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Notes from Pastor Ronnie - Celebrate Easter with Us!

Easter is right around the corner—and I hope you'll join us as we celebrate the best news ever: **Jesus is alive!**

Our Easter Sunday service is at **10:30 a.m. on April 20**, and it's always one of my favorite days of the year. We'll gather to worship, to celebrate the resurrection, and to remember that even when life feels heavy or uncertain, **God's love has the final word.** It's a great day to invite someone to church—friends, neighbors, family—all are welcome.

We've also got a couple of other special things coming up during this season:

- Pastor's Class** – We'll meet **April 2 & 9 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.** It's a time for kids and youth to ask questions, explore their faith, and talk about what it means to follow Jesus.
- Prayer Vigil** – On **April 17 and 18 from 6 p.m. – 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. - Noon.**, the church will be open for anyone who wants to come by to pray and reflect during Holy Week. You can sign up for a specific time or just drop in.

This season of Lent is all about preparing our hearts—and Easter is the joyful reminder that **there's always hope on the other side of the struggle.**

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Ronnie

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LAUNDRY

Love

**This
Sunday!**

**Bring
your
quarters**



If you want to help deliver donations on April 12, please contact the church office

Kid Min



Spring is here! We are quickly moving into the next season as we continue to prepare our hearts for Easter. Palm Sunday is April 13, and Easter is April 20! We can't wait to celebrate Jesus' resurrection with our families! On Palm Sunday, we will have our palm processional with the kids entering the sanctuary waving palm branches and shouting praises of Hosannah to start the worship service that morning, so make plans to be here early that day if your child wants to participate in that. More info to come on the specifics of Palm Sunday in the next few days. Easter Sunday will of course be extra special, and we will have special Easter lessons, activities, and games in each of our KidMin classes that day too!

Another ministry opportunity you may want to mark your calendars for is Pastor's Class for our 4th graders and older students who may be starting to ask those big faith questions that might be leading into their decision of Baptism. Those classes will be held after school on Wednesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 9. Please contact me, Pastor Ronnie or Karen to discuss further if your child has expressed readiness for Pastor's Class.

Also, don't forget to save the date for Vacation Bible School this summer - June 2 through 5! This year, we are hosting it a week earlier than we usually do, so make sure to make a note of the earlier start date! And don't forget to register for summer camp! The registration link can be found online on our website, in the Kids @ FCC Facebook group and your email should have a link to sign up there too! Registrations and \$25 deposit are due April 15! Friends are welcome to attend too!

APRIL what we're teaching this month

Spring is the season for new beginnings! Whether you're cleaning out parts of your home or watching the flowers bloom in your garden, it's a time for new life and growth. Like a good gardener, Jesus wanted to help cultivate the seeds of faith in his friends so they could all grow closer to God. In this 4-week series, kids will learn all about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as he sowed the seeds of new life in the world. Kids will discover that God sent Jesus to save us, Jesus understands when we're hurting, makes all things new, and connects us to God.

MEMORY VERSE:



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to find out more



Keeping Up With Karen



Easter is coming! Hopefully you are preparing for that exciting Sunday as we journey through Lent. Ronnie's sermon series, "Famous Last Words," has been fantastic and if you haven't caught the first two sermons, take a moment to get on our Facebook page (First Christian Church of Guthrie) or our website (www.fccguthrie.org) and get caught up! It will be time well spent. It is so powerful to think about the last words Christ spoke as he was on the cross and paying a debt he did not owe. I can't even fathom what it would have been like to be at the cross that day. I have been watching a video series on the YouVersion app called "8 Day Video Bible Plan" that features 2-3 minute videos of the journey to the cross. Monday's video showed how Jesus was beaten and whipped and made to carry his own cross. It showed how the crown of thorns was placed on his head and those that ridiculed him. Then, in one short clip, it shows his mother standing in the background watching it all happen. For whatever reason, in that moment, I just sat there thinking "what would I have done?" As a mother to two boys, I can't even fathom watching all that happening and having to allow it. For my son to walk the path to the cross and be accused of things that he never did. Those days between Palm Sunday and the resurrection must have been excruciating for those closest to Him.

This Easter, you are going to have an opportunity to fully embrace the emotions of Holy Week. We will end Palm Sunday's service (April 13) in a special way that prepares us for the journey to the cross. On Thursday and Friday, we will have the sanctuary open for a Prayer Vigil. If you have never participated in a Prayer Vigil, this is a time where the sanctuary will be open for prayer. You can sign up for a 30-minute time slot or just drop by and spend time praying quietly in Sanctuary. There will be an Elder or Pastor on duty in the entryway so you are not alone in the building. There will be a few stations to visit if you wish including communion and a few other meaningful activities. We will have music playing softly to help you focus. You can do the activities or just simply sit in silence and meditate/pray. In the past, I have had people tell me that this is one of the most powerful times they have experienced in their faith. I hope you will consider signing up for a time slot or stopping by and experience time alone with God.

A FEW OTHER THINGS...

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday we will have a Rummage Sale to benefit our Mission Trip to Jamaica. The trip attendees will be working the sale to earn money toward the cost of their trip. Each participant is paying \$2,000 to go on the trip, where they will serve from July 5-12 in the St. Mary Parish. We will also have a Bake Sale to help benefit attendees. If you can bring an item for us to sell, that would be great! We will need them by Thursday at 3 p.m. Please make plans to come and shop to support our youth and adults who are traveling this Summer.

Last but not least, the deadline for Summer Camp is approaching. If you have a student who will complete 1st-12th grades this school year, we would love to have them join our Camp! It will be June 16-20 (June 16-18 for those who have completed 2nd and 3rd grade).

Hope to see you during the next few weeks as we gear up for Easter and Summer!

God Bless, *Karen*

FCC Youth

(Jr High & High School Students)

Spring is here and the youth had an opportunity to take a break from spring break with a lock-in! Thank you Wayne Elder, Chrissy Benton and Ronnie Fields for your help! Several youth attended and played Volleyball, Pickleball, Air hockey, Basketball, Toggle, Sardines, Capture the Flag and Throw-up (it's a game, not an illness). We ate lots of snacks, pizza and cookies. At midnight we took a break to pray together and explore what it means to "break" = rest and refocus on God and how to work that into our daily lives. Wonder how that "break" time is goin?

What's next?

Pastor's Class: Wednesdays, 4/2 & 4/9 at 3:30 (sign up now!) Can't make these days but want to know how to get baptized? Just ask!

Youth Extra: Sunday, 4/6 during Worship

Church Camp fundraiser - Spaghetti Lunch: 4/6 after church, by donation

Youth Lunch: 4/13 at 11:45 am at Braums (meet there or text Staci for a ride) Bring \$5

Church Camp registration & \$25 due: 4/15 (sign up now!) We need a couple more people to make the JH group possible and a few more to make the HS group! Yes, you can bring friends. Questions about it? Just ask!

89er Food Booth: Saturday, 4/19 during parade.

HAPPY EASTER! 4/20

Youth dinner: 4/30 at 5:15-6:15 at C&C Eatery. Come & Go. Bring \$5

The latest news from Mother's Day Out:



Break flew by and now Spring is officially here. We are so excited for the warmer weather and sunshine. This month we will be in Full Bloom as we study from the Gospels on Easter. April we will also be learning about Spring and doing Spring Crafts as well as spending as much time as possible on the playground.

We are counting down the days of the Spring semester. Summer will be here soon! Please contact me ASAP if you want in for our summer program, we only have a few spots left.

~ Samantha



Birthdays

This week!

MARCH

27 – Mitchell Biggs
Wanda Harrigan
T.J. Wilson
Livi Johnston

28 – Kim Crick
29 – Garrett Reece
Linda Pingel

30 – Kacie Carey
31 – Ken Wilkerson

APRIL

1 – Taylor Schroder
Lesley Cotton

Prayer Requests

Our Love & Sympathy go out to: Holly Evers and family in the death of her stepdad, Jim Bray; Patsy Crick and family in the death of her daughter-in-law, Candace Crick

We pray for our church family: Mike Simpson, KC Griffin, Bill Bowles, James Johnston, Gene Wagoner, Steve Ochs, Gene Owen, Mike Carey, Diana Dewart, Ruth Underwood, Anna Frey, Jerry Ball, Lydia Gates, Rylea Cowart, Arnold Burkett, Dennis 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: Those recovering from the wildfires and our first responders and their families, Family of Charlotte Mitchell, Family of Blessing Farson, Caroline Steeveld, Billy Wayne Simmons, Bobby Sexton Family, John Minnich, Amelia Valentino, Harriet Black, Kendra Kragh-Raymer, Angela Anderson, Lexy Carothers, Tania Porter, JD Inda, Donna Breitenbach, Shirley Clark, Johnny McKee, Sherry Brown, Marilyn Waters, Joyce Gage-Colbert Powell, Kristy Gatlin, Kelly Richardson Roberts, Kendall Shults' brother, Lauren Snowden, Darryl Sinclair, Willie White, Rob Epp, Kade Warner, Gail Davis, Madelyn Wehr, Cathy Joy, Rhonda Ward, Flora Overstreet, Pam Timmons, Asher Houston, Mary Beth Gilliland, Teal Esmeyer, Bobby Barker

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

RUMMAGE & BAKE GOODS SALE

March 29

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

by appointment - no adult clothing

Contact Staci or Karen for information

BENEFITTING 2025 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			

Upcoming Events for All

We can't believe it's almost April! Before you know it, Easter will be here! Make sure you checkout some of the connection opportunities coming up!

On Easter Sunday, we will be having donuts in the Reception Hall from 10-10:25. Come eat breakfast while fellowshiping with church family and visitors!

Ladies, on May 3, you won't want to miss out on our next women's event! We will be gathering at the Tippy Artist! The event starts at 2 p.m.. There will be several options/templates for painting. You DON'T have to be a painter to come. Templates are provided and she is very good at helping make your painting look like it was done by a professional! You can buy tickets online at the Tippy Artist website, or bring your money to the church and we will purchase them for you. The cost is \$30. Please notify Jana or the church if you will be coming so we can know how many seats to save by each other and how many snacks to bring. Please have tickets purchased by April 20 so we can have a good idea of how many will be attending.

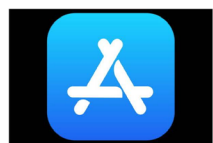
On May 4, we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo early with a taco bar after church! The cost is \$5 per person with a family max of \$20 per family. Following the luncheon, we will be having a men's Cornhole Tournament! Be watching for more info and for signups!

Our next Connections Team meeting will be April 8 at 5:30 in the choir room. Come join us!

Jana Frey and Jan Bayless
Connections Team Co- Leaders

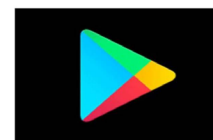
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(all other phones)



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.

SAY A LITTLE PRAYER

Lenten Prayer Vigil

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
THROUGH FRIDAY, APRIL 18

6 P.M. - 1 A.M. & 5 A.M. - NOON

FCC Attendance

March 23 – 164

Average March Attendance – 179

Cookie Ministry

Our Cookie Delivery for the month of April will be Friday, April 11, 2025. We are moving our delivery up one week due to Easter Weekend and 89's Weekend being the 3rd week.

We are so very thankful for the wonderful cookie bakers and cookie delivery crew for all their help in this opportunity to reach out to our church family and others in the community.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office at 405-282-4080.

Blessing Box Needs

April's Food Pantry "item of the month" is to bring "kid foods." Some ideas that would be

perfect for the food pantry are:

- Individual Mac and Cheese
- Ravioli's
- Spaghetti's
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Applesauce
- Granola Bars
- Ind. Gummies
- Cheez It's
- Nutri Grain Bars

Our food pantry is located at: 1402 E. Cleveland. You are welcome to drop off items there or bring them to the church and Sadie Porter will take them to the pantry.

OK Disciples Foundation Grants!

We are thrilled to have received 2 grants from the OK Disciples Foundation! These grants will help offset the expenses related to Kidventure and Vacation Bible School. Thank you ODF!



CAMP BELIEVE IT

FCC Summer Camp - Scan for camper details!

**SPAGHETTI LUNCH
SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISER
Sunday, April 6**

Please join us for lunch on April 6 immediately after worship for a delicious lunch put on by campers and their families to help raise funds for their camp fees!
The cost of lunch is by donation
(Recommended \$5 per person or \$20 per family)



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)



SIGN UP AT: WWW.FCCGUTHRIE.ORG

Questions?

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