

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



The Duncan Christian



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Wednesday, July 1, 2026

*Thank you so much to those who
helped us make Kindred
Community Dinner possible!*



Fellowship Time Potluck!

Sunday, July 12th following worship service. Congregation is asked to bring a side or dessert to share!

Reverend Bobby Hawley is the vice president of the South Central Zone of the Christian Church Foundation. His responsibilities include working with members, congregations, regions and other entities of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as a Certified Specialist in Planned Giving (CSPG) and a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). He will preach on Sunday and we can have some questions and answer time during our Fellowship Potluck!

Many blessings, Rev. John Wheeler



July 5 - 11

10 Mark Perry
11 Bill Spice
11 Kimber Painton

07 David & Andrea Moore

COMING EVENTS
July 1 - 11

Sunday, July 5

Worship Service – 9:30 am
Sunday School – 10:30 am

Tuesday, July 7

Memorial Service – Fuller – 2:00 pm

Wednesday, July 8

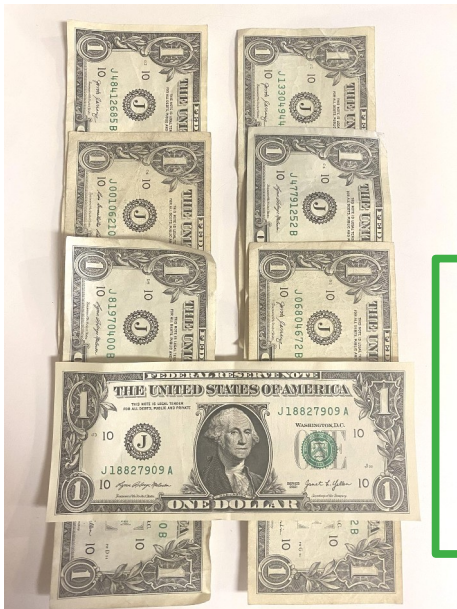
Daycare Luncheon – 10:30 am

Thursday, July 9

Planning Meeting (Worship & Fellowship Team) – 4:00 pm

Sunday, July 12

Worship Service – 9:30 am
Fellowship Potluck – 10:30 am



Remember to save your “J” dollars! This is a fun project for the kids, and we hope to get as many as we can! Thank you.



Benevolent Offering is to be taken this Sunday, July 5th. There is an overwhelming need in our community right now for assistance. Please consider assisting us, as we help our fellow Duncanites!

To my friends who were in church service this morning; I want to apologize for bringing politics into the church service, when I mentioned being all for the Separation of Church and State, lamenting the fact that Texas had crossed that line.

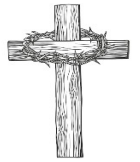
From now on, I will keep my political opinions to myself and zip my lips.

Thanks for hearing me out.

Sincerely,

Kimber Painton

Amen Corner!



Last week you may have noticed the front page of our Duncan Christian showed the progress of our Benevolent Assistance program. This Sunday, July 5, we collect our Benevolent offerings at the door to the Sanctuary. This offering is of vital importance to our community as we seek to help alleviate the suffering of high bills and low funds. You can see that we have helped 47 people with nearly \$5,600 in support, either with emergency shelter, food bags, or (most commonly) utility assistance.

Our benevolence program has been a part of the church's ministry for at least the last hundred years. Early on people would rely on this program to help ends meet when times got tough. One circumstance was a mother having to buy milk for her baby. After borrowing some money from the church she paid the church back after a short time. Today we do not make any arrangements for repayment. We simply entrust that these neighbors, our neighbors, need assistance and are given the help we can provide.

Last year, 2025, we rendered aid to 98 persons, totaling \$10,134. You can see for comparison that this year we are on target to render as much help as we did last year. Perhaps even a bit more.

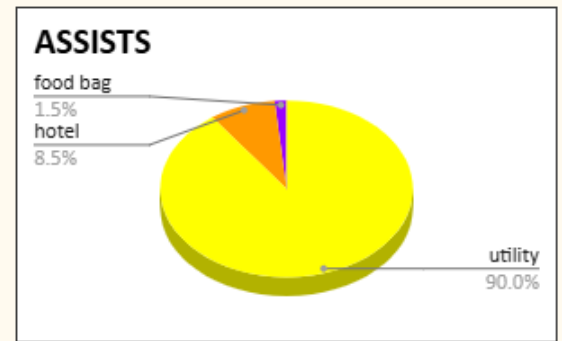
With all this talk of monetary support, I want to assure you that we do not distribute these funds wastefully. We always verify the need of every individual we help. We also limit our assistance to one time a year for each individual, so as to help as many people as possible.

Please consider making a donation on Sunday to allow us to continue making a difference in our community for our neighbors.

Many blessings, Rev. John Wheeler

Next week, July 7, we will host a memorial service for both Gene and Jo Fuller at 2pm. Gene and Jo were members of our congregation for many years. Jo is remembered singing in the choir and serving in the kitchen. Gene was a veteran, soft-spoken, and kind. It would be great to have many of our church members to come and show their support for the family as First Christian Church was a big part of Gene and Jo's lives for many years.

Type of Assist	Total Amount	Total # of Assists
utility	\$5,037.19	39
hotel	\$475.00	6
food bag	\$84.97	2
Total	\$5,597.16	47



Income	Total Amount	Less Assists
donations	\$4,994.39	
interest	\$1.78	
Total	\$4,996.17	-\$600.99

\$1,566.07 Cash Balance

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

"Parable of the Farmer and Seed"
Linda Hutson & Cyndy Spears

Helpers for W & W are needed for:

August 23rd & 30th

Please contact Bonnie Ross if you would like to sign up! Thank you.

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



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Nursing Home/ Assisted Living

Jane Aldridge – Villagio of OKC
 Bettye Hunt – Wilkins
 Scotty Elliott – Elk Crossing
 Janeen Hall – Evergreen Care
 Sandra Emery – Gregston Nursing



Alice Smith
 Todd Scott
 Gerad Boyer
 Gilbert Hutson
 Charlie Hays
 Cecilia Richey
 C.H. Barnes
 Megan Minson
 Cathy Jacobs
 Cynthia Smith
 Karen Scott
 Suzy Bruner
 Linda Craig
 Mary Richards
 Janeen Hall
 Sharleen Johns

Paula Sue Hightower – Mother of Joy Galloway
 Scotty Cannaday – Son of Karl & Cathy Jacobs
 Jennifer Wilkens – Youth member's mother
 Shirley Brown – Family of Larry Culberson
 Anthony Young & Family – Friends of Gayle Jones
 Kaleb Matheny – Son of Tosha Matheny
 Jana Courange – Mother of Kassie Gilmore

9:30 AM – Worship Service Schedule Sunday, July 5, 2026

Sermon & Scripture

“Mercy Awaits”

Matthew 11: 16 – 19, 25 - 30

Scripture Reader

Sally Wheeler

Serving Elders

John Galloway

Arnold Nelson

Serving Deacons

Head Deacon: Eva Spaulding

Tana Calhoun

Luke Wheeler

Chloe Wheeler

Greeters

Narthex: Eva Spaulding

Gathering Hall: Larry Culberson

Communion Preparation

John Galloway

Communion Clean-Up

Eva Spaulding

Assistant Treasurer

Rita O’Kelley

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Senior Pastor	Rev. John Wheeler
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Head Custodian	Frank Timmins
Custodian	Jeffrey Alvarado
Daycare Director	Audrea Clark
Daycare Programs Manager	Tosha Matheny

God’s Love...it’s Cookin’!

July 8 – Team O’Kelley

June 28, 2026

Worship	71
Online Comments	10
Total Attendance	81
Sunday School	

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