



FCC News & Events

December 31, 2024

Sharing Christ, Growing in Faith

Happy New Year!

As we approach 2025, we hope you are making some new goals and looking at ways to get involved in the ministries of FCC Guthrie. Special thanks to Wayne Elder for bringing the inspirational message on Sunday. One of the things Wayne had us do was fill out an index card with our name and post it on a wooden cross, signifying our commitment to be "All In" for Christ both by serving and by inviting others to join us. He challenged each of us to think of someone we know that needs a church home and to write that name down on a separate card and pray for them and invite them to church. If you didn't get a chance to write your name on an index card, they will be available in the entryway this Sunday, along with the cross. As you begin a new year, we hope you will think of ways to truly "Share Christ and Grow in Faith!"

Chili Cookoff is Sunday

We are still in need of at least 6 more entries for the chili cookoff. You can make mild, medium, or spicy! There are a few other items we need as well including:

- Hot Dog Buns (16 ct. x 1)
- Oyster Crackers (2 bags x 2)
- Saltine Crackers (2 boxes)
- Fritos (2 bags x 1)
- 9x13 Pans of Cornbread (1 pan)

Sign-up online at:

<https://fccguthrie.org/>

FCC CHILI COOK-OFF
 January 5, 2025
 Everyone is welcome!
 Enter Today!
 Who will win...
 Best Hot?
 Best Medium?
 Best Mild?
 People's Choice?

Prizes for the Chili Cookoff



Prizes for this year's cookoff include gift cards, aprons, chef hats, cutting boards, spoons and medals! We can't wait to see who brings the best pot of chili this year and takes home the grand champion certificate!

Following the Chili Cookoff on Sunday, we will "UNDECORATE" the Sanctuary! Many hands make light work – we invite you and your family to stay and help for a few minutes!



Join the Prayer Chain!

It has been on my heart for a while to start a Prayer Chain at FCC. We had one year ago, and it was a great way to share needs and concerns throughout the week, rather than waiting for updates on Sunday morning or in the "News and Events."

If you would like to be a part of this group, please text or call Karen Allen at 405-615-2240; or e-mail me at karenkallen@cox.net.

Being a part of the Prayer Chain means you are willing to pray for specific needs that are given to our staff throughout the week. I will text or e-mail the prayer requests as they come in and update you as the situations change. In addition, once a month, you will receive a copy of the full prayer list with some specific notes about what is going on with different individuals.

If you sign up, I would ask that you commit to being confidential about the requests given, as at times people don't want their situation shared publicly. Likewise, if you have a request to share with the Pastoral staff, we will always confirm whether it is to stay internally with the staff or if it can be added to the Prayer Chain.

It is my hope that in 2025 we can become more diligent in our prayer life and in lifting up others. I look forward to this new ministry being added at FCC! I believe in the power of prayer and can't wait to see how lives and the lives of those we are praying for changes!

You can also sign-up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448ACA92BA3F58-54108303-prayer>

— Karen Allen

Small Dinner Groups

Sign-up is underway for groups that will meet 3 times from February-May

Our Small Dinner Group ministry has become wildly successful. In the Fall we had seven groups with 75 people participating! This is a great way to meet people and enjoy a meal together. There are all types of groups available, visit:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090448ACA92BA3F58-54107204-small>

There is also a sign-up sheet available in the entryway on Sunday mornings.

Prayer Requests

We pray for our church family: Karen Allen (surgery 1/7/25), Treva Seals (January), Mike Carey, Darl Doles, Judy Coburn, Anna Frey, Steve Ochs, KC Griffin, Bobby Davison, 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: Dorothy Gustafson, DeWayne Jennings, Al Prichett, Darryl Sinclair, 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

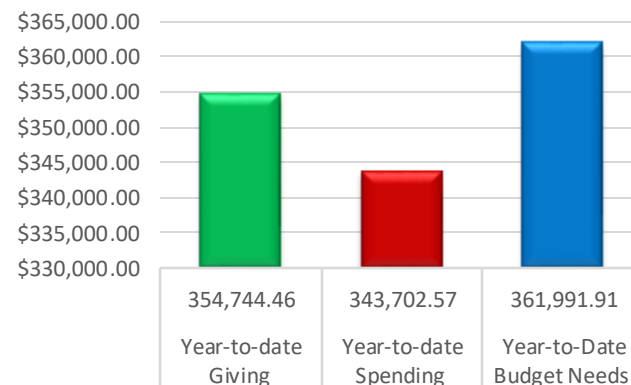
The Church office is open Monday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
We are closed on Fridays.
You can reach us during the week at 405-282-4080
or at our **new email** - fccguthrie.office@gmail.com

FCC Attendance

December 29 – 126

Average Dec. Attendance – 178

FCC Financial Update



Youth Extra meets this Sunday! Join us in the classroom next to the Sanctuary following the Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer. Youth Extra is for those ages 7th Grade-12th Grade.

This week's Youth serving schedule...

Reading Scripture: Hadley Timmons

Serving Communion: Ally Carey and Abigail Simpson

Thank You Notes!

Thank you to the ladies that made and delivered cookies and devotional books. They were delicious and so very thoughtful. Also, the lunch for my sister, Maxine, was wonderful. There were so many of us, so I know it took a lot of planning and work but was so appreciated. I love my church and church family.

With love and gratitude,
KC And Linda Griffin

First Christian Church,

Cannot thank you enough for how much you take care of us! The popcorn bar and sonic drinks were so good. We feel very special that you take the time to come treat us.

Your kindness is very appreciated!

Thank you,
MOHS Teachers and Staff

First Christian Church,

Thank you for always being willing to welcome the team for meals, for cooking, supporting and praying for our boys. Your kindness is much appreciated!

With gratitude,
*Guthrie Football Boosters,
Coaches and Players*

First Christian Church,

Thank you for the gift cards for Christmas for our students. They were appreciated.

Sincerely,
*Guthrie High School Counselors
and Students*



YOU were MADE FOR THIS MOMENT Bible Study

6 week study starting Monday February 3rd at 6:30

WOMEN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

Contact Karen Allen or Staci Carey to sign-up

ATTENTION:

Women and Teen Girls

We have a special Bible Study opportunity for you!

Beginning Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m., Karen Allen and Staci Carey will be co-leading a Bible Study titled "You Were Made for this Moment." It is based on the book of Esther and has video and study guide components. Our plan is to meet as a combined group with women and youth group-aged girls to watch the video and then break out into smaller groups for discussion time.

The group will meet for six weeks, with meetings expected to last one hour. You are welcome to invite a friend but we will need everyone to sign-up by Jan. 19 so we can assure that we have enough study guides for everyone. The first 20 people to sign up will receive a free study guide, due to a generous donation! After that, Study Guides will be \$10 each.

To sign up, contact Karen Allen at 405-615-2240 or Staci Carey at 405-831-5509.

→ Kid Min Minute ←

what we're teaching in **JANUARY**

People love camping, and for good reason! You can take in nature, practice special skills, or just take time to relax in a new environment. And when it comes to camping, no one loved it as much as John the Baptist. In this 4-week series, kids will hear about John the Baptist's special role in preparing the way for Jesus and his ministry. John's story will help kids to say their camp motto, "I believe God gives me purpose. **I believe God can speak to me. I believe God is powerful. I believe God's words are true.**"



scan me!
to find out more



This week's January Birthdays

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| 1 – Daelon Rice | 5 – Aspen Mitchell |
| Herb Reeve | 7 – Brad Hand |
| 3 – Paul Ketch | 8 – Samantha Gerhards |
| 4 – Rick Martin | 10 – Janice Hand |
| Dakota Hubbard | Terryl Wiczorek |
| Victoria Barkley | Dorothy Smith |

Join us on the YouVersion Bible

YouVersion Reading Plan - January-February					
Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan	Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Jan	Starting off the New Year Strong	6 Days	31-Jan	Trust Fall - Spiritual Growth	5 Days
2-Jan	Starting off the New Year Strong	6 Days	1-Feb	Grace-Simple. Profound.	3 Days
3-Jan	Starting off the New Year Strong	6 Days	2-Feb	Grace-Simple. Profound.	3 Days
4-Jan	Starting off the New Year Strong	6 Days	3-Feb	Grace-Simple. Profound.	3 Days
5-Jan	Starting off the New Year Strong	6 Days	4-Feb	Finding R.E.S.T	6 Days
6-Jan	Starting off the New Year Strong	6 Days	5-Feb	Finding R.E.S.T	6 Days
7-Jan	Awaken	3 Days	6-Feb	Finding R.E.S.T	6 Days
8-Jan	Awaken	3 Days	7-Feb	Finding R.E.S.T	6 Days
9-Jan	Awaken	3 Days	8-Feb	Finding R.E.S.T	6 Days
10-Jan	Truth Pursuer: Rock Solid Faith	5 Days	9-Feb	Finding R.E.S.T	6 Days
11-Jan	Truth Pursuer: Rock Solid Faith	5 Days	10-Feb	God is Able	5 Days
12-Jan	Truth Pursuer: Rock Solid Faith	5 Days	11-Feb	God is Able	5 Days
13-Jan	Truth Pursuer: Rock Solid Faith	5 Days	12-Feb	God is Able	5 Days
14-Jan	Truth Pursuer: Rock Solid Faith	5 Days	13-Feb	God is Able	5 Days
15-Jan	Freedom in Serving Others	3 Days	14-Feb	God is Able	5 Days
16-Jan	Freedom in Serving Others	3 Days	15-Feb	The Jesus I Know	7 Days
17-Jan	Freedom in Serving Others	3 Days	16-Feb	The Jesus I Know	7 Days
18-Jan	Lost! The Parables of Luke 15	9 Days	17-Feb	The Jesus I Know	7 Days
19-Jan	Lost! The Parables of Luke 15	9 Days	18-Feb	The Jesus I Know	7 Days
20-Jan	Lost! The Parables of Luke 15	9 Days	19-Feb	The Jesus I Know	7 Days
21-Jan	Lost! The Parables of Luke 15	9 Days	20-Feb	The Jesus I Know	7 Days
22-Jan	Lost! The Parables of Luke 15	9 Days	21-Feb	The Jesus I Know	7 Days
23-Jan	Lost! The Parables of Luke 15	9 Days	22-Feb	Prayer	7 Days
24-Jan	Lost! The Parables of Luke 15	9 Days	23-Feb	Prayer	7 Days
25-Jan	Lost! The Parables of Luke 15	9 Days	24-Feb	Prayer	7 Days
26-Jan	Lost! The Parables of Luke 15	9 Days	25-Feb	Prayer	7 Days
27-Jan	Trust Fall - Spiritual Growth	5 Days	26-Feb	Prayer	7 Days
28-Jan	Trust Fall - Spiritual Growth	5 Days	27-Feb	Prayer	7 Days
29-Jan	Trust Fall - Spiritual Growth	5 Days	28-Feb	Prayer	7 Days
30-Jan	Trust Fall - Spiritual Growth	5 Days			

Download the YouVersion Bible App 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

1. Once you download the app, create a user profile
2. Send a "friend request" to Karen Allen
3. 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.