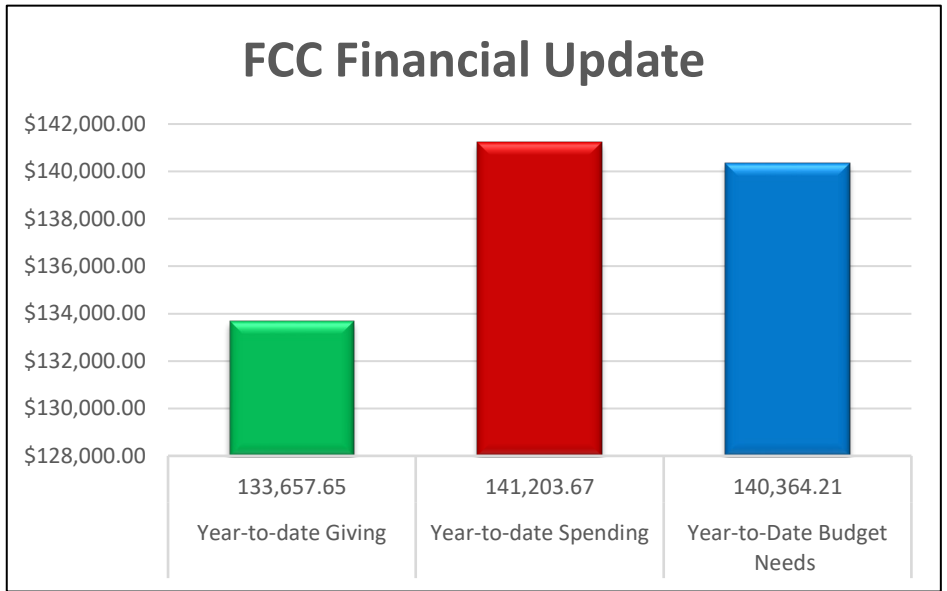


Connections Team Update

What a busy, but fun, few weeks at FCC, from baccalaureate to baptisms to graduation to Pentecost Sunday! Next up, the 1st Sunday meal for June will be on June 2. We will have pizza, salad and desserts. Make plans to join us! The suggested donation is \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Also, we've nailed down a date for the church picnic! Mark your calendar for September 29! Our next Connections Team meeting is June 3 at 5:30. See you then!

Jana Frey - Connections Team Leader



FCC Attendance
May 19 – 176
 Average May Attendance – 205

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Sharing Christ
Growing in Faith

May 21, 2024



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As we approach the super summer season (come on now, you have to appreciate that!), our church is eagerly preparing for Vacation Bible School (VBS) and summer camp, two pivotal events that enrich the faith and lives of our students. These ministries are only possible with the dedicated support of volunteers like you. Whether you have a passion for teaching, a knack for organizing activities, or simply a heart for serving, there is a place for you to make a difference.

In addition to VBS and summer camp, our nominating committee will also be looking for Deacons, Elders, and other various leadership roles. These positions are essential for guiding our church and ensuring we continue to fulfill our mission of sharing Christ and growing in faith. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how they might contribute their time and talents to these vital ministries. Volunteering not only strengthens our church family but also provides an opportunity to live out our mission. Your willingness to serve can have a profound impact on our congregation and the broader community.

Grace and Peace,

Ronnie

Up next:

- May 26 – Gideon presentation, Ronnie preaching
- June 2 – Kevin Kemper preaching, 1st Sunday Lunch
- June 9 – Karen Allen preaching, VBS final decorating
- June 16 – Father's Day, Donuts, VBS Sunday
- June 23 – Loose change Offering
- June 30 – Congregational Meeting

Loose Change Offering THIS SUNDAY!

We will use these funds to support our local firefighters with necessities!



Kid Min Minute

We made it to summer! Which means VBS is just around the corner! We are still looking for just a few adult volunteers to help be crew leaders for the week or for a few days. If you are available, please let Natalie Hardin or Kacie Carey know! If you haven't signed your kids up to come to VBS, please get them signed up! We are going to have so much fun under the sea!

We will have our big decorating night on Thursday, June 6 starting at 5 p.m. We need all hands on deck as we transform the building into an underwater sea oasis. We hope to see everyone there! We will take a brief break from decorating at 6 to have pizza together and have a quick volunteer training for those who are helping with the week and then get back to decorating until complete. There is no childcare for this evening but your family is welcome to come, just plan to work with your family on the projects that are needed to get the building ready! Paige O'Connell has some really cool plans for the decor that are definitely going to wow the kids, we just need help that evening to make it happen!

Sunday, June 16 will be our VBS Sunday Children-led service. We invite all VBS kids and their families to join us for that day. We'll be recapping all that the kids have learned that week, singing the fun songs led by the kids, and the kids will even get to help with the more traditional parts of our service like leading the prayers, the welcome, and helping to serve communion! It is going to be a busy few weeks but we are looking forward to the underwater adventure with Scuba VBS!



Keeping Up With Karen



It's hard to believe that another school year is almost in the books! So much has happened in May and I saw a Facebook post that said, "to all the mamas (and dad's) holding on through the last bit of school and activities and recitals and concerts and soccer games and wax museums and zoo trips and "mom-I-signed-you-up-to-bring..." Moments, the Lord be with you!" The second part of the post read: "I was updating my weekly letter and accidentally typed May 235th, and honestly, it's not far off!" 😊

For those with kids, it's the pre-dog days of summer and I know everyone is ready for the Summer "non-routine." It's hard to imagine that it only takes a couple months until we are all yearning for a "regular schedule" and "back to school" time. It's so funny how we are creatures of habit and want to "move on" to the next "season" or the next "thing" and sometimes forget to enjoy the moments we are in right now – however crazy they may be. I always laugh when people tell me "You're going to miss these days." I feel like someday I probably will miss the hustle and bustle of the stage my family is in, but for now it sort of feels like somedays we're playing "survivor!" Truly, though, I am blessed to have a busy, full life with lots of adventures. I am blessed to have a family that is both entertaining and cares about each other. I am blessed to have a church family that gives, serves and is dedicated to "Sharing Christ and Growing in Faith."

Coming up in June, I am looking forward to some time off. Last summer, when Ronnie was preparing for his Sabbatical, the Elders asked if I had ever taken a "Sabbatical." I laughed and said, I'm not sure I've ever been off more than two weeks in a row since I started working as a teenager. I also reiterated that Sabbatical time off is typically reserved for a Senior Pastor. This summer, I complete my 16th year of serving FCC Guthrie and I am excited to say that the Elders and Board have granted me six weeks off this summer as a time of Sabbatical – to recharge and re-energize! It is truly a blessing and I am so grateful.

I love the work I do at FCC and the variety of things that are put on my plate to figure out and organize; however, with ministry it is literally a 24/7 calling. For those on staff, our phones are never off – texts come at all hours of the day and night, our "days off" are rarely full days off, one of us is always doing something in town, at the church every evening and/or Saturday for one reason or another. All that to say, we don't do what we do for the money or the "ideal" hours; rather we do it because we love serving and seeing the difference it makes in people's lives. I am so thankful for my co-workers and the fun we have touching lives within our church family and outside our church walls.

All that to say, I am grateful for the time off, but I'll be honest I'm also a little scared about not being around for several weeks at a time. I have never been "out of the office" for an extended period and am interested to see what that feels like; I fear I may not be very good at it but we'll see! I will be off June 10-July 6 and July 29-Aug. 10. Part of this time-off will be do a little "health maintenance" and have knee surgery on June 14. I have struggled with a knee problem for the past year and recently determined it is a torn meniscus. So, what better time to have surgery and recover than when I'm off work?! Yay!

Seriously, words can't express the support I feel from this congregation and community. I am looking forward to some rest and renewal! I look forward to seeing all the fun you have this summer!

God Bless You!

Karen

YOUTH NEWS

Worship Sundays

2nd: YOUTH EXTRA Max reading, Taylor M & Lily serving

9th: Leia reading, Ally & Anna serving

16th: Father's Day No YOUTH EXTRA

23rd: Hadley reading, Gabby & Bailey serving

30th: Taylor S reading, Luke & Max serving

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Youth Summer

JUNE 2024

Playtime

Tues. 4th 8:30pm-10pm Kiwanis Night

Wed. 5th 6pm-7pm VBS sing along

Thurs. 6th 5pm-7pm VBS decorating

10th-13th 9am-Noon VBS

Thurs 13th Noon-3pm Sonic & Swim

Sun 23rd 6pm-7pm Ice Cream Social family night

Wed 26th 8pm-10pm GLOW Ball

The latest news from Mother's Day Out:



We are fast approaching the end of school. Our last day of MDO for the 2023-2024 school year is May 23. The Summer session begins June 4, we will have many returning students and are excited to welcome back the big kids from Pre-K thru 6th grade. This summer will be packed with so many fun activities; including crafts, games, and super fun field trips. We will be visiting the parks and splash pads as well as the library multiple times this summer. June's big field trip for the 2nd - 6th grade will be a visit to Lost Creek Safari on June 27. It's going to be a blast!

Our classrooms are currently packed full with 117 little blessings this summer and we are so thrilled. We are already starting to make plans for Fall 2024, so if you are interested in getting your child into our program, now is the time. Please email GuthrieFCC.MDO@gmail.com to get more information and get on our list.



With Love,
Samantha Hilbers

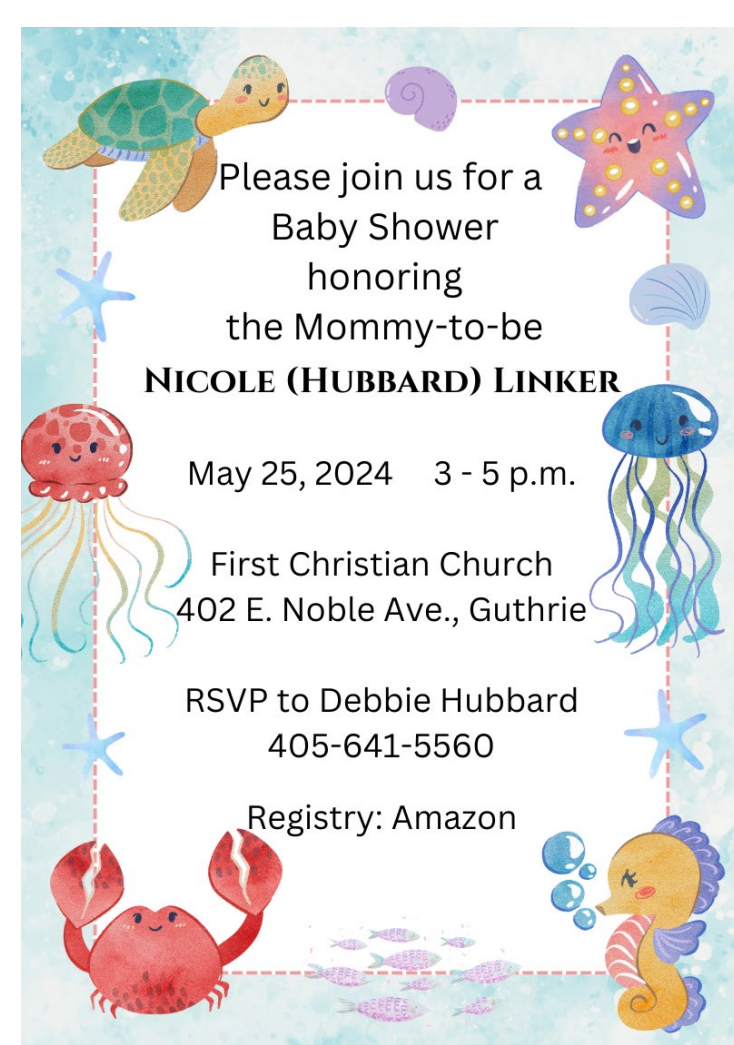
Prayer Requests

We pray for our church family: Marie Lynch (surgery May 21), Jerry Ball, Rylea Cowart, Lauren Porterfield, Bill Bowles, Steve Ochs, Gene Owen, Arnold Burkett, Sarah Schlueter, KC Griffin, Jane Stewart, Rodney Stewart, Diane Biggs, Carson Ireton, John Riddle, Mike Carey, Gerald Whitfield, Gene Owen, Denise Shoun, Dennis Lynch

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: Gordon Sennhenn, Norman (Butch) MyersFlora Overstreet, Jessica Edge, Laura Porter, Kirsten Shore, Lindsey Williams, Rachel Smith, Lawson Kirkland, Pam Timmons, Asher Houston, Jacob Bayless, John Kellogg, Sharon Russell, James Stowe, Vickie & David Brown, Renee Leathers, Susie Ellison, Sharon Burch, 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: Patrick Hardin, Sonny Crick, Court Machtloff, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, T.J. Wilson, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning, Nate Ames



Please join us for a Baby Shower honoring the Mommy-to-be **NICOLE (HUBBARD) LINKER**

May 25, 2024 3 - 5 p.m.

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402 E. Noble Ave., Guthrie

RSVP to Debbie Hubbard
405-641-5560

Registry: Amazon



Reminder:
NO KID'S WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

NURSERY WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 0-3 YEAR OLDS

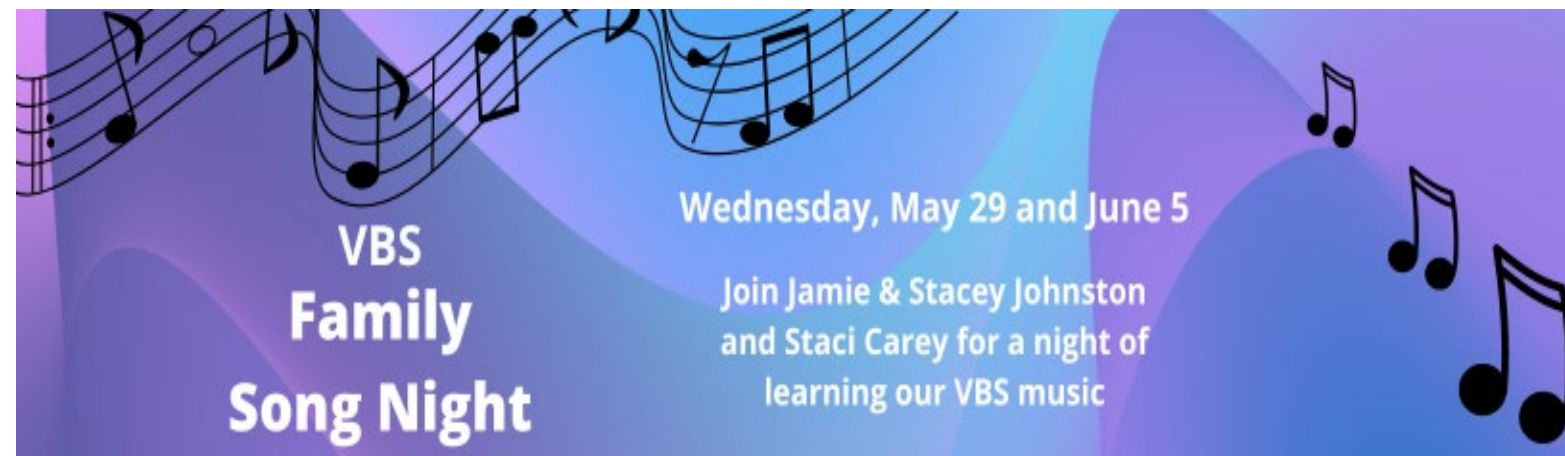
DIG IN to the Word...Bible Study with us!

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.



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The Bible App

22-May	Not Part of the Plan
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27-May	Not Part of the Plan
28-May	Not Part of the Plan
29-May	Rest
30-May	Rest
31-May	Rest
1-Jun	Rest
2-Jun	Rest



VBS Family Song Night

Wednesday, May 29 and June 5

Join Jamie & Stacey Johnston and Staci Carey for a night of learning our VBS music

Graveside services for Keith Young will be held Friday, May 31 at 2 p.m. at Summit View Cemetery. A reception will be held in the FCC Reception Hall following the service. If you are interested in helping with food preparation or serving, please contact the church office or Karen at 405-615-2240.

MAY *upcoming Birthdays*



21 – Marie Lynch
Paige O'Connell
22 – Shana Fields
24 – Tom Hudson
26 – Tom Holtz
27 – Mike Simpson

28 – Kim Hinkle
Bobbie French
Susan Savory
30 – Josh Gill
Adelyn Stevens
Ronnie Fields
Thea Hilbers
31 – Blake Doles