



Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share

# The Duncan Christian



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## Wednesday UNite Menu for April 10 Prepared by Team Losurdo



- Soft Taco's or Taco Salad
- Corn
- Dessert



Our Kids Unite classes studied the Parable about the Prodigal Son, on April 3rd.

We watched a short movie and then read our Bibles about the parable. Before class, we made a 'pig pen' with blocks. We put small slips of paper talking about the sins the prodigal son had committed into the balloons. The kids drew pig faces on the balloons and placed them in the pen, and then the fun began. Each child had a straight pin and got to 'pop a pig'. They then read the piece of paper in the pig and discussed its meaning. There was a lot of squealing from pigs and kids, but they learned the most valuable lesson: that no matter our sins, our Father will welcome us home, forgive us, and rejoice with us! What a beautiful lesson!

Bonnie and Becky



## The Amen Corner

### “Super Secret Carpet Committee”

While serving a church in Enid, OK I learned there was a secret committee, their job was the impossible task of filtering out every opinion to come up with a carpet color that made sense for our Sanctuary. It was a large room able to seat 600 people easily. It had cathedral ceilings and nearly no windows. The Sanctuary was a dark space without artificial lighting. This Secret Committee was selected, went shopping and had the power to make decisions that the whole worshipping congregation had to accept.

The church gave up their old 1970's gold carpet, for a deep red carpet that hid grape juice stains in 2004.

That Super Secret Carpet Committee offended so many people. Everyone (seemingly) complained for the next 5 years about the dark color of the carpet. The funny thing to me, at least in my goofy sense of humor, no one knows who served on that secret committee. Everyone who served on it has taken a vow of absolute secrecy. Someday the church may need to buy carpet again and they may indeed need to do their work again.

I tell you that story because I have seen the consequences of secret committees making choices that the rest of the church has to tolerate and in some cases those choices cause people to exit the church. This is the ground work for a larger conversation, something that I will be writing to you over the next couple weeks. Stay tuned!

Peace, Rev. John Wheeler

Post Script: Meet with us on May 1, at Wednesday UNite for an Open Table discussion. Your voice matters!



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

### April 14–20

14 Charles Young Sr.  
15 Charles Young Jr.  
16 Vicki Vermedahl  
Connie Schreiner  
17 Linda Hooker  
19 Fran Boyd  
Terry Snider  
Anthony Scott

19 Richard & Marlana Williams  
20 Robert & Rita O'Kelley

## CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

“The Good Shepherd and the Wolf”

Bonnie Ross & Jeanne O'Neill Losurdo

Dear Church Family we are in need of teachers and helpers for Worship and Wonder if you see a date you can help please call Blake at the office and have her schedule you in.

Teachers are needed for April 21, May 19, June 30.

Helpers are needed for April 21, 28, May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 30

When you sign up if you need further assistance finding the lesson please contact Sally Wheeler or Bonnie Ross.

### Email Prayer Chain

If you have an immediate prayer request, please contact the church office. With permission, and minimal details, an email will go out from the church office notifying those on that list at the same time.

If you would like to sign up for this prayer chain email list, please let Blake in the office know.

580-255-6116

blake@fccduncan.com

If you would like to receive the Duncan Christian Newsletter via email, please contact Blake in the church office. If you must have the newsletter via mail, you will have to call and sign up. Thank you

580-255-6116 blake@fccduncan.com

# thank you

Dear church family,

Darryl and I would like to thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards and text we received when our nephew passed away. The way everyone helped: teaching Worship and Wonder, taking over the Ross cook team, and organizing the Kids UNite Easter Party was such a wonderful gift. We couldn't have made it through this time without such wonderful people.

Thank you,

Darryl & Bonnie

Thank you to the Sew Much Love group for my blanket. It means a lot to me and is very much appreciated!

Kimber Painton



## WALK AGAINST ABUSE

Join us on April 20th, as we raise awareness & show support for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, teen dating violence and child abuse.

### WHAT

Fundraiser to support Safe Center and to raise awareness about domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, teen dating violence, and child abuse in Stephens and Jefferson County.

### WHEN

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Check In: 8:30-9:30am  
Walk Begins: 9:30am  
Program and Awards to follow

### WHERE

Check In at the Stephens County Courthouse. The walk will begin and end at the courthouse. We will travel through the Main Street Duncan car show!

### TO REGISTER

To register please complete the attached registration form and return it to:

By Phone: (580) 252-5324

By Email: mmocurley@safecenter.info

By Mail: PO Box 555, Duncan, OK 73534

Online:



### AWARDS

Best/Fun Dressed  
Youngest Participant  
Oldest Participant  
Most Team Members  
Top Donor

### DEADLINES

To guarantee t-shirt by the day of the walk April 1, 2024

### WHO ARE WE?

Safe Center is a crisis intervention program that provides assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and child abuse in Stephens and Jefferson County. The Safe Center serves around 450 clients and receives approximately 800 crisis calls per year. Individuals served are often in danger of serious injury, or fleeing an unsafe situation at the hands of their abuser.

## COMING EVENTS

April 10-20

### Wednesday, April 10

Kids UNite—Gathering Hall	4:00 PM
Wednesday UNite Meal—Gathering Hall	5:30 PM
FCC Youth—Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Practice	7:00 PM

### Sunday, April 14

Worship Service—Sanctuary	9:30 AM
Sunday School	10:30 AM

### Monday, April 15

Girl Scouts 9434	7:00 PM
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### Tuesday, April 16

Girl Scouts—Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
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### Wednesday, April 17

Kids UNite—Gathering Hall	4:00 PM
Wednesday UNite Meal—Gathering Hall	5:30 PM
FCC Youth—Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Practice	7:00 PM

### Thursday, April 18

Disciple Women	9:30 AM
Property Meeting—Gathering Hall	7:00 PM

To provide flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, to the Glory of God, etc. Call the Church Office. 580-255-6116.

April 14, 28

May 5, 19, 26

June 2, 9, 16, 23

Altar  
Flowers



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**Nursing Home/  
Assisted Living**

Jane Aldridge – Villagio of OKC  
 Esther Coker Bolding – Canoe Brook  
 Pat Elam – Canoe Brook  
 Linda Hooker–Elk Crossing  
 Bettye Hunt–Wilkins  
 Jackie Van Alstine – St. Simeon’s  
 Judy Shaw–Chisholm Trail  
 Angie Randolph–Wilkins

**God’s Love...it’s Cookin’!**  
 April 17 – Team Bowman

**STAFF OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Senior Pastor	Rev. John Wheeler
Staff Secretary	Blake Roquet
Business Secretary	Chelsey Gideon
Organist	Patty Jennings
Choir Director	Kevin Zinn
A.V. Manager	David Spears & Alan Toler
Head Custodian	Frank Timmins
Custodian	Jeffrey Alvarado
Daycare Director	Audrea Clark
Daycare Programs Manager	Tosha Matheny
Nursery Director	Lacey Myers

**9:30 AM – WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE  
Sunday, April 14, 2024  
Sanctuary**

**Sermon**

“We Are...We Must”  
 1 John 3: 1–7

**Scripture Reader**

Ross Hutson

**Serving Elders**

Sharon Burum  
 Randy Burum

**Serving Deacons**

Head Deacon: Dana Askins  
 Kathy Monkress  
 Kay Herndon  
 Ross Hutson

**Greeters**

Narthex: Dana Askins

Gathering Hall: Carroll Eastin

**Communion Preparation**

Sharon Burum

**Communion Clean-Up**

Dana Askins

**Assistant Treasurer**

Rita O’Kelley



Scotty Elliott  
 Bettye Hunt  
 Alice Smith  
 Rod Smith  
 Reba Ford  
 Todd Scott  
 Gerad Boyer  
 Gilbert Hutson  
 Aaron Vermedahl  
 Charles Young  
 Charlie Hays  
 Cecilia Richey  
 Dorothy Alvarado  
 Luke Wheeler  
 Angie Randolph  
 Gene & Jo Fuller  
 Patty Jennings  
 Neta Johnston  
 Bob Jones

Steve Bolt – *Son of Gene & Jo Fuller*  
 Sharlotte Campbell – *Cousin of*

*Gloria Hetherington*

Paula Sue Hightower – *Mother of Joy Galloway*  
 Bob McGlothin - *Family of Bennie & Joan Drake*  
 Scotty Cannaday–*Son of Karl & Kathy Jacobs*

April 7, 2024	
9:30 AM Worship	81
Nursery	
Online Attendance	218
Total Worship Attendance	299
Sunday School Attendance	

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