



The Tie That Binds

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Sharing Christ, Growing in Faith

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Notes from Pastor Ronnie

Holy Week is here!

On Thursday, April 2 at 6 pm, we will gather for a Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service. Tenebrae simply means “darkness” or “shadows.” It is a quiet, meaningful service that helps us remember the final hours of Jesus’ life as we move toward the cross. If you have never experienced one before, this would be a good year to come.

Then after Easter, we will begin a new sermon series called “The God I Don’t Believe In.” This series is built around a simple but important idea: many people have rejected a version of God they were right to reject. The invitation of this series is to look again at the God we see in Jesus. As the line goes from my notes, “You might be rejecting the right God.”

We will spend five weeks looking at some of the false pictures of God that have wounded people, pushed people away, or simply do not hold up when placed next to Jesus. My hope is that this series will be honest, healing, and deeply invitational. It will also be a great series to invite a friend to!

I hope you will join us as we move through Holy Week and then into this important new season together.

Grace and peace, *Ronnie*



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Who are you inviting to sit with you this Easter?

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
Romans 15:7

Board Meeting

Our next Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 26 following worship. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend if you are part of our church leadership.

Family Faith Night Update

Family Faith Night is not a one time event. It is now a weekly opportunity for food, fellowship, and Bible study for all ages.

We will resume Sunday, April 12 from 5 to 7 pm and continue each Sunday through May 3, then take a short break before starting again in June. We will still have a snack supper, so if you can help provide food, please sign up or let the Karen know. We will be posting a menu this week!

Because attendance has been so strong, we are also planning to begin offering short-term classes alongside "The Chosen" study. These classes may include topics like grief, parenting, and women's studies as interest allows. Most of these classes will run about four to five weeks at a time. We are excited to keep building on this strong start.

This week's Birthdays

March

30 - Kacie Carey

31 - Ken Wilkerson

April

1 - Lesley Cotton

Taylor Schroder

2 - Andrea Stevens

4 - Debi Shore

Anniversaries

April

2 - Paul & Christie Fincher

Personnel

Committee Updates

The Personnel Committee will meet again on April 9 to review personnel policies. Once the policy is finalized, it will be reviewed by legal counsel and then presented to our church Board.



Shirley Powell

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Baptism Sunday

We are excited to celebrate Baptism Sunday for several of our students on Sunday, April 12. Baptism is always a special moment in the life of the church, and I hope you will be here to support and celebrate with these young people and their families as they take this important step of faith.

Prayer

Our love and sympathy are extended to the family of Shirley Powell, who died on Monday. Services are Friday, April 3 at 1 p.m in the Sanctuary.

Preparing for surgery: Jamie Johnston (Wednesday, April 1 @ OK Heart Hospital)
Sarah Schlueter (Wed., April 1 @ Integris I-35)

We pray for our church family: Gavin Shults, Crystal Vassar, Gene Owen, KC Griffin, Nolan Crick, Dennis and Marie Lynch, Mike Carey, Nicole Linker, Phil Pingel, 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: Family of Lynn Marvel, Ronny Joe Nelson, Dawn Low, Nevaah Lay's aunt Tie, Michael Wamsley, Sarah Anderson's neighbor Ashley, Steve Fields, Terry Holcomb, Ted Knowland, Kari Reece, Michelle Beam, Jacob Davis, Rodney Myers, Scarlett Koenke, Deborah Hutchison, Edna Hellman, Barbara Sanchez, Randy Goodnow, Ed Hacker, Gary Bailey, Levi McMellian, Brandy Carey, Missy Lansdowne, 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

Keeping Up With Karen

It has been such a crazy, busy time as we go full force into Spring, but I hope you are finding time to breathe in the moments of Lent, especially as we settle into Holy Week. I hope as you see “winks” from God of where He is moving and what He is doing in our lives and the lives of those around us. Most of all I hope you are taking time to soak in His presence.

I have been working hard at “being still” during the Lenten period. I have made intentional efforts to spend quiet time and be alone in a space that is just for me and God. It’s something that is so hard for me to do consistently, as I feel pulled in many directions, but I have learned that most things I have on my “to do” list can wait.

PRAYER VIGIL

If you haven’t signed up to be a part of the 24-hour Prayer Vigil, I invite you to do that this week. It’s a wonderful time to reflect and pray. You can come to the church sanctuary and enjoy the quietness of the space, or you can pray from home. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

RUMMAGE SALE

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Rummage Sale this past weekend. We had tons of donations and lots of shoppers. The leftover items were donated to “Helping Community Paws and Claws” for a fundraiser to raise money for spay/neutering animals in Logan County. We raised more than \$2,000!! The proceeds from the sale will benefit our Summer Camp program. Reminder: If you haven’t signed up for Camp, registration and a deposit of \$25 is due April 1.

NEW KITCHEN OVENS/STOVES and ICE MACHINE!

A couple weeks ago, we found out we had a gas leak in our decade’s old oven and stoves in the downstairs kitchen. These units are used regularly to cook meals for events within the church and outside the church. It was advised that repairing the leak would likely cost a lot of money and the age of the appliances really doesn’t dictate repair. With that, I started a “GoFundme” on Friday just to see if we could garner some interest from those who have benefited from meals cooked at FCC over the past 50-plus years. To my amazement, people came through and fully funded the project in just four days!

The same week the ovens went down, our ice machine that is 17 years old, also quit in the downstairs kitchen. So, we added that amount to what was needed and it too has been funded! I am so thankful for the gracious people who have donated. If, by chance, we have extra funds over and above the amount, we will be looking at options to replace the ovens in the upstairs kitchen as well. Those ovens have not cooked correctly in years, varying temperatures by anywhere from 10-15 degrees – sometimes too hot, sometimes not warm enough with no indication of which way it will go until your food is either burnt or taking forever. We would love to end up with enough to replace those as well. I will keep you posted on the progress of the projects but for now, I am so thankful for all of those who gave! If you are interested in helping fund the upstairs kitchen ovens, we would love to have you give directly to the “oven/kitchen fund.”

I hope each of you feel as blessed as I do in this final week of Lent. God is faithful and I look forward to celebrating the resurrection this Sunday!

God Bless, *Karen*

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Outreach Opportunities



John 13 tells us "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him."

Jesus taught us that He did not come to be served but to serve. You as a church continue to follow that model every day and we would like to say "Thank you". We will be wrapping up the push to fill our newest "Blessing Box" on Easter Sunday. If you have forgotten there is still time! For April, we will have a drive for Wings of Hope. In May, we are working with the Worship Team to offer a night of Gospel Music in the Sanctuary. More details to follow. We are always looking for new ways to serve the needs of this community and welcome anyone who would like to help! If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please let us know.

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Wings of Hope

Starting in April, we will have a Wings of Hope tree in entry way with colorful butterflies, colored by our children, that have suggested items that are needed in Logan County.

On April 19th, Wings of Hope will come to speak about their organization along with the services & impacts in the community.

We will end this on Mother's Day, May 10th, in honor of all moms whether or not they have utilized services or not.

COLLECTION OF WELCOME BASKETS OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS & SELF CARE KITS:

- ✂ Paper towels
- ✂ Cleaning wipes
- ✂ Sponges
- ✂ Toilet paper
- ✂ Air fresheners
- ✂ Hand towels
- ✂ Self care kits
- ✂ Gas cards (minimum of \$10)
- ✂ Socks (all sizes)
- ✂ Non-perishable food
- ✂ Hairbrushes
- ✂ Tampons and pads (all sizes)
- ✂ Deodorant (travel size is fine)
- ✂ Bags (can be backpacks, draw string, small make up/toiletry bags)

Saved by Grace,
Wayne Elder and Carissa Redman

Youth Mission Trip to Kansas City

Our youth mission trip to Kansas City is coming up **June 27 through July 2**. The cost is **\$150 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. Contact Pastor Ronnie to sign up!

Deposit of \$25 is due April 15.



FCC Youth KANSAS CITY SUMMER MISSION TRIP \$150 \$25 DEPOSIT DUE APRIL 1 CONTACT PASTOR RONNIE TO SIGN UP KC Royals

YOUTH SERVING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Scripture Reader

Junior Deacons

April 5 Aiden Hardin
April 12 Taylor Schroder
April 19 Max Fields
April 26 Taylor Mays

Max Fields & Daelon Rice
Hadley Henning & Avery Schroder
Savannah Schlueter & Abigail Simpson
Kenzie Mays & Hadley Timmons

We're Hiring!

INTERIM YOUTH MINISTER

Leading students in 7th-12th grades

Build relationships with students

Encourage students

Small group leader

Please send your resume to:
fccguthrie.office@gmail.com

Contact the church office for the full job description

HEY! WE NEED YOUR INPUT

Youth Parent Meeting

All parents of current youth and future youth are invited to a Youth Parent Meeting on Sunday, April 12 at 12:30 pm. This meeting is a chance to talk about the future of the youth ministry, share ideas, and hear what is ahead. We would love your help and input as we move forward.

Vacation Bible School



Exploring The Nature of God

July 13 - 16



It's time to sign up for

Summer Camp

Deposits are due April 1!



SUMMER CAMP 2026
June 15 - 18
 For students completing
 2nd - 12th grades

\$165 for 2nd & 3rd graders (June 15 & 16)
 \$320 for 4th - 12th graders *June 15-18)

SIGN UP TODAY

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NEWSLETTER

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

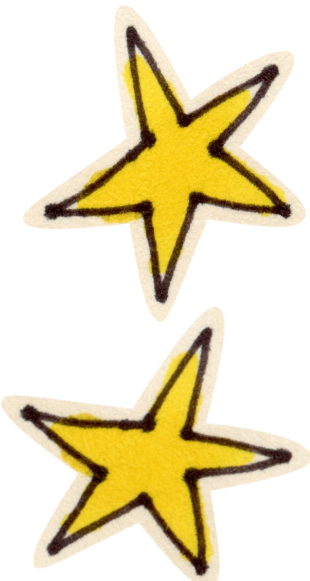
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New Room - UPDATE

We will be moving again – yes, I know it's been a lot of moving lately – but we're excited to finally give the children a space of their own!

Our Kids Ministry will now be located downstairs in the small classroom on the north side of the building. We truly believe this will create a better, more focused environment for the kids to learn and grow.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we make this transition!



UPCOMING EVENTS

* Pastor's Class – Session 2

March 31, 2026

Learn about Baptism and discover what it means to follow Jesus.

Sunday Ministry Leader

Deanna Davenport

Andrea Stevens



PALM SUNDAY!

Hosanna! Hosanna!

The children had so much fun waving palms as we celebrated the beginning of Holy Week. We will have several meaningful opportunities to prepare your heart and mind for Easter. Join us and invite a friend or neighbor!

- **Wednesday** - 6 p.m. - "I Can Only Imagine 2" (Showing in the Sanctuary)
- **Thursday** - 6 p.m. - Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)
- **Friday** - 24 hour prayer vigil (Sanctuary or at home).



Join us!

NOW SHOWING... "I CAN ONLY IMAGINE 2"

Come watch the Sequel!

JOIN US ON ...

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Feel free to bring drinks and snacks!



CINEMA

Reception Hall Revamp

SNEAK PEAK



Pastor's Class!

We have five students attending Pastor's Class. It is an exciting time to be exploring faith with these young students.



Thank you OK Disciples Foundation!

Thank you to the OK Disciples Foundation for our 2026 grants! We received 3 grants from the Foundation - *"Picture This!"* to assist with updated photo backdrops for our special services, *"All In For Baptisms"* to support our baptism ministry with t-shirts and journals for those who are baptized and *"Arrows of Faith"* for our Children's Ministries curriculum and take-aways.

This year marks the Foundation's 10th year of grant funding. It also marks the highest amount of grant funds available (\$241,140.55) and the largest number of grant applications (125), requesting more than \$578,000 in funding.

We appreciate the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation and the support they give to First Christian Church of Guthrie!

Mother's Day Out

RECAP

March was a masterpiece month! 🌸 We gave the Ladybugs classroom a fresh coat of paint. Now, every class looks as inviting as a cozy nook, and I'm over the moon about it!



Other notes

We're basking in gratitude for Mr. Sun and crossing our fingers for lots of sunny days ahead! With the Reception Hall getting a facelift, our wiggle room is a bit tight. This month, we're diving deep into Jesus's sacrifice & discovering the true meaning of Easter. As we hop further into the month, we'll shift gears to celebrate Planet Earth & all things Earth Day. Plus, we're jazzing things up with a brand-new enrollment & communications program to bring our tech game to the next level!

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

Amazon Wish List



upcoming events

- April 2: Easter Parties & Egg Hunt
- 7: Scholastic orders due
- April 14: PJ Day
- April 23: Pancake Day



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