



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2021

“Generosity is Contagious”

Commitment Form Deadline: Wednesday, September 30



Dear Church Family,

In a recent sermon, Pastor Nelson spoke of the parable of the five loaves and two fishes from the book of Matthew. A large crowd had followed Jesus to a desolate place. The disciples wanted to send the crowd home or into the cities because they did not have food to feed them. Jesus said “*You do not need to send them away; you give them something to eat.*” The disciples found five loaves of bread and two fish and brought them to Jesus. Jesus blessed the loaves and fish. The crowd of 5,000 was fed and twelve baskets of leftovers were collected.

We also can bring what we have to God and He will bless it. Through His blessing, we can feed and provide for others. The Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider giving. All monetary commitments made by individuals are strictly between them and their Lord. The Stewardship Commitment Forms are available in the Church Office, Narthex, and at the Well. In addition to paper forms, this year we’ve added the convenient option of filling your form out online on our website by going to www.FCCDuncan.com/Stewardship-Commitment.

Sincerely,
Cyndy Spears

Stewardship Team

Bruce Bailey, Trent Cronk, Kassie Gilmore, Richard Herndon, A.L. Hutson (co-chair),
Kelly Nelson, Darryl Ross, Terry Snider (co-chair), Cyndy Spears, & Joe Vermedahl



Wednesday UNite

September 23

Dinner begins at 5:30 PM in the Gathering Hall.

DINNER COST:

Kids through 5th Grade = FREE

Middle/High School = \$5 / Adults = \$7

A “Feed a Friend” Fund has been established to cover the cost of dinner when needed.

Dinner Reservation Deadline: Monday, September 21

Sign up on the attendance sheet on Sunday, call the Church Office, or email: erica@fccduncan.com

PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION IF YOU PLAN TO EAT!

(even if you’re part of the Cook Team preparing the meal)

IF YOU SIGNED UP BUT ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION.

MENU: Hamburgers & Hotdogs

Cook Team: *Disciple Men*

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

Jon Williams & The Coin Toss

Kids UNite – not meeting until further notice

Youth UNite – 6:00 PM

Adults UNite – resumes September 30

ASSISTANT MINISTER RESIGNS

On Sunday, September 13 at the Well, Trevor Evans announced his decision to leave the staff of the First Christian Church. It was decided his departure would be immediate.

Our thanks to Holly Bailey for volunteering to give leadership to our youth. She will do great.

The Well Team will find ongoing leadership for worship at the Well. They will be faithful in offering uplifting messages.

Arnold Nelson is happily available as a pastor to anyone of the Well community as they present any wish for same.

The Well Team, the Elders and the Moderator, Kathy Snider, are moving forward to serve these ministries.

The Amen Corner

I am a disciple of Christ. I'm also a Disciple of Christ and I'm not being redundant. I am persuaded Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the son of the living God, and I try to follow him insofar as I see the way and can muster up the will. This isn't stellar discipleship, so I count heavy of grace. I sleep well. I'm also an intentional member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and whatever our skeletons may be, it's my spiritual home of origin. Some religious communities have credal statements that define who is, and who isn't, on board. Many subscribe to doctrines worked out when the world was flat. We don't. We have slogans such as "No creed but Christ".

Mostly what we have is an ethos, an attitude that typifies what matters to us. Our ethos is strong on the responsibility of the believer to think about what he/she believes and be true to it. Equally important is a determined willingness to let our sister/brother make their own choices as God leads them. Our ethos is one that actively resists being told what to think, what to believe and how to behave. If that means someone seems unscriptural in their thoughts and actions, I'm confident we have a God bigger and broader than we can conceive. We have a way to salvation that isn't a minefield. No one is saved because they're successfully, diligently scriptural, but because God is just that good.

The Disciple ethos works at being inclusive and welcoming to all. About the only thing a person can do to become unwelcome is make someone else feel unwelcome. This is the church I joined long ago. I hope it's the church you joined too.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 20–26

- 20 Colin Cross
Pam Slifer
- 21 Audie Dorrough
Cecilia Richey
- 22 Bill Holden
- 23 Bruce Bailey
- 24 Bryson Gray
- 25 Sydney Henricks
Pat Notley
- 26 Kay Herndon

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- 21 Wes & Maurine Sullivan
 - 24 Ronny & Dianna Morgan

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Children Worship & Wonder will be starting back up soon! Volunteers are needed to lead and assist with bible lessons and worship on Sunday mornings. If you can help, please call Shasta 656-7884.

Thank you!
Shasta Smith

DAYCARE BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 21
5:30 PM
Koinonia Room

CWF YEARBOOKS

The 2020–2021 CWF Yearbooks have been completed! Come by the Church Office to pick up a copy or plan to receive one at your group's September meeting.

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGE
Mary Frances Cox
1309 W. Elder #24
Duncan, OK 73533

Thank You Notes

First Christian Church,

Thank you for your generous donation to our agency. Monetary donations allow Safe Center to better serve our community and help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Your support of our agency's mission is greatly appreciated!

Safe Center Staff

F.O.C.U.S.

Sunday, September 20
5:30 PM

Katherine Rogers's Condo
1309 W. Elder #24

Outside at the Gazebo

RSVP to Katherine at 252-0444 so she can ensure there is enough food!



Help Support the
DHS Football Team!



Volunteers are needed to help feed the Duncan High School Football Team on **Thursday, October 22. Prepping will begin at Noon.** If you'd like to show your support by helping with this dinner, please contact the Church Office at 255-6116.

SUNDAY BULLETINS FOR SANCTUARY WORSHIP NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

www.fccduncan.com/Sunday-Bulletins

You can use it while viewing the service online, or print your own to bring with you to in-person Worship!

Paper copies are now available in the Sanctuary.

!! NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED !!

*Do you enjoy working with children?
Do you enjoy having extra income?*

If you answered 'yes', please come by the Church Office to fill out an application.

Typical workdays are Sunday mornings during Worship and Wednesday evenings during Wednesday UNite.

FCC News & Activities

A-YIP-I-O-E-AY!

- ★ Congratulations to **Dr. Cynthia Savage**, winner of the Deans' Award for Teaching, announced at TCU's virtual Convocation on Tuesday! **Cynthia** is the daughter of **Ron & Debbie Savage**.
- ★ Thank you to **Fran Boyd**, **Ann Loftin**, and **Becky Minson** for their hard work putting the CWF Yearbooks together. You are all appreciated!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 26
9:00 AM
Gathering Hall



Menu: Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Fruit, Coffee, Juice

Speaker: Maddie Bacon,
FCC Daycare Assistant Director

VIRTUAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

"Fixed on Jesus"

Luke 4:18-22a

Saturday, September 26

9:00 AM–12:30 PM

Using video conferencing will be a new way to gather for worship, learning, and business at this year's Regional Assembly! It will include teachings by Rev. April Johnson of Reconciliation Ministry and special guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Nancy Pittman. A Business Meeting will also be held, in which the officers of the Regional Board will present a slate of new officers and other action items.

This year's Regional Assembly is **FREE!** To register, go to www.okdisciples.org, click on **News & Events** then **Event Registration**. After you register, you'll receive instructions on how to join the event.

If you need help registering, please call the Church Office.



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Cancelled until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

September 20–26

Sunday, September 20

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship @ the Well	10:45 AM
F.O.C.U.S., Katherine Rogers's Condo	5:30 PM

Monday, September 21

Daycare Board Meeting, Koinonia Room	5:30 PM
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Tuesday, September 22

Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room	10:00 AM
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Wednesday, September 23

Wednesday UNite

Dinner, Gathering Hall	5:30 PM
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Youth UNite @ the Well	6:00 PM

Saturday, September 26

Men's Breakfast, Gathering Hall	9:00 AM
Virtual Regional Assembly	9:00 AM–12:30 PM

WAYS TO GIVE DURING THE PANDEMIC

◆ ACH (Automatic Deposits)

- ◇ Contact Reba in the Church Office and she can send you a form to fill out and return with a voided check.

◆ Text-to-Give

- ◇ Text the word "GIVE" to 833-868-2068 and follow the instructions.

◆ Mail-In

- ◇ 912 W. Walnut Ave. Duncan, OK 73533
(Attention: Reba Ford)

8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, September 20, 2020
Sanctuary
Sermon
Arnold Nelson
The Opposite of Generosity
Luke 12:16-21
Scripture Reader
Tom Freeman
Communion Prayer
Terry Snider
Serving Deacons
Max Daughtrey
Susan Elliott
Assistant Treasurer
Marty Askins

10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, September 20, 2020
Sanctuary
Sermon
Arnold Nelson
The Opposite of Generosity
Luke 12:16-21
Scripture Reader
John Eubanks
Serving Elders
Communion Prayer:
Beth Cowan
Invocation & Lord's Prayer &
Dedication of Offering:
Vicki Vermedahl
Serving Deacons
Head Deacon: Rachel Morales
Sharon Burum
Linda Guest
Dale Jennings
Assistant Treasurer
Brent Russell

10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, September 20, 2020
Well
Message
Jared Smith
Serving Elder: Darryl Ross
Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

Nursing Home / Assisted Living
Jane Aldridge – Canoe Brook
Sally Anderson – Elk Crossing
Esther Coker Bolding – Canoe Brook
Pat Elam – Canoe Brook
Carlyle & Lynda Galloway – Chisholm Trail
Billie Phagans – Elk Crossing
Carl & Evelyn Slifer – Ashbrook Village
Helen Sullivan – Elk Crossing
Jackie Van Alstine – St. Simeon's Senior Community

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
September 23 – Team Elliott

In Our Prayers
Bob Bailey
Friend of Pat Holloway Dixon
Steve Bolt (battling cancer)
Son of Gene & Jo Fuller
Sharlotte Campbell
Cousin of Gloria Hetherington
Carol Eubanks
Morris Fuller (battling cancer)
Son of Gene & Jo Fuller
Lacey Gray (prayers for a healthy pregnancy)
Doylene Grimm (on Hospice Care)
Sister of Rita O'Kelley
Paula Sue Hightower
Mother of Joy Galloway
Tommy Martindale (starting Chemo)
Friend of Kim & Nan Kimberley
Clement Mpofo
Helen Sullivan (recovering from hip surgery)
Ronnie & Kathy Thompson
Nell Zinn (undergoing back surgery)
Mother of Kevin Zinn

STAFF OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Minister Arnold Nelson, Jr.
Staff Secretary Erica Hancock Bennett
Business Secretary Reba Ford
Organist Patty Jennings
Sanctuary Choir Director Kevin Zinn
A.V. Manager, Sanctuary Richard Herndon
Alyssa Wisdom
A.V. Manager, Well Bruce Bailey
Praise Leader @ the Well Jared Smith
Kitchen Hostess LaDonna Brown
Head Custodian Frank Timmins
Custodian Stephen Stapp
Daycare Director Meranda McClennen
Daycare Assistant Director Maddie Bacon
Daycare Programs Manager Tosha Matheny
Nursery Director Lacey Myers

September 13, 2020
8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 31
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 53
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well 35
Nursery 4
Online Sanctuary Worship 297
Total Worship Attendance 420
General Budget \$ 5,046.58



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