



FCC News & Events

First Christian Church, Guthrie

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First Christian Church of Guthrie

Sharing Christ, Growing in Faith

May 19, 2026

From the Pastor's Desk:

This Sunday, May 24, is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the day we remember the Holy Spirit being poured out on the early church in Acts 2 (and John 20). It is sometimes called the birthday of the Church because it marks the moment when the followers of Jesus were sent out with power, courage, and purpose to share the good news.

It is a good reminder that the Church was never meant to sit still. The Spirit of God moves us out into the world with love, hope, and service.

That makes it a perfect time to look ahead to an exciting summer for our students. Church camp is June 15-18, and it will be full of fun, friendship, worship, and spiritual growth. Camp has a way of helping students step away from the noise of everyday life and experience God in a meaningful way.

Then our youth will head to Kansas City from June 27-July 2 for their mission trip. They will serve, learn, grow, and build memories together. I am excited for all God is going to do in and through our students this summer.

Please be praying for our kids, youth, adult leaders, and families as we head into this season. God is moving, and I am grateful we get to be part of it.

Grace and peace,

Ronnie

**UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**

**We were excited to have the
Reception Hall temporarily open!**

We know there are still some updates and “punch list” items,
but we wanted to share this space
for the celebrations this past weekend.





Class of 2026



Zach Allen



Max Fields



Joci Fogle



Luke Lyons



Holden Ingram



Taylor Mays



Brayden Peña



Brianna Powell



Lily Rechlin



Gracie Shults



Ella Tontz



Owen Wilder

We also celebrate with Hannah Ross, who graduated from the University of Oklahoma on Sunday.

ANOTHER BLESSING BOX!

We are excited to sponsor a
3rd Blessing Box in Guthrie!

This box is located at 509 W. Oklahoma.

Thank you to:

God. Always start
there. Paul and Curtis
Ketch for building our
blessing box, Jerry
Caughman and Khloe
and Kayden Torres for
painting it, Shana Bench for applying for
the grant, and Karen Allen for staying on
Wayne to get it hung up. 😊



Birthdays

MAY

- 19 - Blakely Smith
- 21 - Marie Lynch
Paige O'Connell
- 22 - Shana Fields
Gene Wagoner
- 24 - Tom Hudson
- 26 - Tom Holtz

Anniversaries

MAY

- 19 - Jamie & Stacey Johnston
- 20 - Jake & Shannon Doles
- 21 - Gregg & Rikki Gumerson
- 23 - Sam & Sherry Porter

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

Prayer

We pray for our church family: Gavin Shults, Macey Lee, Lydia Gates, Sarah Schlueter, Gene Owen, KC Griffin, Nolan Crick, Dennis Lynch, Mike Carey, Nicole Linker, Phil Pingel, Marie Lynch, Anna Frey, Denise Shoun, 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: Benji Mower, Larry Nagel, Stef Fortney, Marian Couey, Cordell Wiley, Herman Foust, Julie Cook, Tom Crawford, Ronny Joe Nelson, Dawn Low, Michael Wamsley, Steve Fields, Terry Holcomb, Michelle Beam, Jacob Davis, Rodney Myers, Scarlett Koenke, Deborah Hutchison, Edna Hellman, Barbara Sanchez, Randy Goodnow, 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 Machtloff, Bonnie Epperson, Jonah Friese, Matt Byce, Braxton Canning, Nate Ames, Garrett Canning, Brent Walton, Connor and Megan Neyen

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Guthrie

Keeping Up With Karen

We did it! We survived graduation week and Zach's senior year. I use the term "WE" because I am confident without the support of my church family it would have been a much more difficult year. I truly appreciate the love and support that has been poured out on him and the entire 2026 graduating class. Zach has grown up in this church, as have many others, and he is loved by many and for me, as a mom, there is no greater joy than when others express their support for your child.

I was so appreciative of all of our seniors on Sunday who were willing to share about their faith and what their next steps are in life. When you hear them share, you are reminded that we have a hope and a future that is bright beyond anything we can imagine. I know the road won't always be smooth for all of them, but I am grateful that they have their faith to turn back to and to carry them through. As I shared on Sunday, "You don't have to be perfect, you just have to keep trying. Never quit." So, thank you for loving our family, for extending grace when we needed this past year as we jumped through all the hoops of Senior year, and for being a safe place for our students to learn and grow.

In other news... I have some very exciting news to debut in today's News and Events. I am bringing back the Branson trip! So many have asked the past two and a half years if we will ever go back to Branson and the answer is YES! I have been working on putting together a trip that is fun and includes a few things that have been suggested over the years. This will be our 11th trip! In today's newsletter you can see a full itinerary. I will caution that the price has increased but as you know, everything has increased in the world. The largest increase was in transportation, which has nearly doubled to take the chartered bus, but I can assure you that there is not a better option I'd choose when traveling with a group.

If you have never been on a Branson trip, you really should entertain going. It is for all adults, no matter your age. It is not just for retirees but also isn't for children or youth. We spend a lot of time eating, playing, watching shows, shopping, and laughing! This trip is coming up fast as I have planned it as a Fall trip and I hope for cool weather but not cold weather. We will travel Oct. 5-8 and will see 6 shows, including "David" at Sight and Sound Theater. It has been on stage for over a year and I know many have wanted to see it. October 2026 is the last month it will be in Branson, so we are catching it before it "retires."

Cost for the trip varies by which type of hotel room you would like. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express, which features an amazing breakfast and is centrally located. We will also have a couple of new things including a tram ride at Dogwood Canyon Nature Park, a cinema show titled "Walk where Jesus walked," mini-golf option, and time to fellowship and rest at the hotel. Feedback on some of the past surveys have indicated that the group would like a little more down time so that has been added in but also matched up with activities for those who want to remain "on the go."

Pricing is: \$975/person (2 guests/room), \$1212/person (single room), \$900/person (triple occupancy room), and \$865 (4 guests). It has taken me some time to get the trip together so the first deposit is coming up quickly on June 21. That is the deadline for the first payment and to let us know you're going. We will need a minimum of 22 people to make the trip break-even and to get the best seats they still have available.

I hope you have a wonderful week! See you Sunday! *Karen*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Register today!



July 13 - 16

Pre-order your VBS shirt by July 1 for \$15

VBS is for children ages 4 years through those who have completed 5th grade.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Volunteers Needed!



July 13 - 16



FOR CHRIST
FCC GUTHRIE CAMP 2026

Volunteers Needed

June 15-18



We need a few more daytime volunteers
← for CAMP
and lots of volunteers for VBS!



It's not a goodbye,
It's a *See You Later*

Reception honoring

Michael, Cambrea
and Bronson Johnson

Sunday, May 31

Worship at 10:30 a.m.
Reception to follow

Please join the worship committee in celebrating Michael, Cambrea, and Bronson Johnson, May 31 after the Sunday morning service. We wish them well on their move to Arkansas and will miss them greatly! Finger foods and cake will be available in the reception hall. Sign-ups are in the entryway. Let us know what finger food you will bring to share. A money tree will be available as a token of appreciation to Michael, if you would like to show your gratitude to him and his family.



FREE!

**FCC YOUTH
BREAKFAST**
AT
Braums

7th - 12th graders

6:15 - 7:40 AM

MAY 21, 2026

Good food. Good Friends. and good Fellowship.

YOUTH SERVING SCHEDULE

May 24
May 31

Scripture Reader

Emmet Hardin
Ethan Cotton

Junior Deacons

Daelon Rice & Max Fields
Charlie Hooper & Colten Stevens

Youth In Faith

May 2026




Join Us:

Can't wait to see everyone on your last day of school.

May 21st

**FREE BRAUMS
BREAKFAST**

 **6:15-7:40AM**

**Mission Trip Fees
Due - June 1, 2026**

June 27 - July 2

**SUMMER MISSION
TRIP- KANSAS CITY**

Lance Blasier
Interim Youth Minister
fccguthrieyouth@gmail.com

FCC YOUTH

This summer we're planning an exciting lineup of activities designed to bring everyone together, build friendships, grow in faith, serve our community, and make lasting memories. We'll kick things off with a fun Car Wash fundraiser where everyone can work together, raise support for upcoming events and projects, and enjoy a great day outside connecting with one another. We're also planning an energetic Color War packed with games, team activities, laughter, and plenty of color as everyone enjoys a day full of fun and fellowship. For those who love adventure and being outdoors, we'll have a Pond Hopping event featuring outdoor activities, teamwork, and opportunities for everyone to enjoy time together throughout the day.

In addition to all the fun events, we also want to spend part of the summer giving back through several Local Mission Projects where we can serve people in our community, encourage others, and make a positive impact through acts of kindness and service. These projects will give everyone an opportunity to grow closer together while living out our faith in practical ways. Throughout the summer, we also want to spend intentional time in worship, prayer, and Scripture as we grow closer to God and encourage one another in our walk with Christ.

We'll also host a relaxed Cookout and Volleyball Night at my house with food, games, worship, music, devotionals, and plenty of time to simply hang out and enjoy each other's company. Whether we're serving, worshiping, laughing, studying Scripture, or spending time together, every event is meant to strengthen friendships, encourage fellowship, and create meaningful experiences throughout the summer. Overall, this summer is shaping up to be an incredible season full of fun, fellowship, service, worship, spiritual growth, laughter, and unforgettable memories for everyone involved.

A Week Full of Celebrations!





CAMP VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP!

We need daytime volunteers.



If you were unable to attend Promotions Sunday, I will have your Bibles available this Sunday during service. Please reach out if you have any questions or need to make other arrangements.

Join us on the YouVersion Bible App!

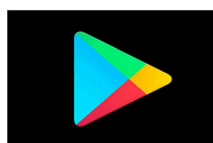
YouVersion Reading Plan - March, April, May 2026						
Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan		Date	YouVersion Plan	Length of Plan
1-Mar	Power to Heal	5 Days		16-Apr	A Recklessly Extravagant Love	5 Days
2-Mar	Power to Heal	5 Days		17-Apr	A Recklessly Extravagant Love	5 Days
3-Mar	Power to Heal	5 Days		18-Apr	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.



BRANSON 2026

FCC's 11th Trip to Branson!

"Sightseeing and Shows (and a little shopping)"

Oct. 5-8 (Monday-Thursday)

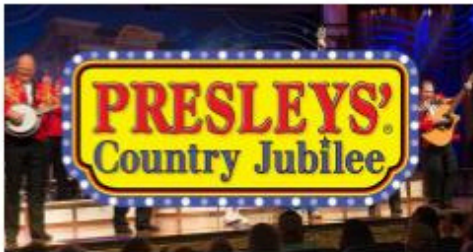
4 days, 3 nights

- Holiday Inn Express, Branson, Mo. (Continental Breakfast Daily, opens 6:30 a.m.)
- Price includes: 6 Shows, 4 meals (including lunch at Lamberts, all breakfasts and transportation included)
- Village Tours and Travel Bus line

Cost is \$975/person (2 guests/room), \$1212/person (single room), \$900/person (triple occupancy room).

- NOTE: "Trip Insurance" is available for \$76.95 per person (Non-Refundable). Trip insurance allows for cancellation up to 72 business hours prior to group's arrival. Any change after 72 hours are non-refundable.

Monday, October 5



- 7:45 a.m. – Depart **First Christian Church**, Guthrie, OK
- noon – **"Cracker Barrel"** Lunch in Joplin (lunch on your own)
- 3 p.m. – Arrive at **"Holiday Inn Express"** Branson
- 4:15 p.m. – **Tanger Outlets Shopping** (will adjust time depending on when we arrive)
- 6:30 p.m. – **Dinner at Psaghetti's Restaurant**
- 8 p.m. – **Presley's Jubilee**

Tuesday, October 6

- 8:30 a.m. — **Dogwood Canyon Nature Park/Nature Tram**
- 11 a.m. — **Lunch @ Smokehouse Lunch Buffet**
- 1 p.m. — **Hotel Break or go to the "Walk Where Jesus Walked Show."** (\$25/person, 70-minutes show)
- 3 p.m. — Hotel Break or shopping at **The Landing**
- 6 p.m. — **Dinner at Paula Deen's Family Kitchen** - Family style dinner at the Landing
- 8 p.m. — **Hamner's Unbelievable Variety**



Wednesday, October 7

- 9:15 a.m. – Group Picture outside hotel
- 10 a.m. — **Neil Diamond Tribute**
- 12:30 p.m. — **Grand Village Shoppes and Lunch on Your Own (Mel's Diner)**
- 3:30 p.m. — **"David"** - preferred tickets at Sight and Sound Theater
- 6:45 p.m. – **Grand Country Buffet Dinner**
- 8 p.m. - **Option for Mini Golf (\$13/person or back to the Hotel) or back to the Hotel**

Thursday, October 8

- Shopping at the **Amish Store**
- 10 a.m. – **Clay Cooper's Country Show**
- 12:45 p.m. – Lunch at **Lambert's Café** (included in package)



DEADLINE for RESERVATION AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

1st Payment: \$200 Due – June 21 • 2nd Payment: \$200 Due – July 19 • 3rd Payment: \$200 Due – Aug. 16

• Final Payment Due: Sept. 1

Call Karen Allen @ 282-4080 with questions.