

# Connections Team Update

Join us for our 1st Sunday meal after church on Sept. 1! We will have fried chicken and all the fixin's! A \$5 donation is suggested, with a max of \$20 per family. We still need a few people to bring a dessert. Please contact us if you are interested in bringing one.

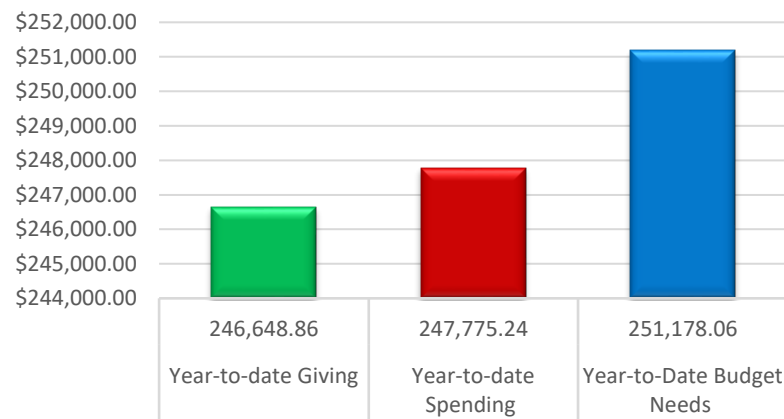
Our next Connections Team meeting is Mon., Sept. 9 in the Choir Room. Come join us to help plan the next several events coming up. We would love to have you!

Make sure your calendars are marked for Sun., Sept. 29 for the All-Church Picnic!

Blessings!

*Jana Frey and Jan Bayless, Connections Team Co-chairs*

## FCC Financial Update



**FCC Attendance**  
**August 25 – 149**  
 Average August Attendance – 158

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# The Tie That Binds

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**Sharing Christ**  
**Growing in Faith**

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## Notes from Pastor Ronnie

Hello Church! I am thrilled to announce that our church will be holding baby dedications on several Sundays this season. We understand that life is busy, and sometimes specific Sundays are the only time when extended family members can join us, especially if they are traveling from out of town. These dedications are a beautiful covenant between parents, the congregation, and God, committing to raise the child to follow Christ. Each child is receiving a cross and a copy of the Lord's Prayer as a token of this special day. Let's continue to support one another in this season of growth and dedication, both in our faith and our church community.

*Ronnie*

On Sunday, we dedicated Briggs Caughman (son of Jerry Caughman and Brittany Torres) and Clover Bailey (daughter of Clay and Aly Bailey).



## Get Your Micah 6: 8 Gear!

Support our current sermon series with a themed t-shirt for just \$15. We also have stickers perfect for your cups, laptops, or to share with friends—available for a donation. Get yours at the welcome desk or by contacting the church office.

Micah 6:8



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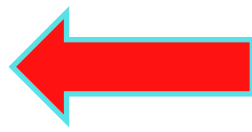


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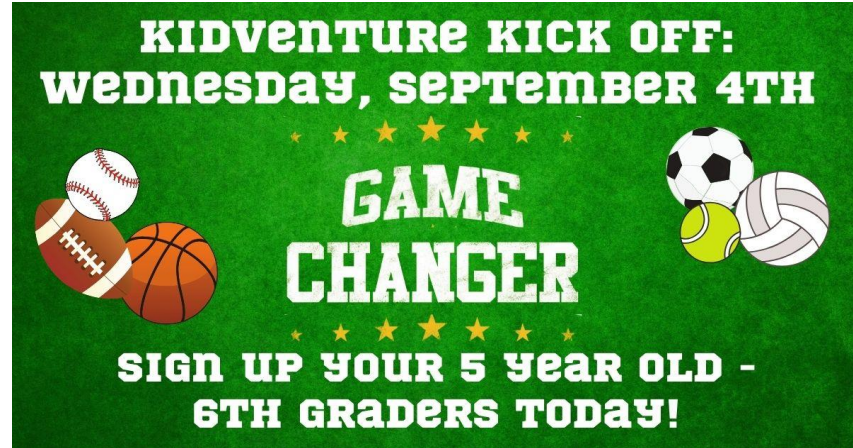
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# Kid Min Minute



Kidventure is kicking off next Wed., Sept. 4 at 3:30 p.m! Make sure you make plans for your 5-year-old through 6th grader to attend our after-school Wednesday program! For the next 7 weeks, we'll learn that God wants all of us on His team! Throughout our time together, we will see that playing on God's team makes life better and we'll learn several things they can do to be great teammates! Our memory verse for the fall is "Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. Suppose either of them falls down. Then the one can help the other one up." Ecc. 4:9-10a



A link to sign up for this fall Kidventure has been posted in the Kids @ FCC Facebook group and has also been emailed out to parents. The kids have to be signed up to be able to attend and it is open to all kids 5 year old through 6th grade, they do not have to be members of our church to participate so invite your friends! If you need the sign-up link sent to you, please email me at [nahardin@gmail.com](mailto:nahardin@gmail.com)!

If you are an adult who has some time on Wednesday afternoons to be able to help with either one day of Kidventure or a few of them, we would love to have more help! Whether you like to teach and play with the kids or help lead a group, there is a volunteer role that suits your talents. This is a unique opportunity to get to know these kids beyond just seeing everyone's smiling faces on Sunday morning and we need some extra adults to help make the fun happen! All activities are preplanned and prepared, you can just show up and have the fun! If you're available to help, please email or text Natalie to let her know or mark it on the sign-up form when you sign your kiddos up.

## Candle lighters:

Does your 3rd - 6th grader want to be a candle lighter? If they do, this is the last call to get on the schedule for this year! We will have 2 opportunities for the kids to learn how to light the candles, where the supplies are kept, and what it means to be a candle lighter on Sept 15 immediately following church. If you have a new candle lighter or someone needs a refresher, please plan to be at the training or make other arrangements with Natalie to meet another time.

## what we're <sup>teaching</sup> in September

King Solomon is best known for his wisdom and for building God's temple. Thankfully, he passed on his wisdom so others could have a strong foundation for building up their faith. In this 5-week series, kids will hear from Solomon and the wisdom he shared about the kind of life God wants to help us build. They'll see that God gives them directions to follow, listens to their requests, is worthy of their worship, and gives them true wisdom.



scan me!  
to find out more



# Keeping Up With Karen



It's almost Fall and that is by far one of my favorite times of year. The weather is normally cooler and as a church, we get back into a "normal" pattern of activities. I use the word "normal" loosely because when you are doing ministry, there are rarely two days alike. I always laugh that often when people hear I work at a church, they tend to think "oh you work on Sundays." That's been a long-time pastoral joke is that Pastors only work one hour a week on Sunday mornings.

As you know, our church has activities going on throughout the week and rarely is there a day that goes by that our church building isn't being used for some type of ministry or community outreach. The Leadership Team met a few weeks ago to discuss the past six months and look at what we did well and what needs some reworking. Likewise, we looked at ministries coming up in the next six months and what we need to do to make a larger footprint in the community and enrich the lives of those in our church family. *With that, here are a few questions I'd like you to ponder...*

- What is an outreach project that you are involved in and is there a way the church could be supportive?
- **Do you have an idea for a "Loose Change" offering.** This past week, we raised \$215 for yarn to create Veteran's Blankets. The average "Loose Change" offering is around \$150. Projects need to have an outreach aspect and be local, statewide or global in nature. **Our Christian Outreach Team will meet Sunday, Sept. 8 at 11:45 a.m.** and we will be discussing upcoming ideas to add to the calendar for "Loose Change" and other projects. We would invite anyone interested in Outreach to attend!
- We have had a lot of new families join us on Sunday mornings. Who have you introduced yourself to on a Sunday morning? Have you invited them to join any activities? This Sunday is our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after-church luncheon. Make it a priority to sit with someone you don't know! Our Connection's Team hosts 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday lunch and is always open to ideas for the menus. **Connection's Team will meet on Monday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m.** If you enjoy event planning and creating opportunities for others to get involved and get to know each other better, this Team is for you! Feel free to join us.
- Are there things you have noticed around the property that needs attention? Maybe the flower beds, tree trimming, some fresh paint or other small projects. Our Property Team has an ongoing list of items that need to be done. If you see something that needs attention, let us know. If you can help with these projects, even better! John Allen and Bill Mahan are our Property Team leader and are working through the list and would love help. **An "All-Church Workday" has been scheduled for Oct. 6 following the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Luncheon.** It will be a casual-dress day, and we will work go to work right after lunch organizing closets and classrooms, trimming trees, repairing broken items, etc. We will wrap-up by 2 p.m. Mark Your Calendar!

I will continue the "things to Ponder" in my October article and hopefully, as we continue to "Share Christ and Grow in Faith," you will start to see ways to get involved in the life of FCC Guthrie!

God Bless,  
*Karen*

# **YOUTH NEWS**

September is here, hopefully the weather will notice! Either way, regular Youth meetings will start so mark your calendar!

**YOUth = Sept. 8 Noon-1** (we will gather in the gym following the Worship service but will get started at noon)

**Youth Extra = Sept. 15 & 29** (Youth Extra will continue to meet on the 1st & 3rd Sundays during Worship in October).

**Youth activities = Sept. 15 4-6 p.m.** Hardin's pond (waterslide, fishing, snacks...) **Sept. 22 Noon-5:30** Interfaith Youth Tour (\$20 includes lunch) **Sept. 25 TBA** Youth Rally **Sept. 29 5-7 p.m.** All Church Picnic!

**Mission Jamaica info meeting Sept. 29 11:45 a.m.** in the classroom by the Sanctuary. Trip dates are July 27 – Aug. 2, 2025

## The latest news from Mother's Day Out:



We would like to formally thank everyone who has donated to our Mother's Day Out wish list on Amazon. Your support helps more than you know! If you have not had the opportunity to donate yet, and would like to please scan the QR code below.

We are so excited for September; we will be starting morning Chapel. We are excited and nervous too, so please pray that we are able to get this started successfully and will continue to use this opportunity to pour into these kids.



### Cookie Ministry

Our cookie ministry has been delivering cookies to 15-20 homes each month. It is such a blessing to those who serve and those who receive. If you would like to help with deliveries Sept. 20 & 21, please contact the church office at 405-282-4080

### Prayer Requests

**We pray for our church family:** Jennifer Hibner (surgery 9/16), Lydia Gates, John Shore, Linda Tontz, Holly Kincaid, KC Griffin, Sadie Porter & family, Linda Pingel, Marie Lynch, Bonita Johnston, Judy Coburn, Carol Smith, Rylea Cowart, Bill Bowles, Steve Ochs, Arnold Burkett, Gerald Whitfield, Dennis Lynch

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

**We pray for our friends and family members:** Rhonda Ward, Betty Egelston & family, Renee Leathers, Rick Minnich, Cathy Joy, LaJuanda Speegle, Jeff Sale, Regina Oakley, Karen Lear, Tilson Zamora, Norman (Butch) Myers, Flora Overstreet, Laura Porter, Kirsten Shore, Lindsey Williams, Rachel Smith, Lawson Kirkland, Pam Timmons, Asher Houston, Jacob Bayless, Sharon Russell, Denise Stills, Ed Hacker, Mary Beth Gilliland, Tillie Hartman, Cathy Carter, Crystal Grilley, Charlotte Cascio, Teal Esmeyer

**And our military all over the world:** Natasha Okine, Patrick Hardin, Sonny Crick, Court Machtloff, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning, Nate Ames

**Mark your calendars!**

**FCC Church Work Day - October 6**

**following 1st Sunday Lunch**



# 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 - August-October			
Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan	
1-Aug	Journey to the Olympics	8 Days	
2-Aug	Journey to the Olympics	8 Days	
3-Aug	Journey to the Olympics	8 Days	
4-Aug	Journey to the Olympics	8 Days	
5-Aug	Journey to the Olympics	8 Days	
6-Aug	Journey to the Olympics	8 Days	
7-Aug	Journey to the Olympics	8 Days	
8-Aug	Journey to the Olympics	8 Days	
9-Aug	The 5 R's: Lessons We Value from Educators	5 Days	
10-Aug	The 5 R's: Lessons We Value from Educators	5 Days	
11-Aug	The 5 R's: Lessons We Value from Educators	5 Days	
12-Aug	The 5 R's: Lessons We Value from Educators	5 Days	
13-Aug	The 5 R's: Lessons We Value from Educators	5 Days	
14-Aug	Anthems of Hope for Your Life & Faith	5 Days	
15-Aug	Anthems of Hope for Your Life & Faith	5 Days	
16-Aug	Anthems of Hope for Your Life & Faith	5 Days	
17-Aug	Anthems of Hope for Your Life & Faith	5 Days	
18-Aug	Anthems of Hope for Your Life & Faith	5 Days	
19-Aug	Act Justly	3 Days	
20-Aug	Act Justly	3 Days	
21-Aug	Act Justly	3 Days	
22-Aug	Love Mercy	3 Days	
23-Aug	Love Mercy	3 Days	
24-Aug	Love Mercy	3 Days	
25-Aug	Walk Humbly	3 Days	
26-Aug	Walk Humbly	3 Days	
27-Aug	Walk Humbly	3 Days	
28-Aug	With Your God	3 Days	
29-Aug	With Your God	3 Days	
30-Aug	With Your God	3 Days	
31-Aug	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
1-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
2-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
3-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
4-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
5-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
6-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
7-Sep	Be Kind	5 Days	
8-Sep	Be Kind	5 Days	
9-Sep	Be Kind	5 Days	
10-Sep	Be Kind	5 Days	
11-Sep	Be Kind	5 Days	
12-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
13-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
14-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
15-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
16-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
17-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
18-Sep	Humility: It's Not What You Think	7 Days	
19-Sep	Anxious for Nothing	7 Days	
20-Sep	Anxious for Nothing	7 Days	
21-Sep	Anxious for Nothing	7 Days	
22-Sep	Anxious for Nothing	7 Days	
23-Sep	Anxious for Nothing	7 Days	
24-Sep	Anxious for Nothing	7 Days	
25-Sep	Anxious for Nothing	7 Days	
26-Sep	Personal Growth	5 Days	
27-Sep	Personal Growth	5 Days	
28-Sep	Personal Growth	5 Days	
29-Sep	Personal Growth	5 Days	
30-Sep	Personal Growth	5 Days	
1-Oct	Speaking Life	6 Days	
2-Oct	Speaking Life	6 Days	
3-Oct	Speaking Life	6 Days	
4-Oct	Speaking Life	6 Days	
5-Oct	Speaking Life	6 Days	
6-Oct	Speaking Life	6 Days	
7-Oct	God is: _____	6 Days	
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9-Oct	God is: _____	6 Days	
10-Oct	God is: _____	6 Days	
11-Oct	God is: _____	6 Days	
12-Oct	God is: _____	6 Days	
13-Oct	Certainty in times of Uncertainty	5 Days	
14-Oct	Certainty in times of Uncertainty	5 Days	
15-Oct	Certainty in times of Uncertainty	5 Days	
16-Oct	Certainty in times of Uncertainty	5 Days	
17-Oct	Certainty in times of Uncertainty	5 Days	
18-Oct	Networking Kills, Success Thru Serving	8 Days	
19-Oct	Networking Kills, Success Thru Serving	8 Days	
20-Oct	Networking Kills, Success Thru Serving	8 Days	
21-Oct	Networking Kills, Success Thru Serving	8 Days	
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24-Oct	Networking Kills, Success Thru Serving	8 Days	
25-Oct	Networking Kills, Success Thru Serving	8 Days	
26-Oct	Under God?	5 Days	
27-Oct	Under God?	5 Days	
28-Oct	Under God?	5 Days	
29-Oct	Under God?	5 Days	
30-Oct	Under God?	5 Days	
31-Oct	Don't Let Politics Steal Your Peace	5 Days	

Join us as we celebrate!

# Pat Ball's 85th Birthday

Sunday, September 15  
Come & Go 2-4 p.m.  
FCC Reception Hall

Hosted by Pat's Family

## From the Pen of Paul

### A Bible Study on Paul's Letters

Begins September 10  
6:30 p.m.  
in the Choir Room

Led by Wayne Elder

## Young Adults COFFEE TALK & FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2  
6:30 P.M.

Starbucks

# DONUT SUNDAY

## SEPT. 15

# Celebrate

## upcoming Birthdays

### AUGUST

- 27 – John Allen  
Max Fields  
Garrison Jones
- 28 – Ginger Simpson  
Katherine Stinchcomb  
Anita Riddle  
Bill McLain

- 29 – Gracie Ball  
Stan Wiczorek  
Emmett Hardin
- 30 – David Ball  
Justin Stevens
- 31 – Matthew Yancey

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 – Jarrett McNulty
- 3 – Ron Plagg

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! *this week*

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 – Scott & Kim Biggs
- 2 – Robert & Michelle Gill

Download the Version Bible Apple on your Smart Device or go to

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

If you have an iPhone



App Store

If you have an Android  
(all other phones)



Play Store

- Once you download the app, create a user profile
- Send a "friend request" to Karen Allen
- 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.