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and straight on to

Baby Land

Join us for a Baby Shower honoring

MICHAEL, CAMBREA, & BABY BOY JOHNSON

SUNDAY | APRIL 6 | 12:30 PM

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie

As we step into the sacred season of Lent, we are invited to reflect on Christ's journey to the cross and what it means for our own lives. This time of preparation begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5 at 6 p.m. Our service will mark the beginning of Lent with prayer, scripture, and the imposition of ashes—a visible reminder of our need for God's grace.

Throughout Lent, we will explore "The 7 Last Words" in our Sunday sermon series. These are the final phrases Jesus spoke before His death, and each one offers deep insight into His love, His suffering, and His victory over sin. As we journey through these words together, may they shape our hearts and draw us closer to the hope of Easter.

For those who are exploring faith and what it means to follow Jesus, Pastor's Class will begin after school on April 2 and continue April 9. This class is open to children and youth (4th grade and up)—who want to learn more about what it means to take the next steps in faith, including baptism. We will walk through the foundations of Christian faith, what it means to follow Jesus, and how we live out our commitment as disciples.

Lent is a season of renewal, and whether you are worshiping, learning, or taking the next steps in faith, I pray this time draws us all closer to Christ. I look forward to walking this journey with you.

Grace and peace,

Ronnie



Ash Wednesday SERVICE

**March 5
6 p.m.**

LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM YOUR SET!

Lent
begins
March 5th!

40-DAY LENT
Family Challenge
Instructions

read ▶ Daily Scripture

REFLECT ◀

Read the short daily devotional on your own or as a family.

Use the discussion questions here to talk about the devotional.

Don't forget to turn the card over for a top handle-on our faith - more discussion questions for kids!

◀ **ASK & DO**

The Lent Daily Devotional challenge is a set of 40 cards, each card has 4 prompts: read, reflect, ask & do, and the optional children's activity on the back. Using one card a day, you'll use these daily devotionals to help prepare our hearts and minds for Easter.

Children's Activity

Activity Name

Supplies

• List of items needed that you can find around the house.

Instructions

ACTIVITY

Read the instructions for playing the game or completing the activity with your kids, then have fun!

There will be more discussion questions here for your family to think and talk about together.

◀ **ASK**

If you'd like a physical printed set of these cards, they are \$6 to cover printing costs. Email nahardin@gmail.com to reserve your set. Pickup will be this Sunday!

40-Day Lent Family Challenge

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What we're teaching this week:



4th week of Feb 2025



Bible Story for the week:

Jesus feeds the four Thousand:
Matthew 15:29-39

Memory Verse
for the month:

"You are the God who performs
miracles; you display your power
among the peoples." Psalm 77:14
(NIV)

what we're teaching in March

Every great movie tells a great story. When we see those stories played out on the big screen, we can learn a little more about ourselves and the world around us. Jesus knew how powerful stories could be, and he made them a big part of how he taught his followers. In this 5-week series, kids will hear some of the stories Jesus shared that can help them see the big picture of a life spent following God. Kids will see that God helps us know what's true, the ways we can give back to God, how God sends us helpers, and how God gives us second chances.



scan me!
to find out more



Keeping Up With Karen



We have lots of things coming up in the next month and our Ministry Teams have been busy getting events, activities and worship services lined up! Here's a quick rundown of things coming up:

• **CONNECTION'S TEAM:** Lucky Bingo! We will have our first Sunday luncheon this Sunday and will also have Lucky Bingo. We will be doing Soup and Sandwiches and are asking people to sign-up to bring a crock pot of soup. So far we have: Chicken Tortilla, Vegetable Beef, Cheeseburger Potato, Italian Sausage Soup, Steak Soup, Potato, and Tortellini Soup. If you are a soup maker, let me know what you're bringing, and we'll save a spot for you!

• **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM:** We will have Youth Sunday on March 9. Staci always does a great job wrangling our youth to bring a special message. I hope you will make a special effort to be here to support our young people! Also, our Esther Study has been going great. We have 34 people participating in it and are midway through. If you want to join a Bible Study, Wayne Elder leads one on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. and there are two Sunday School classes at 9:30 a.m. The YouVersion app is also a great way to join an online study.

• **CHRISTIAN OUTREACH:** Our next meeting is March 9, and we would love to have you be a part of planning special events to share Christ in our community and beyond. On Sunday, March 23 we will have an OBI Blood Drive during the morning and invite all those who are able to participate. The recent weather has really hurt the blood supply for hospitals and we are excited to get to help replenish that supply. ALSO... Mark your calendar for March 29-30. The Jamaica Mission Team is holding a Rummage Sale. You are welcome to bring your donated items at any time (no adult clothing) and we look forward to a great sale that weekend. The Christian Outreach Team will be hosting a bake sale throughout as well, to help add to the funds. If you can donate a baked good, reach out to me, Wayne Elder or Krista Smith.

• **WORSHIP TEAM:** Our Ash Wednesday Service will be March 5 at 6 p.m. We always look forward to this meaningful time to begin the Lent Season. Stacey Johnston is also doing some special music throughout and would love to have you connect with her to determine where you can join in. Also, we will be bringing back the Prayer Vigil and offer it on Maundy Thursday (April 17) through Good Friday (April 18).

• **PROPERTY TEAM:** They have been busy tending to various projects throughout the building that have needed attention. The ice and snow have kept them busy keeping entryways cleared. Coming up, we will be clearing flowerbeds and doing new mulch. If you enjoy that type of work, please let me know so we can coordinate getting flowers and mulch for the entryway beds.

Hopefully, as you look through these various events and activities you can find a place that fits your gifts and talents! If you are interested in serving on a particular team, let me know and I will connect you with the team leader!

God Bless, *Karen*

FCC Youth

(Jr High & High School Students)

FCC YOUTH

YOUTH SUNDAY
3/9 @ 10:30 AM

ACTIVITIES:

- 3-2 WORSHIP & YX/YS PRACTICE
- 3-3 ESTHER STUDY
- 3-5 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 6 PM
- YS PRACTICE 6:30-7:30 PM
- 3-9 YOUTH SUNDAY! 9:30 AM PRACTICE 10:30 AM SERVICE
- 3-16 WORSHIP & YX
- 3-19 & 20 SPRING BREAK-BREAK LOCK-IN 8:30 PM - 8 AM
- 3-23 YOUTH LUNCH TBA

SERVING SCHEDULE:

- 3-2 GABBY
- TAYLOR M & KENZIE
- 3-9 YOUTH
- 3-16 BAILEY
- AIDEN & BAILEY
- 3-23 MAX
- SAVANNAH & HADLEY T
- 3-30 CLAYTON CADE & DAELON

PRACTICE:

- MARCH 2ND 11 AM-12 PM
- MARCH 5TH TIME 6:30 PM
- MARCH 9TH 9:30 AM

The latest news from Mother's Day Out:



February has been a crazy month at MDO. Illnesses, snow, and ice have really put a damper on our festivities. We are counting down the days until spring and warmer weather. Hopefully, we will get to spend time outside. March we will be learning about Spring and Dr. Seuss. We will be out of school for Spring Break, March 18 and 20.

Remember if you want your child in our summer program, now is the time to get on my list.

Samantha Hilbers, MDO Director



Birthdays

This week!

FEBRUARY

- 25 – Helen Welch
- 26 – Rod Stewart
- Janet Hudson
- 27 – Tyler Biggs

MARCH

- 1 – Dennis Lynch
- Brian Pierson
- Jennifer Doll
- 2 – Ron Fields
- 4 – Sharon Johnston
- Calee Lyons
- Lenny O'Diam
- Ron Wilder

Anniversaries

FEBRUARY

- 25 – Gale & Trish Coker

Prayer Requests

Our Love & Sympathy go out to: Jay and Nicole Linker in the death of his great grandmother Leora Courtney

We celebrate the birth of: River Steven-Edward Birdwell, grandson of Glendon and Susan Birdwell born on Feb. 14

Preparing for surgery: Pam Smith, James Johnston, Barbara Wilder

We pray for our church family: Gene Wagoner, Karla Morris, Jamie Hudson, Gene Owen, Treva Seals, Cayne Kyle, Mike Carey, Diana Dewart, Ruth Underwood, Anna Frey, Steve Ochs, KC Griffin, Bobby Davison, Jerry Ball, Lydia Gates, Rylea Cowart, Arnold Burkett, Dennis Lynch, Marie Lynch

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

We pray for our friends and family members: Doreen Hudson, Tania Porter, Terry Raines, JD Inda, Donna Breitenbach, Rick Minnick, Shirley Clark, Johnny McKee, Sherry Brown, Marilyn Waters, Mike Monahan, Joyce Gage-Colbert Powell, Marty Morelli, Marie Kupenski, Kristy Gatlin, Debbie Bradley, Kelly Richardson Roberts, Scott Mick, Kendall Shults' brother, Bob Carter, Lauren Snowden, Dorothy Gustafson, Darryl Sinclair, Willie White, Jim Bray, Rob Epp, Kade Warner, Gail Davis, Jaime Patterson, Madelyn Wehr, Cathy Joy, Rhonda Ward, Flora Overstreet, Pam Timmons, Asher Houston, Jacob Bayless, Mary Beth Gilliland, Teal Esmeyer, Bobby Barker

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

Sunday March 9

FAVORITES

YOUTH SUNDAY

RUMMAGE SALE

March 29

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

by appointment - no adult clothing

Contact Staci or Karen for information

BENEFITTING JAMAICA MISSION TEAM

Join us on the YouVersion Bible App!

YouVersion Reading Plan - March & April					
Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan	Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Mar	Unoffendable	5 Days	1-Apr	Hunger and Thirst	3 Days
2-Mar	Unoffendable	5 Days	2-Apr	Hungry for God	3 Days
3-Mar	Unoffendable	5 Days	3-Apr	Hungry for God	3 Days
4-Mar	Unoffendable	5 Days	4-Apr	Hungry for God	3 Days
5-Mar	Unoffendable/Ashes to Ash	5 Days/6 Days	5-Apr	Fear Not - God is With You	5 Days
6-Mar	Ashes to Ash	6 Days	6-Apr	Fear Not - God is With You	5 Days
7-Mar	Ashes to Ash	6 Days	7-Apr	Fear Not - God is With You	5 Days
8-Mar	Ashes to Ash	6 Days	8-Apr	Fear Not - God is With You	5 Days
9-Mar	Ashes to Ash	6 Days	9-Apr	Fear Not - God is With You	5 Days
10-Mar	Ashes to Ash	6 Days	10-Apr	The Lord is Faithful	3 Days
11-Mar	The 7 Last Words of Christ	7 Days	11-Apr	The Lord is Faithful	3 Days
12-Mar	The 7 Last Words of Christ	7 Days	12-Apr	The Lord is Faithful	3 Days
13-Mar	The 7 Last Words of Christ	7 Days	13-Apr	The last Words of Jesus	6 Days
14-Mar	The 7 Last Words of Christ	7 Days	14-Apr	The last Words of Jesus	6 Days
15-Mar	The 7 Last Words of Christ	7 Days	15-Apr	The last Words of Jesus	6 Days
16-Mar	The 7 Last Words of Christ	7 Days	16-Apr	The last Words of Jesus	6 Days
17-Mar	The 7 Last Words of Christ	7 Days	17-Apr	The last Words of Jesus	6 Days
18-Mar	Roses in the Desert	5 Days	18-Apr	The last Words of Jesus	6 Days
19-Mar	Roses in the Desert	5 Days	19-Apr	Celebrating Easter	5 Days
20-Mar	Roses in the Desert	5 Days	20-Apr	Celebrating Easter	5 Days
21-Mar	Roses in the Desert	5 Days	21-Apr	Celebrating Easter	5 Days
22-Mar	Roses in the Desert	5 Days	22-Apr	Celebrating Easter	5 Days
23-Mar	Draw Nigh to God	7 Days	23-Apr	Celebrating Easter	5 Days
24-Mar	Draw Nigh to God	7 Days	24-Apr	Serving Others	7 Days
25-Mar	Draw Nigh to God	7 Days	25-Apr	Serving Others	7 Days
26-Mar	Draw Nigh to God	7 Days	26-Apr	Serving Others	7 Days
27-Mar	Draw Nigh to God	7 Days	27-Apr	Serving Others	7 Days
28-Mar	Draw Nigh to God	7 Days	28-Apr	Serving Others	7 Days
29-Mar	Draw Nigh to God	7 Days	29-Apr	Serving Others	7 Days
30-Mar	Hunger and Thirst	3 Days	30-Apr	Serving Others	7 Days
31-Mar	Hunger and Thirst	3 Days			



Lucky Bingo is this Sunday! We will do Lucky Bingo in conjunction with our March 1st Sunday Luncheon after church. We will be having soup and sandwiches. Contact Karen Allen at karenkallen1@gmail.com if you would like to bring a soup. We also need \$5 gift cards to use for prizes if you would like to donate a gift card! We look forward to a lot of fun and fellowship and hope you will invite a friend!

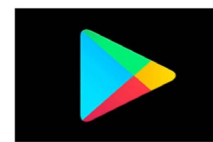
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If you have an iPhone



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.

Young Adults Gathering

DID SOMEONE SAY PIZZA?

MARCH 2

All 20-Somethings are invited!

6 P.M.

Dan's Pizza
121 E. Waterloo

Stay up-to-date with FCC!

If you currently receive the monthly mailed copy of The Tie That Binds and would like to switch to the digital version of our weekly News & Events, please contact Shana in the church office at fccguthrie.office@gmail.com

FCC Dinner Groups

Our FCC Dinner Groups have been meeting in January and February. This is a great opportunity for fellowship. If you're interested in joining a

dinner group, please contact Karen Allen at karenallen1@gmail.com.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to Property Team Leader John Allen for tackling several projects over the last couple weeks, including sink and plumbing repairs in the Reception Hall bathrooms, changing out lighting in the main nursery classroom, and power washing the entryways following the ice and snow. We appreciate our team leaders and all they do behind the scenes!

If you see something in the building that needs attention, please let a staff member know or reach out to John to get it on the list for repair. Our next workday will be Oct. 5 following the first Sunday luncheon. We appreciate everyone who has stayed for the work days and helped brighten up our church property!



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

@ Twin Cedars, 1 Twin Cedar Lane, Guthrie

June 16-18 For those completing 2nd & 3rd grades

June 16-20 For those completing 4th - 12th grades

Cost for 2nd & 3rd graders \$165

Cost for 4th - 12th graders \$320

REGISTRATION & \$25 DEPOSIT DUE APRIL 15

(FINAL PAYMENT DUE JUNE 1)



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