



FCC News & Events

December 3, 2024

Sharing Christ, Growing in Faith



Tis the Season!



Sunday's worship service was our annual "Hanging of the Greens" and we prepared our sanctuary for the Advent season. The special music, readings by all age groups, Advent candlelighting of Hope, handbells, and children and youth decorating were all amazing.

We also had a delicious fundraiser lunch served by our Mission Jamaica Team. We wrapped up the evening with Praise Night with songs of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our young adults finished off the night with dinner/ice cream at Braums!

What an incredible day with a little something for everyone. We are so grateful for all those who worked behind the scenes to make the day special!



THANK YOU! All stockings have been adopted!
Please bring your gifts to the church by Dec.8.



Youth Ministry



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 Worship Taylor M Daelon & Emalyn Luncheon fundraiser Worship Night	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Worship Ally Clayton & Lily R Youth: Christmas Party Christmas Program	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Worship + YX Lily R Zach & Max Youth: Angel Tree	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Worship Taylor S Taylor M & Aiden loose change = Camp Joy Youth: Deliveries	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 5 p.m.	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29 Worship Aiden Colten & Anna NO Youth	30	31	1 HAPPY New Year	2	3	4



Sun 1st
Worship Night
6-7pm FCC
8th Noon-1:30
Youth Christmas
Party
Sun 15th Noon - 4
SUN 22ND NOON-1
GIFT DELIVERIES
Christmas Eve
Service 5 p.m.

THE LORD YOUR GOD IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A WARRIOR WHO SAVES.
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH JOY:
HE WILL BE QUIET IN HIS LOVE
(MAKING NO MENTION OF YOUR PAST SINS).
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU
WITH SHOUTS OF JOY.
-ZEPHANIAH 3:17

next year... **2025**
youth starts = 1/12 @ 12 pm
Esther study begins = 2/3 @ 6:30 pm
YOUTH SUNDAY = 3/9 @ 10:30 AM

Prayer Requests

Our love and sympathy go out to: Bill Bowles & family in the death of his cousin, Lisa Hillman

We pray for our church family: John Riddle, Blake Doles (surgery 12/3), Darl Doles (surgery 12/23), Cayne Kyle, Maxine Ball, Anna Frey, Steve Ochs, KC Griffin, Michelle Schroeder, Bobby Davison, Bonita Johnston, Jerry Ball, Ryan Wolf, Lydia Gates, Rylea Cowart, Arnold Burkett, Dennis Lynch, Marie Lynch

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

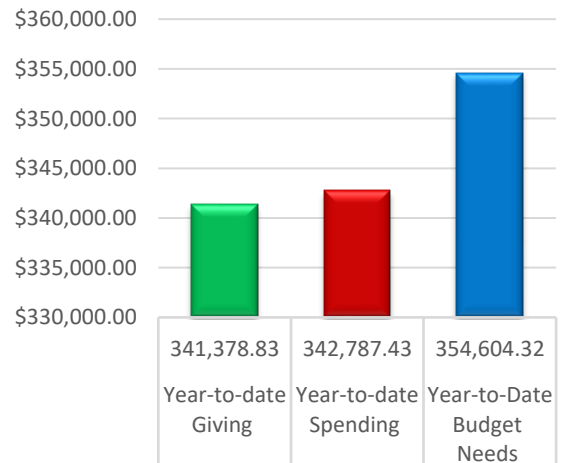
We pray for our friends and family members: Cathy Carter, Willie White, Jeannie Foster, Jim Bray, Rob Epp, Kade Warner, Gail Davis, Jaime Patterson, Madelyn Wehr, Cathy Joy, Rhonda Ward, Rick Minnich, Regina Oakley, Flora Overstreet, Pam Timmons, Asher Houston, Jacob Bayless, Mary Beth Gilliland, Teal 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

FCC Attendance

December 1 – 197
Average Nov. Attendance – 166

FCC Financial Update



December Dates To Remember!

- Dec. 6 – Connecting Point Christmas Party @ 7 p.m.
- Dec. 8 – Stockings Due, Christmas Program @ 6:30 followed by Tasting Party (Bring a holiday treat to share)
- Dec. 15 – Donuts @ 10, Congregational Meeting following worship, Youth to go Angel Tree shopping following worship
- Dec. 19 – Blue Christmas Service @ 6
- Dec. 22 – Loose Change Offering for Camp Joy
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service @ 5



THE GREAT **CHRISTMAS** GIVEAWAY

FCC Children's Christmas Musical

Sunday, Dec. 8 6:30 p.m.

The Christmas Program is this Sunday! It's one of our very favorite times of year, time for the annual Kid's Christmas program! Join us this Sunday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. to watch what is sure to be a joyful performance for all ages! The kids have been hard at work since the middle of October learning the songs, lines and choreography for show night and we hope everyone can join us to watch the show! Any and all friends and family are invited to come watch the Christmas Program with us! Immediately following the performance will be our annual tasting party to celebrate the show and a visit from Santa. The tasting party is open to everyone and we hope you can make it! If you'd like to bring a treat to share at the tasting party, just drop it off in the reception hall Sunday before the program.

If you have a child in the Christmas program, we will practice this Wednesday from 3:30 to 5 and then one more time on Sunday right after the morning worship service (about 11:30). More details on Sunday's after-church rehearsal and show night information will be emailed out to parents before Wednesday. Please make sure the kids are practicing their songs and lines this week!

The Church office is open Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
We are closed on Fridays. You can reach us during the week at
405-282-4080 or at our new email - fccguthrie.office@gmail.com

**Text “GIVE” to 405-645-6070
to donate to FCC Guthrie**

THE WEARY WORLD

Rejoices!

Join us Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve @ 5 p.m.



**All 2024 donations must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2024
or hand-delivered to the church office by Dec. 30.**

2024 Giving Statements will be mailed out by Jan. 31, 2025.

FCC Family,

Anyone who didn't leave Sunday morning with a warmer heart and a sense of the Spirit of Christmas simply wasn't paying attention. I came to experience the handbell music. I'm so excited that you are utilizing them. That portion of the service was well worth my drive north. Beyond that I was thrilled to see the number of youth members who were participating in the service. The mark of a growing church is the involvement of the youth program in the life of the community of faith. Looks like you are alive and well to me! The service was not only a sacred reminder of God's gift, but also a joyous time of sharing all that makes us human. What a blessed way to begin the Christmas Season! For unto us a child is born!

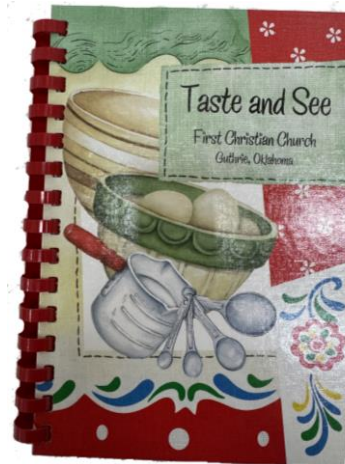
Love to you all!

Cathy Clark Mitchell

Tis the Season!

If you are looking for some Christmas gift ideas or maybe you just want to treat yourself, we have a few items that will be available in the entryway before and after worship. Several years ago, we created a “Taste and See” Cookbook with favorite recipes from our church family. We also created some Christmas ornaments depicting our stained-glass windows. We still have several left of the scene of the crucifixion.

If you haven’t had an opportunity to buy either of these items, they will be available for \$5 each. There will be a bucket to drop in your donation and feel free to take which ever you’d like or pick up one of each! Cookbooks are a great gift idea and the ornaments are too.



Food Pantry

Our new Food Pantry area in the entryway looks great! We have created an area with cubes to collect food that is brought on Sunday mornings. We have a food pantry box located in Sadie Porter’s yard at 1402 E. Cleveland. Feel free to bring food to the church and we will get it to the box or you can always drop it off at the box at Sadie’s house. Thank you for helping ease the burden of food insecurity.

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Online Bible Study Opportunity!

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.

3-Dec	Advent
4-Dec	Advent
5-Dec	Advent
6-Dec	Advent
7-Dec	Every Longing Heart
8-Dec	Every Longing Heart
9-Dec	Every Longing Heart

A brief Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, Dec. 15 to approve the 2025 budget.

It's Christmas Light Tour Time!
 Our "Retired Fellowship" (meaning anyone who is retired or feels like they should be retired) will go to dinner and see Christmas Lights on Friday, Dec. 13 at 5:30. We will eat in Edmond or Kingfisher and then go through the lights Kingfisher lights and then back to Guthrie's lights. We will have space for 40 people and cost would be buying your own dinner and donating \$5 toward the gas fund. To sign up, text/call Karen Allen at 405-615-2240 or call the church office at 405-282-4080. You are welcome to invite friends to attend with you! We will need reservations by Wednesday, Dec. 4 to get a reservation at a restaurant.

In-person Bible Study Opportunities:

- * Gleaners Sunday School Class – Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
- * From the Pen of Paul Discussion – Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.



December

Birthdays

- 3 – Harper Valentin
- 4 – Chalk Beeson
Darl Doles
- 5 – Robert Dewart
- 6 – Maxine Ball

- 7 – Frances Macrory
Juanita Plagg
Phil Pingel
- 8 – Robert Dewart
- 9 – Abigail Johnston
Kellen O'Connell

Anniversaries

- 4 – Justin & Lindsay Mays
- 6 – Ryan & Julie Wiss
- 7 – Hank & Debbie Hubbard