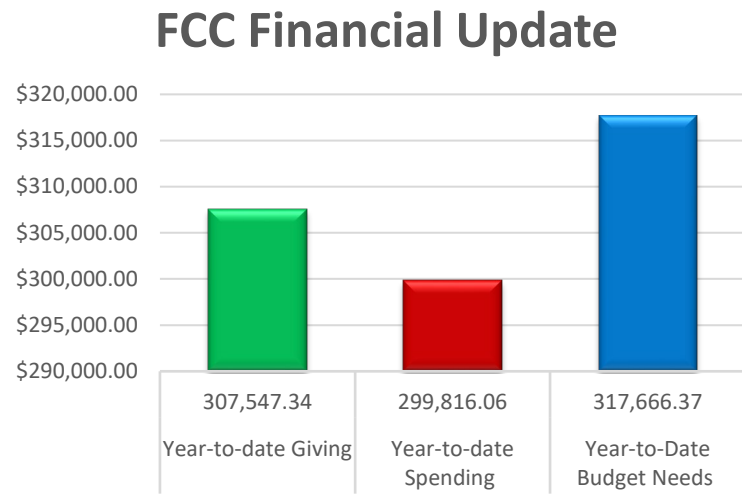


Loose Change Offering
\$138.95 raised
 for
Breast Cancer Awareness
HOPE



FCC Attendance
October 27 – 184
 Average October Attendance – 145

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie

What Will Your Legacy Be?

Join us this Sunday as we launch our new sermon series, "From Generation to Generation: Connecting Past and Future." We're diving into the stories and legacies that shape us. Who were the influencers in your faith journey? What wisdom will you pass on to the next generation?

We will also celebrate All Saints' Sunday, honoring those we've lost this past year. It's a time to remember their lives and reflect on the legacies we're creating. Let's connect our past and our future, and consider what we're leaving behind for those who follow.

See you there! *Ronnie*

TURKEY BINGO IS THIS SUNDAY!

Time to buckle your seatbelts because Fall is here! I know you have lots of things going on aside from church activities, but please make sure to mark these upcoming events on your calendar. You won't want to miss them!

This coming Sunday, Nov. 3, we will have our 1st Sunday fellowship meal in the Reception Hall. The cost is \$5 per person with a max of \$20 per family. We will be serving "boil bags" consisting of sausage, chicken, veggies, as well as bread, mac & cheese, salad, and of course, DESSERT! You won't want to miss this meal! As you are finishing up eating, we invite you to stay for Turkey Bingo! Invite your friends to church, lunch and Turkey Bingo!

Also, Nov. 17 is Donut Sunday! Lots of fun things are happening at FCC and we hope you are able to be part of them!

See you soon!
 Jana Frey and Jan Bayless
 Connections Team Leaders



November 5 is Election Day...
 Remember the lessons we've learned about being Christian in an Election Year!

Kid Min Minute

what we're
teaching this week:

Week 4

what we're
teaching in November

Superheroes aren't heroic only when they feel like it— they're brave each and every day. The best heroes can even inspire the people around them to be brave, faithful, and hopeful in their own lives, too. In this 4-week series, kids will learn more about what it looks like to see God as the hero of our story as they hear the story of Ruth and Naomi. They'll see how God gives them companions, opportunities, boldness, and hope so they can be heroes, too!



scan me!
to find out more



We can trust God will make
EVERYTHING RIGHT.

The Lord will watch
over your coming
and going both now
and forevermore.
PSALM 121:8 (NIV)

ALONG the WAY



Job Is
Restored:
Job 42:1-17

Keeping Up With Karen



This past week was filled with a mixture of emotions. On Monday, we lost two members of our congregation – Elmina Lynch and Gary Weeks. On Tuesday, I left for Indianapolis to attend the National FFA Conference with my son, Zach. The rollercoaster of sadness for loss and excitement throughout the week for my son and his fellow students was one that touched my heart.

Elmina Lynch was 100 years “young” when she passed early in the morning on Monday, Oct. 21. I was incredibly blessed to know her and listen to her stories but most importantly learn from her faith. I visited with her throughout the last couple months and every time I did, she reminded me that having faith and sharing God’s love is the most important thing anyone can do. Even at 100 years old, when I visited with her in the hospital, she told me, “Obviously, God still has work for me to do because I’m still here.” She shared about her life and how she grew up without some of the basic things we take for granted; how she was the first punch card operator in the Kansas area and worked for Kansas hospitals and Boeing and how she helped put in place their computer systems. She was incredibly smart, hardworking and despite all those accomplishments she didn’t want to talk about herself but rather what God had done in her life. She spoke of all the ways He carried her through difficult times, how blessed she was to have a wonderful family. Even through those stories she pointed back to God. I will forever be grateful that God blessed me with a relationship with Elmina and a day doesn’t go by that I don’t think about a 100-year-old person, laying in a hospital saying, “God still has work for me to do.” It shapes my days; it shapes the way I serve others.

On Monday evening, I was told Gary Weeks had been taken to the hospital and not long after had passed away. The news was surprising, even though we knew Gary had been battling health issues. To know Gary was to love him. He was involved in so many facets of Guthrie and ministry. Even after he retired, he stayed extremely active in the community and the church. He was a visionary for Camp ministries and for ways the community could reach out to those in need. I worked at the Camp as a secretary on weekends throughout high school and my mom worked there as secretary at the time of her sudden death. His ability to minister to our family during a very difficult time was something I will never forget. At the time she worked there, he was serving as interim Pastor of FCC Guthrie and while I know his plate was full at the Camp, he continued to build and push the ministries of the Church. He was an inspiration by how he lived, reminding everyone that no matter your age or how full your plate is, there is always room to serve and give. I can’t even begin to think of how many lives he touched across his time as pastor, camp administrator, community leader, and church volunteer.

I am grateful God blessed me with relationships with Elmina and Gary. They are relationships that have formed who I am as a person, minister and community volunteer. I hope in reading some of their stories, you will be inspired to think about the work God has for you to do and how we are never too old to serve, never too young to serve and never too busy! In this season of giving, I pray that I will find new and different ways to stretch who I am in Christ and serve others more faithfully.

God Bless,

Karen

FCC is excited to announce that we are bringing back the **Family Advent Event!** Please bring your family group on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 4 p.m. to the Reception Hall to work together to create an interactive Advent calendar craft that you will be able to take with you to use as a daily reminder throughout the Advent season to help your household focus on the true meaning of this Christmas season leading up to celebrating Jesus' birth. During the event, each family group will receive all the necessary supplies to put together, decorate, and personalize their own Advent project with small pieces that symbolize the important aspects and people of the nativity story, scripture references and explanations of each day's items and working as a family, you will assemble your personalized Advent calendar.

This event is open to everyone, there is no age limit or required number of people you need, it's up to you if you want it to be an individual project or a group project! Kits are \$25 each and you must be signed up and paid by Nov. 15 to take part in this activity. We only have 25 kits available and cannot buy more so make sure to sign up soon! If you are not able to join us in person for the event but would still like your family to be able to make an Advent calendar, please use the same signup and payment form and then email nahardin@gmail.com after you register to make individual pickup arrangements.

Link to signup and pay online is: <https://www.simplechurchgiving.net/App/Form/d01bdb05-bf06-4695-823f-bf49e535c7aa> or you can scan the QR code to sign up!

Email Natalie Hardin at nahardin@gmail.com with any questions you have!



YOUTH NEWS

fccYOUth Halloween Hunt hit Guthrie on Sunday night! 16 youth plus a little sister who snuck in :) were divided into 3 teams and completed silly tasks to earn points. Congratulations to Zach, Holden, Max, Clayton, Aiden and Cade who squeaked out the most points and won \$10 Sonic gift cards! A huge "THANK YOU" to the adults that made this possible: *Charlie, Justin, Chrissy, Jake and Luke* as well as those who were ready and willing if needed: Stacey, Jamie, Ronnie, Karen and Brittany!



The latest news from Mother's Day Out:



November highlights: We are learning about Thankfulness and Thanksgiving, Veterans Day, and our Bible lessons are about Ruth. We will have Super Hero Day on the 5th and Bounce House day on the 14th.

We are excited to have our first annual 3rd Floor Friends Feast Picnic on the 21st. We will use this time together to celebrate our friends here at MDO. We will provide ham and rotisserie chicken as well as rolls and corn. And our friends will bring other sides or desserts to share.

I am so thankful to all my MDO families, teachers, church staff, and church members who have supported me and our program. I am so blessed to be a part of this ministry!

Thanksgiving Break is Nov. 26 & 28. --Samantha Hilbers, MDO Director



Birthdays

OCTOBER

29 – Judy Scheihing
Chase Doles
Courtney McLemore
30 – Dave Williams
31 – Danise Johnston
Shirley Waner

NOVEMBER

1 – Kenneth Griffin
Shirley Powell
Yvette Story
3 – Jana Frey
John Gauldin
Cruz Tontz
4 – Barry Anderson
Tracy Lyons
Lauren Parker

Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

1 – Dave & Pam Williams



S	M	T	W	THANKFUL THURSDAY...	F	S
27 10:30 Worship Lillie B Abigail & Ally Halloween Hunt 7-9pm FCC	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 10:30 Worship + YX Gabby Colten & Aiden Turkey BINGO	4 Mission Jamaica sign-up due	5	6	7 ...life	8	9
10 10:30 Worship Bailey Joci & Gabby Pumpkin Patch \$20 Noon-3	11	12	13	14 ...friends	15 Mission Jamaica \$100 deposit	16
17 10:30 Worship + YX Colten Kenzie & Hadley Youth Noon-1pm	18	19	20	21 ...church	22	23
24 Worship 10:30 Raley Bailey & Anna Youth Noon-1pm	25	26	27	28 ...family	29	30

Mission Jamaica deadline approaching!

Our mission trip to Jamaica is scheduled for July 5 -12, 2025. If you are interested in going, please contact Staci Carey by Nov. 4. A non-refundable \$100 deposit is due by Nov. 15.

There will be a fundraiser luncheon held on Dec. 1 to help with the cost of the trip. All ages are welcome, children (6th grade and under) must be accompanied by an adult.

Prayer Requests

We pray for our church family: The Family of Gary Weeks, KC Griffin, Bonita Johnston (surgery 11/7), Michelle Schroeder (surgery 11/11), Cayne Kyle, Brayden Pena, Julie Wiss, Ty Biggs & Crew, Dawn Hacker, John Shore, Jerry Ball, Linda Rice, Ryan Wolf, Linda Tontz, Lydia Gates, Marie Lynch, Carol Smith, Rylea Cowart, Bill Bowles, Arnold Burkett, Gerald Whitfield, Dennis Lynch

Our church family currently in rehab, assisted living, or nursing home: John Riddle, Steve Ochs, Cynthia Baker, Dorothy Smith, Margaret McNeely, Holly Kincaid

We pray for our friends and family members: Betty Foster (former F&H Outlet owner), Lisa Hillman, Rob Epp, Kade Warner, Gail Davis, Cody Thompson, Jaime Patterson, Madelyn Wehr, Wayland Kirkes, Cathy Joy, Willie White, Linda Lees, Rhonda Ward, 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

THANKFUL THURSDAY
make time each Thursday to show your "thanks" for the topic listed.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD; HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER. 1 CHRONICLES 16:34



YouVersion online Bible Study

1-Nov	A Lifestyle of Forgiveness
2-Nov	A Lifestyle of Forgiveness
3-Nov	A Lifestyle of Forgiveness
4-Nov	A Lifestyle of Forgiveness
5-Nov	A Lifestyle of Forgiveness
6-Nov	Don't let politics steal your peace
7-Nov	Don't let politics steal your peace
8-Nov	Don't let politics steal your peace
9-Nov	Don't let politics steal your peace
10-Nov	Don't let politics steal your peace
11-Nov	The Extraordinary Power of Praise
12-Nov	The Extraordinary Power of Praise
13-Nov	The Extraordinary Power of Praise
14-Nov	The Extraordinary Power of Praise
15-Nov	The Extraordinary Power of Praise
16-Nov	How to be Grateful For Your Life
17-Nov	How to be Grateful For Your Life
18-Nov	How to be Grateful For Your Life
19-Nov	How to be Grateful For Your Life
20-Nov	How to be Grateful For Your Life
21-Nov	Harvest Thanksgiving All Year Round!
22-Nov	Harvest Thanksgiving All Year Round!
23-Nov	Harvest Thanksgiving All Year Round!
24-Nov	Harvest Thanksgiving All Year Round!
25-Nov	Harvest Thanksgiving All Year Round!
26-Nov	Harvest Thanksgiving All Year Round!
27-Nov	Harvest Thanksgiving All Year Round!
28-Nov	4 Days of Seeing is Believing
29-Nov	4 Days of Seeing is Believing
30-Nov	4 Days of Seeing is Believing



Let's Be Healthy Together!

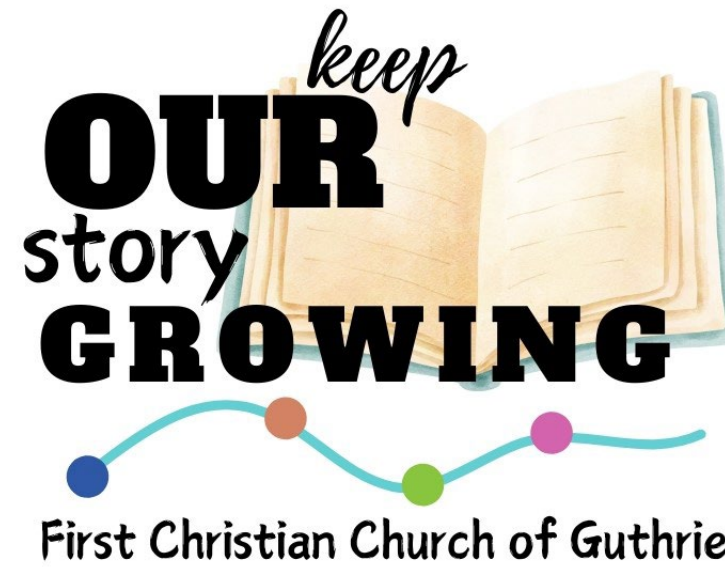


Did you know 80% of strokes are preventable according to the American Heart Association?

Life Line Screening provides valuable health screenings to detect the risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease.

Life Line Screening will be at FCC on Friday, Nov. 8 and are offering a special screening package for our members. Learn more and schedule your appointment by calling **1-888-814-0466**, **texting** the word **circle** to **216-279-1607** or visit Life Line Screening's website at <https://www.lisa.social/hasca>.

There is no time like the present to take action! If you need financial assistance for screenings, please contact Shana in the church office at 405-282-4080.



We are kicking off our Stewardship Campaign on Nov. 3. Our congregation has a long history of generous members, young and old. Please help us “keep our story growing” on Nov. 3 by grabbing a keepsake pen and writing your name on our timeline or call the church office and we can add your name for you!

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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

“Where do you see God working?” This question is always on the agenda for every Elder’s meeting and I can’t wait to share what I have seen in the last month at our next meeting. From Church Workday to Mission Sunday and a multitude of projects here and there, God has been working on and through each of us so that we can share his Love and Grace throughout the community. One of my favorite projects we have done so far is building a “Community Blessing Box” that can be filled with various nonperishable items to support our neighbors and spread the gospel. Thank you to Paul Ketch and family for building the box and Jerry Caughman for painting it. Now it’s our turn as a church to begin filling the box. We will have a basket available to bring canned goods to Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 3. If our first box works out the way that we pray it will, we will be looking to expand the number of boxes around our community. Again, thank you to all who have been working to Share Christ and Grow in Faith.

If you would like to go “All In” with the Outreach team, we will be having our next meeting on Nov. 17 right after church. Join us!!

Saved by Grace,
Wayne Elder
Outreach Team Co-Chair

Upcoming Ministry Team Meetings:

- Pastoral Relations Committee 11/4 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Trustees 11/6 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Worship Team 11/10 @ 11:30 a.m.
- Elders 11/13 @ 6 p.m.
- Outreach Team 11/17 11:30 a.m.
- Christian Education team 11/17 @ 11:30 a.m.
- Staff Meeting 11/18 @ 11 a.m.

To all our **Cookie Ministry** Volunteers:

A most heartfelt thank you for your part in reaching out to our church family, visitors, friends, those recuperating, and so many others for a visit, a prayer, and a sweet treat as well. We appreciate each one so very much.

We just have 11-15-24 and 12-20-24 left for our deliveries this year. We usually need 16-18 dozen cookies each month. For November and December we have 12 dozen promised each month. If we could have 3 more volunteers bring 2 dozen cookies each month, we would have what we need. We also need one more team each month to make deliveries. Please contact Sharyl Padgett at 405-659-7745 or the Church Office if you are able to help.

Thank you and Blessings, Bonita Johnston

A Sunday to remember!

We started Sunday with 3 baptisms at the beginning of worship – Malik Moses (Praise Team drummer), Lillie Benton and Adam Benton. It was such a special time for these individuals and our church family. If you don't see God moving in our congregation, read the story below shared by Amy Benton-Hall, Adam and Lillie's mom.



FYI.. Long story that I feel led to share. It was another amazing day for us at FCC. Adam and Lillie were baptized! This church had a special place in our hearts. Chrissy was born when Ryan was on staff at FCC. In fact, we had her baby shower there. Years later, when we moved from Duncan & returned home to Guthrie, Ryan preached his last sermon from their pulpit. One that will always be near and dear to my heart.

Then earlier this year, God led my family back to FCC and we joined the church. That morning just before we walked down the aisle to join, they closed with a very special song. "So Will I." This was a song that ministered to me after Ryan passed. It was one that was added last minute to the memorial video for his service. I had given several other songs but was short one. Our friend Evan Hamilton added it. I didn't know anything about it. The many days after, this song would come on the radio just when I needed to hear it. Well, over the years I haven't heard it as much. But the Sunday we joined FCC, they played it as we walked down the aisle at the end of service. That was a "God wink" as our Pastor Ronnie Fields would call it. Then you guessed it... it was played again today at the end of the service. The day my Littles got baptized. Our Littles. I have no doubt, Ryan asked God to orchestrate that. Daddy was there today too. And he is proud.

Thank you to my family for being there, and Papaw for a delicious lunch afterward to celebrate! Love you all! I am blessed with the best family.



Next up some of our guys completed a Mission Sunday project for a local mom in need.



We concluded the evening with our first Praise Night! With 32 in attendance, we hope to make this a recurring event!

