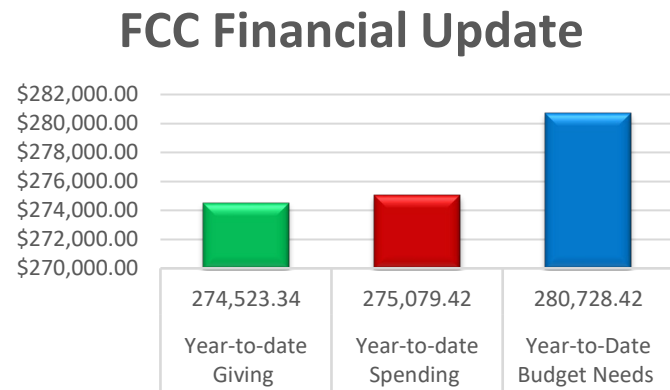


September's
Loose Change Offering
benefits

**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**

Sept. 29



FCC Attendance

September 22 – 134

Average September Attendance – 160

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1st Sunday Lunch will be held Oct. 6

On the menu is pizza, spaghetti, salad and dessert!

Following lunch, please stay for our All-Church Work Day!



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Notes from Pastor Ronnie

Well, it's been a couple of weeks since we wrapped up our series "*Being Christian in a Heated Election*," and I want to remind all of us (myself included) of the key ideas we explored together. Throughout the series, we reflected on Micah 6:8 - to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God - and how that should guide our actions and attitudes in the midst of political and personal differences.

As we move forward, let's remember that justice and mercy go hand-in-hand, and humility is the key to bridging divides, whether in our families, workplaces, or communities. The election will be over soon enough, but our work as Christians to live in love and unity will continue. Together, let's strive to be peacemakers, remembering that our ultimate goal is to bring people to Christ, not our political party. Let's make sure we are spending more time investing in the eternal Kingdom and not this earthly one.

Grace and Peace,

Ronnie



Construction Update!

As Ronnie mentioned on Sunday during worship, we are replacing the North entry stairs! Construction will take place this week and could carry over into next week depending on demolition progress. The handicap ramp entry at the Northeast corner of the building is the best Sunday morning access from the main parking lot during this process. During the week, please use the West door or South Playground entry to come to the office. We appreciate your patience during this process and look forward to the update to our primary entrance.

Mark your calendars!

FCC All-Church Work Day - October 6

following 1st Sunday Lunch



→ Kid Min Minute ←

what we're teaching in October

People often say, "It's about the journey, not the destination," when their travel plans don't work out how they expected. This phrase couldn't have been more true for Job, who went through a shocking journey. In this 4-week series, kids will hear from Job's story as he learned to navigate loss and trust God's itinerary every step of the way. Through the story of Job's perseverance and faithfulness, kids will learn that **God is with them no matter what they go through, they can show God's love in small ways, God is bigger than they could ever understand, and they can trust God will make everything right.**



scan me!
to find out more



Keeping Up With Karen



With Fall comes the opportunity to refresh and renew in many ways! As the leaves begin to change, so does the opportunity to breathe new life into our relationships, activities and surroundings. We kicked off Small Dinner Groups in September and we have 74 people participating. I hope that if you've never tried a Dinner Group you will make it a goal to jump in when we reshuffle in 2025. Throughout the month, you will find photos of the groups in our "News and Events." If you are interested in attending one now, find someone that you have seen pictured and ask about their next meeting date.

Coming up in October, our Property Team has set a "church clean-up" date on Oct. 6 following the 1st Sunday Luncheon. We invite you to dress casually and in "work clothes" for worship that day as we will have lots of projects in the works for all skill levels. To give you an idea of some of the projects:

- Organizing the upstairs kitchen pantry
- Painting the wall by the west stairwell
- Wiping down woodwork in the sanctuary
- Trimming shrubs and trees
- Mulching flower beds and revamping them for Fall
- Replacing Ceiling Tiles and spraying tiles that have water stains
- Writing "thank you" notes for our school staffs
- Replacing broken toilet parts in several restrooms
- Cleaning out the Shed
- Touching up paint in the entryway
- Putting up Fall banners in the sanctuary and entryway
- Decluttering the choir/Sunday School room
- Replacing door stopper rubber pieces



These are just a few of the things we hope to tackle that Sunday.

This week, replacement began of the north sanctuary steps, which have been crumbling over time. As part of our leadership retreat in August, we discussed ideas of how to make our building more welcoming and updated. As we continue this process of evaluating different areas, we are hopeful that the Oct. 6 workday will be a chance to have many hands working to take care of the facility God has blessed us with and make it as welcoming as possible. We look forward to seeing you!

In Christ's Love, *Karen*



YOUTH NEWS

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8

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UPCOMING FCCYOUTH OCTOBER

6 WORSHIP & YX (10:30 AM)
PIZZA LUNCH & MISSION SUNDAY:
CHURCH CLEAN (11:30 AM - 2 PM)
Come dressed to help with projects inside and outside our church building. No other youth activities.

13 WORSHIP (10:30 AM)
YOUTH (NOON - 1 PM)
Gather after Worship downstairs for snacks, games and devotional.

20 WORSHIP & MISSION SUNDAY:
SERVING OTHERS (LUNCH PROVIDED)
Come dressed to work outside of our church walls followed by lunch. No other Youth activities.

27 WORSHIP (10:30 AM)
YOUTH (FALL FUN - TBA)
vote now for you're fall fun favorite! text staci...

MEMORY VERSE: PSALMS 121:8



MISSION JAMAICA info meeting = THIS SUNDAY following Worship in the classroom by the sanctuary (aka: choir room). This will be a brief meeting to provide information about the trip, costs and needs. We will also discuss fundraising and payment timelines. If you can't attend but would like the information, please contact Staci Carey.

The latest news from Mother's Day Out:



We are excited for FALL at MDO. We have many fall activities planned including crafts, games, class parties, and much more. In the spirit of homecoming week, we will have Blue Jay Day on Thurs., Oct. 3. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their Bluejay Blue. October is also Fire Safety Month so we will be having a fire drill and the Guthrie Fire Department will be coming to speak to the kids about fire safety on Oct. 15. Then, we will be out on the 17th for Fall break. Thurs., Oct. 31 is Halloween and we will have our class Halloween Parties, the kids will get to dress up and Trick-or-Treat with the church staff on the second floor. We are excited for a new month and all of the fun that October brings.

Ms. Samantha

Celebrate

Sept. 24 – Oct. 2

Birthdays

SEPTEMBER

- 24 – Bella Benham
Hadley Henning
- 25 – Josh Ball
Hank Hubbard

- 27 – Lesley Rodger
- 28 – Levi Betchan
- 29 – Ethan Cotton
Michelle
Schroeder
- 30 – Charlie Ball
Corey Timmons

OCTOBER

- 1 – Linda Rice
Faeron Dewart
- 2 – Logan Reynolds

Anniversaries

OCTOBER

- 1 – Rhys & Dianne Williams
- 2 – Alan & Michelle Schroeder
Nick & Paige O'Connell

Prayer Requests

We pray for our church family: Jerry Ball, Ryan Wolf, John Riddle, Jennifer Hibner (surgery 10/21), Brayden Pena, Paul Ketch, Lydia Gates, John Shore, Linda Tontz, KC Griffin, Sadie Porter & family, Marie Lynch, Bonita Johnston, Carol Smith, Cayne Kyle, 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, Holly Kincaid

We pray for our friends and family members: Keri Garrison's uncle, Wayne Kirkes, Cathy Joy, Randy Flury, Lyndsey Williams, Willie White, Linda Lees, Rhonda Ward, Renee Leathers, Rick Minnich, LaJuanda Speegle, Jeff Sale, Regina Oakley, Karen Lear, Tilson Zamora, Norman (Butch) Myers, Flora Overstreet, Laura Porter, Kirsten Shore, Rachel Smith, 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

Mission Jamaica

JULY 27-AUG 2 2025

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

Info Meeting

Sept 29th @ 11:30am



YouVersion online Bible Study

24-Sep	Anxious for Nothing
25-Sep	Anxious for Nothing
26-Sep	Personal Growth
27-Sep	Personal Growth
28-Sep	Personal Growth
29-Sep	Personal Growth
30-Sep	Personal Growth
1-Oct	Speaking Life
2-Oct	Speaking Life

SAVE THE DATE

CHRISTMAS

FCC KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

🎁 **December 8th at 6:30pm** 🎁

Practices will the week after Fall Break on October 23rd. Email Natalie Hardin to sign your kids up.

Be watching your email this week for more news about Christmas program!

All Church PICNIC

SUNDAY, Sept. 29!!
4:30 p.m. Fishing and Games
5:30 p.m. Dinner

- **Fishing!** (bring a pole and some bait)
- **Kayaks** (life jacket required) Nothing with a gasoline powered engine please.
- **Outdoor games** – cornhole, frisbee, etc.
- **Bug spray & Sunscreen**
- **Walking shoes** if you want to hike
- **Lawn chairs**
- There are **restroom** facilities onsite.
- **INVITE** a friend or neighbor! The more the merrier!

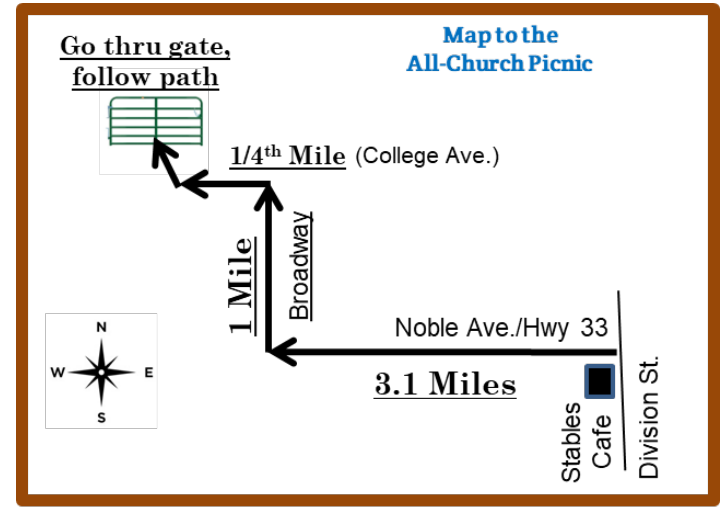
FREE FOOD!

Food will be provided and we ask that you don't bring any additional food items, as we would like to keep the food simple so that no one has to monitor it and keep flies away. We look forward to enjoying time outdoors and fellowshiping together.

Questions??

Contact a member of the Connections Team:
 Jana Frey — 405-615-7764
 Jan Bayless – 405-826-3370
 Karen Allen — 405-615-2240

Maps will be available on Sunday in the entryway!



Love makes a family

Please join us to celebrate the adoption of

Gage Nicholas & Oakland James

Friday, October 18th | Come and Go 5-7PM
 402 E. Noble Guthrie, OK
 We will have cake, punch, and a light snack.

We're excited to share that we've set up a gift registry in celebration of our adoption, but please know that your love, support, and presence mean the world to us—there is absolutely no expectation for gifts. We simply want to share this special moment with you!

FCC Be Kind shirts are in! Stop by the office this week to pick up your pre-ordered shirt or get it Sunday at the Welcome Center. If you haven't paid, please bring \$15.

School Support Opportunity!

We are kicking off our School Support this year by doing a "Popcorn Bar" for the staff at Guthrie High School on Tuesday, Oct. 1 and taking cookies to the staffs at the Mulhall-Orlando Schools on Wednesday, Sept. 25. If you can help by donating funds or supplies for either of these activities, please let Karen Allen know by Sunday, Sept. 22 at noon. She can be reached at karenkallen@cox.net or text 405-615-2240.

Items we need: 8 dozen homemade cookies (variety of flavors), microwave popcorn, M&Ms, chocolate chips, Reese's Pieces, Skittles, gummy works, gummy bears, licorice bites, pretzels, cashews, Oreos (crushed), hot tamales, Flavored salts, raisins, and chocolate covered raisins. You are welcome to donate \$\$ toward it as well and we will pick up the toppings.



Be a part of a ministry team!
Your input is needed!

Meeting dates:

- ❖ Stewardship Team – 9/25 at 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Property Team – Work Day 10/6 following 1st Sunday Lunch
- ❖ Outreach Team – 10/13 following worship
- ❖ Connections Team – 10/28 @ 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Christian Education Team – 10/27 following worship
- Worship Team – 10/___ following worship

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