions Kids Ask” and how relevant this current sermon series is for each of us. It’s easy as adults to be afraid to ask questions or feel embarrassed when we don’t know something but I can assure you that you are not alone in your questions. As we tell the kids, we don’t have all the answers but we are excited to explore the questions together. If you’re wondering what some of the questions the kids asked during Pastor’s Class entail, how about things like:

- How do you know if someone who has died is in heaven?
- How do I hear God?
- Is God male or female?
- How do I tell someone about Jesus?
- Did Jesus have brothers and sisters?
- If someone never hears about Jesus, can they go to heaven?
- How long did it really take to create the world? Was it just seven days?
- What does God look like?
- How old was Jesus when he died?

At the end of each Pastor’s Class session, we played “stump the Pastor/Associate Minister.” It was fun to hear them ask questions that were on their hearts and minds. I hope that “asking questions” continues beyond our discussions with children and that as adults we explore the questions that rest on our hearts and cause us to pause. It’s never wrong to ask questions and seek good answers; hence why our mission statement is: “Sharing Christ and Growing in Faith.”

Coming up....

Our nominating committee will be meeting in the next couple weeks. If you aren’t familiar with who they are, it is a committee that brainstorms how to fill the various serving roles within the church. They contact and reach out to people to be part of the Church Board, Elders, Deacons, Team Leaders, various committees such as Pastoral Relations, Trustees, Scholarship Committee, etc.

Please be in prayer as this committee meets – pray for wisdom in who will fill roles this coming year (our church serving year runs from July-June; financial church year is Jan.-Dec.); pray for ways you are called to serve and let us know that you are willing to step up and be a part of all that is happening.

God has placed each of us in this church family for a reason. We are called to serve in different ways and equipped with many talents. Please be in prayer about what you are called to do — it’s fair to say most of us are “busy.” I would challenge if we are “busy” doing things that matter and make a difference for His kingdom. I am so excited to see where God takes us next!

God bless you and have a great week!

Karen

UBS DATES TO KNOW

April 22nd

Adult and Youth volunteer signups are open! We need crew leaders, just one or two more station leaders, and youth helpers!! Let us know if you can help!

May 1st

Registration Opens for Kids! Check out fccguthrie.org for the sign-up form! UBS is for any 4 year old - 6th grader!

June 6th

Decorating @ 5pm - We need all hands on ‘deck’ as we transform the building into an underwater experience
Volunteer Training @ 6 - We’ll take a brief break from decorating to ‘dive’ into the ins and outs of UBS need to knows

June 10-13th

UBS Week!

June 10-13th

June 16th

Come back and join us for UBS worship service and Children’s Sunday!



WEEK 3

Jesus is always **fair.**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Hebrews 13:8



PROMOTION SUNDAY

WHEN:

May 12 @ 10:30

WHERE:

In the Sanctuary during the worship service

WHAT:

Celebrating several groups of students moving up to their next phase in FCC ministries

WHO:

6th grade students promoting to YOUth group, our 2nd graders promoting to Kid’s Worship Extra (KWX), and our
• Kindergarteners who are moving on to 1st grade will receive a special Bible! We hope everyone can join us to congratulate and pray over our students!

YOUTH NEWS

6TH GRADER GOODBYE/HELLO KICKBALL NIGHT

REMEMBER:
MAY 5TH
@ 5:30

ALL 6TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO KICKBALL AND COOKOUT NIGHT TO GET READY TO SAY 'GOODBYE' TO KID MINISTRY AND 'HELLO' TO YOUTH GROUP!

The 6th graders will officially promote on May 12th during the worship service but before they make the leap, let's have a night with the YOUth group to get to know everyone and see what YOUth is all about!

On Sunday, May 5th, your 6th grader can meet us at Carey Field at 5:30 or if they would like a ride out, meet us in the FCC parking lot at 5:15 and we will go there together! We'll play some rounds of kickball, have hot dogs and s'mores, and return to the FCC parking lot by 7:30.

All youth are invited to this too and we hope everyone can join us so we have a huge turnout to show the 6th graders what fun is in store when you promote to YOUth!

Questions or ready to RSVP? Call Staci at (405) 831-5509 or Natalie at (405)762-9330.

ALL YOUTH (7TH - 12TH GRADERS) ARE INVITED TOO! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

A letter from the new MDO Director



Hello to all the First Christian Church members,

I am so grateful for this opportunity to serve as the Director of the Mother's Day Out program starting this summer. With previous experience in childcare (all of which was Christian-based) as well as my degree from OSU with my focus being on Early Childhood, I feel I am exactly where God wants me to be in life. Randy, my husband of 10 years, and I moved to Guthrie with our oldest daughter, Thea (age 6) 5 years ago. Thea and our youngest daughter, Josie (age 4) have been a part of the MDO program since 2021. Even though we are "transplants" to Guthrie we have never felt more at home. In the short few years I have taught here at MDO, my daughters and I have built many lasting relationships that I will forever be grateful for. MDO has been a major blessing in my life and I plan to do my best to make sure that our students, parents, and teachers also have such fond memories of our program.

We have so many new and exciting things planned for the Summer of 2024. One thing that is near and dear to my heart is reading, and I want to share my love of reading with the students. I am currently working with the Guthrie Public Library to plan some fun activities/field trips. I also am working to "support local" and working with some of our local small businesses to plan trips here in Guthrie.

I am so excited for this new beginning! Feel free to follow us on Facebook "Mother's Day Out - FCC Guthrie" to see pictures of all the exciting things we will be doing.



With Love,
Samantha Hilbers
Guthriefcc.mdo@gmail.com

CLASS OF 2024

GRADUATION

SUNDAY

Sunday, May 12

Seniors, send your picture to the church office by Monday, May 6
fccguthrie@coxinet.net

Prayer Requests

We pray for our church family: Family of Keith Young, Barbara Mahan, Arnold Burkett, Jennifer Bounds, Sarah Schlueter, KC Griffin, Rodney Stewart, Diane Biggs, Carson Ireton, John Riddle, Mike Carey, Bill Bowles, Gerald Whitfield, Gene Owen, Denise Shoun, Marie Lynch, Dennis Lynch, Steve Ochs

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

We pray for our friends and family members: Pam Timmons, Larry Nagel, Asher Houston, Jacob Bayless, John Kellogg, Sharon Russell, James Stowe, Vickie & David Brown, Renee Leathers, Susie Ellison, Sharon Burch, Campbell Anderson, Ronnie Jenkins, Nehemiah Hernandez, Lloyd Roettger, Gary Nelson, Denise Stills, Alice Shore, Rodney Tauer, Ed Hacker, James Liles, Camden Zehall, Mary Beth Gilliland, Mary Schaar, Tillie Hartman, Cathy Carter, Barb & Kara Sawyer, Crystal Grilley, Linda Beedle, Charlotte Cascio, Teal Esmeyer, Hendrix Beutler, Mike Bell, Jodie Flury, Blake Alaniz, Tonya Dawn McCulloch, 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

WELCOME TO FCC!



Clay & Aly Bailey



Jeremy & Amy Hall
Chrissy, Adam & Lillie Benton
Justin Ergang



James & Bonita
Johnston

Loose Change Offering is April 28 benefitting **FCC MISSION SUNDAY**

Bring your small bills and coins!



Our Young Adults
are headed to...



Monday, April 29 6:30 p.m.
All 20-Somethings are invited!



Dayne & Carrie Keller



Kevin & Keri Garrison



Glendon & Susan
Birdwell



Zach & Kymbrym
O'Diam & Lenny

Pastor's Class



We have had 24
students going
through Pastor's
Class over the past 3
weeks! We will see
many of them
baptized over the
next few weeks!



Travis & Joni Woodard
Mazzy Woodard

