



The Tie That Binds

First Christian Church, Guthrie

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Sharing Christ, Growing in Faith

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie

Faith Family Night begins March 22

We are excited to launch Faith Family Night on Sunday, March 22. This is a new opportunity for fellowship, food, and Bible study for everyone. We will begin with a light snack supper from 5 to 6 p.m. A donation is requested to help offset the cost. From 6 to 7 p.m., we will have Bible study for all ages, including groups for Kindergarten-3rd, 4th-6th, 7th-12th, and an adult class. A nursery will also be provided. We hope to add more classes and more variety over time. There is something for everyone, and we would love to see your whole family there.

Reception Hall remodel update

Our Reception Hall remodel is about to begin within the next couple of weeks. Once construction starts, the Reception Hall will be unusable for 4 to 6 weeks. The crew will access the space from the south entry so we can keep construction traffic out of the rest of the building as much as possible. Please bear with us and show grace through the process as we find temporary places to store items that were previously located in and around the Reception Hall. Thank you for your patience and support as we improve a space that serves fellowship and hospitality.

Pastor's Class: Preparing for Baptism

Spring is a wonderful season of new beginnings, and we are excited to offer Pastor's Class this March for anyone who feels ready to take the next step in their faith journey! Pastor's Class is a two-session class designed to walk you through the basics of our Christian faith, what God does for us and what we commit to in return. Think of it as a foundation-builder: a time to ask questions, explore what you believe, and prepare your heart for baptism. This class is open primarily to students in 5th grade and above, though if you have a 4th grader you feel is ready, we would love to have them join us as well!

The sessions will be held on March 24 and March 31 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Attendance at both sessions is required. Following the completion of the class, Baptism Sunday is set for April 12, which is a beautiful way to celebrate new life in the Easter season! If your student is interested in participating, please reach out to the church office so we can get you registered. This is one of the most meaningful steps a person can take in their walk with Christ, and we would be honored to walk alongside you through it. Call the office to sign up! (405-282-4080) Questions? Don't hesitate to contact Pastor Ronnie directly. We can't wait to see what God does this spring!

Ronnie

2026

Lenten Lunches

MEAL SERVED AT 11:30
SPEAKER BEGINS AT NOON

- Feb. 18 - First United Presbyterian Church
- Feb. 25 - Guthrie Christian Church
- March 4 - Noble Avenue Baptist Church
- March 11 - First Christian Church
- March 18 - First Baptist Church
- March 25 - Community Church
- April 1 - Trinity Episcopal Church

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GUTHRIE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE



2026 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY • MARCH 6-7

Prayer

We pray for our church family: KC Griffin (procedure 2/27), Jamie Pena (surgery 3/2), Gene Owen (surgery 3/6), Treva Seals, Linda Griffin, Robert Dewart, Hank Hubbard, Dennis Lynch, Mike Carey, Nicole Linker, Phil Pingel, Ally Carey, Marie Lynch, Bill Bowles, Yancey Family, Bobby Davison, Anna Frey, Sarah Schlueter, Denise Shoun, James Johnston, Steve Ochs, Diana Dewart

Our church family currently in rehab/assisted living/nursing home: Cynthia Baker, Dorothy Smith, Jane Weeks, Ruth Underwood

We pray for our friends and family members: Trapper Griffin, Ted Knowland, Kari Reece, Michelle Beam, Jacob Davis, McCoy Paulk, Rodney Myers, Scarlett Koenke, Deborah Hutchison, Edna Hellman, Barbara Sanchez, Randy Goodnow, Debbie Bradley, Ed Hacker, Gary Bailey, Levi McMellian, Brandy Carey, Missy Lansdowne, Melvin and Barbara Leathers, Margaret Eldridge, Dale Owen, Ed Stevenson & family, Pam Timmons, Mike Damron, Gail Davis, Janell Loesch, Patty Bradley, Patsy Schull, Amelia Valentino, Harriet Black, Lexy Carothers, Johnny McKee, Kristy Gatlin, Kade Warner, Madelyn Wehr, Cathy Joy, Flora Overstreet, Asher Houston, Mary Beth Gilliland, Teal Esmeyer

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, Garrett Canning, Brent Walton, Connor and Megan Neyen

Birthdays this week

February

- 24 - Bobby Davison
- 25 - Helen Welch
- 26 - Janet Hudson
Rodney Stewart
- 27 - Ty Biggs

March

- 1 - Dennis Lynch
Brian Pierson
- 2 - Ron Fields



No Anniversaries this week

Birthdays and anniversaries are listed for the upcoming week. If your information is missing, please contact the church office.

Text "GIVE" to 405-645-6070 to donated to FCC Guthrie

Keeping Up With Karen

We are rolling right into Lent with a full schedule and several exciting things happening around FCC. If you haven't heard – the Reception Hall (room across from the Sanctuary) is about to have a major overhaul. This has been a project that has been put off for decades... yes, decades. The Reception Hall was our former sanctuary 30-plus years ago. When we moved to our “new” sanctuary (in 1989) minor renovations were done on the “old” sanctuary to make it “usable” space. As time has worn on, it has gotten worn out. In our Design Team Planning Meetings that began last year, we listed the uses for the room as we considered how to “revamp” and “freshen” it up. The list of uses filled an entire wall. The room has been “well-loved.”

As we prepare for construction, we are charged with clearing out the storage spaces at the south end of the Reception Hall as well as the coffee bar and the storage in the hallway on the east side that leads into the Sanctuary. So WE NEED YOUR HELP! **This Saturday, (Feb. 28) beginning at 10 a.m. we will be relocating things and removing things we no longer need. We need ALL HANDS ON DECK!** “Many hands make light work” is so true. Even if you can only come for 30 minutes, please stop by and help! This project will benefit all of us in the years to come! We will finish clearing things out on Sunday, March 1 after our Potluck and Lucky Bingo.

Speaking of Sunday's luncheon, we still need food! If you didn't get a chance to sign up to bring something, there are still millions of options available; by millions, I mean “it's a potluck so bring whatever you wish to share! Actually... hold that thought! I heard some of the youth brought dried grasshoppers to put on Wayne's Pizza on Sunday afternoon. You can keep the dried grasshoppers at home. Feel free to bring whatever other FOOD you would like! Right now, we seem to have plenty of desserts but could use more salads, vegetables, finger foods, or kid foods! The church will provide drinks and paperware. We invite everyone to stay and play Lucky Bingo after lunch! Bingo will begin at noon and end by 1 p.m.

Also, coming up in March, we will be hosting the Lenten Lunch on March 11. I will have a sign-up on Sunday for those who can help. We will purchase fried chicken and have side dishes. If you are interested in bringing a side item or a dessert, please let me know. We will begin serving at 11:30 a.m., and the lunch will end by 1 p.m. We will begin prepping around 9:30 a.m. that day. Due to the Reception Hall Renovation, we will host the dinner downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. You can text or call me (405) 615-2240 to be a part of Lenten Lunch!

Hope to see each of you on Saturday as we make way for renovation! It's an exciting time to be a part of FCC!

In Christ's Love, *Karen*

Mother's Day Out



RECAP

January and February have been a blast! We've partied for a bunch of student birthdays and even a couple of teacher ones. Plus, we've soaked up some gorgeous sunny days outside.

Other notes

Get ready for a whimsical whirlwind! Kicking off March, we'll dive into Dr. Seuss week with all the zany rhymes you can handle. Then, we'll leap into spring and chase leprechauns during St. Patrick's Day festivities in week two. Hold onto your hats for week three—it's Spring Break! Finally, we'll wrap up week four in style with PJ Day and some classic PB&J for lunch. Let the fun begin!

WORD OF WONDER: From 2 Corinthians 5:17 " Jesus makes us new."

Amazon Wish List



upcoming events

- Mar. 3: Scholastic orders due
- Mar. 17 & 19: NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- Mar. 26: PB&J Day



Outreach Opportunities



Our Outreach ministry continues to make a meaningful impact in our community, and we are excited to share several updates and upcoming opportunities to get involved.

Laundry Love was a wonderful success, made even more special by the participation of our youth. It was a blessing to see them serve and help meet practical needs in our community. We will continue collecting loose change offerings to support School Support initiatives and other outreach efforts, such as laundry love, in the months ahead.

We are also thrilled to announce that, through a recently received grant, we will be adding a third Blessing Box location. The new box will soon be displayed in our entryway before being installed at its new site. Grant funds will also help stock it with food. As we continue this ministry, we kindly ask for donations of nonperishable food items, feminine hygiene products, and can openers to help keep all of our Blessing Boxes supplied and accessible.

Looking ahead, be sure to watch for information about our local Wings of Hope Mother's Day needs drive coming up in April. This will be another opportunity to show love and support to mothers in our community.

We are also partnering with the Oklahoma Blood Institute for a blood drive on June 14th. If you have ideas or suggestions for additional outreach opportunities, please let Wayne or Carissa know. Your input is always welcome!

Wayne Elder & Carissa Redman, Outreach Team Leaders

Let's Connect!

We are excited to share that we've been hard at work planning new events and activities designed to help our church family grow closer together. One of our main goals this season is to create more opportunities for families and kids to connect, build friendships, and have fun. We believe that strong connections strengthen our entire church community, and we can't wait to roll out these new opportunities in the coming months. Mark your calendars for Lucky Bingo on Sunday, March 1, right after church! This will be a fun and festive time for all ages to enjoy together. We'll also be hosting a potluck lunch that day, so bring a favorite dish to share and plan to stay for food, fellowship, and plenty of laughs. If you have a heart for helping people feel welcome and connected, we would love for you to join us at our next Connections Team meeting on March 10 at 5 PM. We are always looking for new ideas and fresh perspectives as we find creative ways to connect with both new and longtime church members. Your voice and ideas matter! Thank you for being such an important part of our church family. We look forward to seeing you at Lucky Bingo and hope to see many of you at our upcoming meeting!

Blessings,

Jan Bayless & Brittany Torres



Balcony Cleanout

Saturday, February 28
10 a.m.

All are invited to help us prepare for the Reception Hall redesign.

All of this must be sorted and moved for the renovation and rummage sale!





Snapshots of Faith & Fun



Sunday Lesson

God's Big Story

Jesus HEALS Jairus' Daughter

Mark 5

NOW THAT'S A
MIRACLE!

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Is Powerful

SCRIPTURE: Mark 5

GOD'S BIG STORY: When two people seek Jesus for help, He heals a woman with bleeding and raises a girl from the dead. Jesus is powerful!

WORD OF WONDER: How great God is! We'll never completely understand Him. —Job 36:26a

Are you ready for an

ADVENTURE?

FCC SUMMER CAMP 2026



June 15 - 18

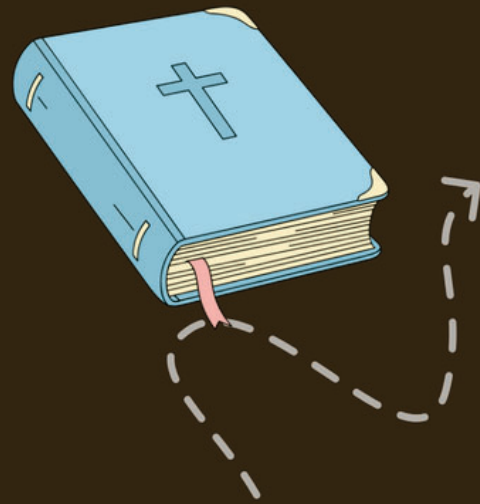
Camp is for all kids who have completed 2nd - 12th grades - invite your friends!

Can you guess this year's theme?

Text your guess to
405-412-6365

Our theme will be revealed on
March 15

There's a prize if anyone gets it right!



RUMMAGE SALE

BENEFITTING SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

March 27-29

402 E. Noble
Guthrie, OK 73044

Donations will be accepted at the church March 25 & 26

Items can be scheduled for pick up if needed- call the church for arrangements 405-282-4080



Furniture & Décor - Tools & Outdoor Gear - Children's Clothes, Accessories - Toys, Books & Games - Kitchen & Home Items

FCC YOUTH

Serving Schedule

Scripture Reader

March 1 Emmett Hardin
March 8 Gabby Bench
March 15 Hadley Timmons
March 22 Ally Carey
March 29 Bailey Hardin

Junior Deacons

Kenzie Mays & Hadley Timmons
Anna Stevens & Avery Schroder
Lily Rechlin & John Rechlin
Aiden Hardin & Max Fields
Joci Fogle & Gabby Bench

FCC YOUTH

Upcoming Events

MARCH 1ST	MARCH 8TH	MARCH 14TH
YOUTH ROOM WORK DAY After Lucky Bingo Help make the Youth room ours! Clean Organize Plan 3rd Floor	YOUTH ROOM WORK DAY PART 2 @ 5:00 It's a BIG job - but somebody has got to do it! It is going to look so good when it is done! 3rd Floor	WINTER JAM \$20 tickets for the first 20 to sign up - 9 tickets remain! Additional tickets are available for \$20

Get involved!

Join our FCC YOUTH apps to get the latest updates!

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Youth Mission Trip to Kansas City

Our youth mission trip to Kansas City is coming up June 27 through July 2. The cost is \$315 per person and includes almost everything, including housing, most meals, transportation, and even some fun and entertainment along the way. Students will only need extra money for a few meals. This trip is open to all junior high and high school students and is a great way to serve, grow in faith, and build friendships. There will also be fundraiser opportunities, including the Rummage Sale and Spaghetti fundraiser.

Youth Parent Meetings

We are hosting two youth parent meetings to talk about the future of our youth ministry. These meetings are for all parents of current youth and future youth, including 4th through 6th grade families. You can choose the date that works best for you: Sunday, March 29 at 4:30 pm or Sunday, April 12 at 12:30 pm. We want your input and would love to have you there.



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Join us on the YouVersion Bible App!

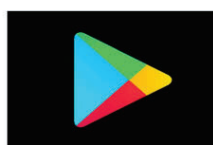
YouVersion Reading Plan - March, April, May 2026						
Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan		Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Mar	Power to Heal	5 Days		16-Apr	A Recklessly Extravagant Love	5 Days
2-Mar	Power to Heal	5 Days		17-Apr	A Recklessly Extravagant Love	5 Days
3-Mar	Power to Heal	5 Days		18-Apr	A Recklessly Extravagant Love	5 Days
4-Mar	Power to Heal	5 Days		19-Apr	Truth in the Dirt	5 Days
5-Mar	Power to Heal	5 Days		20-Apr	Truth in the Dirt	5 Days
6-Mar	Speak to my Heart, Jesus	5 Days		21-Apr	Truth in the Dirt	5 Days
7-Mar	Speak to my Heart, Jesus	5 Days		22-Apr	Truth in the Dirt	5 Days
8-Mar	Speak to my Heart, Jesus	5 Days		23-Apr	Truth in the Dirt	5 Days
9-Mar	Speak to my Heart, Jesus	5 Days		24-Apr	Use Your Power for Good	7 Days
10-Mar	Speak to my Heart, Jesus	5 Days		25-Apr	Use Your Power for Good	7 Days
11-Mar	5 Prayers of Humility	5 Days		26-Apr	Use Your Power for Good	7 Days
12-Mar	5 Prayers of Humility	5 Days		27-Apr	Use Your Power for Good	7 Days
13-Mar	5 Prayers of Humility	5 Days		28-Apr	Use Your Power for Good	7 Days
14-Mar	5 Prayers of Humility	5 Days		29-Apr	Use Your Power for Good	7 Days
15-Mar	5 Prayers of Humility	5 Days		30-Apr	Use Your Power for Good	7 Days
16-Mar	Broken Crayons Still Color	5 Days		May 1	God Fights For Us	7 Days
17-Mar	Broken Crayons Still Color	5 Days		May 2	God Fights For Us	7 Days
18-Mar	Broken Crayons Still Color	5 Days		May 3	God Fights For Us	7 Days
19-Mar	Broken Crayons Still Color	5 Days		May 4	God Fights For Us	7 Days
20-Mar	Broken Crayons Still Color	5 Days		May 5	God Fights For Us	7 Days
21-Mar	The Supremacy of Love	7 Days		May 6	God Fights For Us	7 Days
22-Mar	The Supremacy of Love	7 Days		May 7	God Fights For Us	7 Days
23-Mar	The Supremacy of Love	7 Days		May 8	White Knuckles - Trust God	5 Days
24-Mar	The Supremacy of Love	7 Days		May 9	White Knuckles - Trust God	5 Days
25-Mar	The Supremacy of Love	7 Days		May 10	White Knuckles - Trust God	5 Days
26-Mar	The Supremacy of Love	7 Days		May 11	White Knuckles - Trust God	5 Days
27-Mar	The Supremacy of Love	7 Days		May 12	White Knuckles - Trust God	5 Days
28-Mar	The Palm Sunday Pressure	5 Days		May 13	Start At The Finish	5 Days
29-Mar	The Palm Sunday Pressure	5 Days		May 14	Start At The Finish	5 Days
30-Mar	The Palm Sunday Pressure	5 Days		May 15	Start At The Finish	5 Days
31-Mar	The Palm Sunday Pressure	5 Days		May 16	Start At The Finish	5 Days
1-Apr	The Palm Sunday Pressure	5 Days		May 17	Start At The Finish	5 Days
2-Apr	Why Easter	5 Days		May 18	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
3-Apr	Why Easter	5 Days		May 19	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
4-Apr	Why Easter	5 Days		May 20	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
5-Apr	Why Easter	5 Days		May 21	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
6-Apr	Why Easter	5 Days		May 22	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
7-Apr	Resurrection	7 Days		May 23	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
8-Apr	Resurrection	7 Days		May 24	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
9-Apr	Resurrection	7 Days		May 25	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
10-Apr	Resurrection	7 Days		May 26	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
11-Apr	Resurrection	7 Days		May 27	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
12-Apr	Resurrection	7 Days		May 28	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
13-Apr	Resurrection	7 Days		May 29	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
14-Apr	A Recklessly Extravagant Love	5 Days		May 30	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days
15-Apr	A Recklessly Extravagant Love	5 Days		May 31	Unlimited Relationship	14 Days

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.