



# The Duncan Christian



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## Trusting In God



### Growing In Faith

Family, a stewardship campaign might be a little bit like a relay race. Runners start with a baton in hand and race around the track, handing off the baton to the next runners until the race is concluded. You are the runners, the baton is the money that you've chosen to hand off. You are trusting your money placed in the offering plate into some one else's hands, God's hands. That money is carried around a bit and passed onto another, keeping lights on, sharing through our benevolence, or meeting needs found in our congregation. The church takes seriously the trust

you have placed in us by sharing your money with us. We do consider it God's money and good stewardship is how we will continue to manage it.

Ultimately, thank you for your trust and involvement in this years Stewardship Campaign. As you know, your pledge allows us to plan for our next calendar year financially. Moving forward, these pledges will allow us to make more ministry happen. We will continue our commitment to supporting children, youth and young families. We will support this congregation with fellowship activities and increasing our visits to nursing homes and assisted living centers. We will maintain this marvelous facility that provides us with comfortable spaces for our meetings, Bible study, and events.

Throughout the campaign we have been reminding ourselves to Trust in God and Grow in Faith. We are doing that every time we offer a blessing in our worship and offering.

Blessings,  
Rev. John Wheeler



# STEWARDS

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## IN ALL SEASONS

## The Amen Corner

A new look at an ancient story

The Queen You Thought You Knew by Rabbi David Fohrman, is a intriguing book about the Jewish people living under the Persian Empire around 480B.C. In the coming weeks I would like to share some excerpts from this book and take a closer look at the deliverance of God's chosen people during the reign of King Xerxes. In the introduction of his book, under the heading "Getting Comfortable With Dissonance" the Rabbi writes these words; "Remember that game you played when you were young, "What's Wrong with this Picture"? There would be a nice forest scene complete with flora, sky, sun and clouds. At first, everything seemed normal. But if you looked closely, you would find things were Askew. There was a toaster plugged into a tree. Or a shadow was out of alignment with the sun." This is the approach that Rabbi Fohrman takes with the book of Esther, looking for the deeper meaning in what may appear at first glance to be out of place. I would like to encourage everyone to read the book of Esther in the coming weeks and look for "the toaster that is plugged into a tree." Here is a clue as we start this short series; the last three chapters have the most "Toasters". I hope you will enjoy this series of articles and hopefully come to know and appreciate Queen Esther even more!

Darryl



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

October 2—8

2 Joyce Spears-Porter  
Anna Stark  
3 Pete Calhoun  
5 Don Weeks  
6 Joyce Russell  
Ed Darling  
John Galloway  
Katherine Burum  
7 David Moore  
Scott Beebe  
Greta Hutson  
8 Jason Smith

02 Gary & Karen Scott

## JOIN OUR TEAM!

**Christians Concerned is looking for volunteers.**

We are looking for individuals to assist clients:

- Week days between 9:00AM-12:00PM or 1:00 PM-3:00PM
- Activities include:
  - answering the phone
  - checking clients in
  - utilizing the computer to seek opportunities to help



Our Mission is to "Help Those In Need"

Our agency provides temporary, emergency assistance to individuals and families in crisis.

If you would like more information on how you can volunteer please contact us at:

Contact info:

Christians Concerned

580.252.9120

cconcerned1969@gmail.com

### 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



Please join us to celebrate

*Abbea Cramton and Gavin Boucher*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.  
COME AND GO

First Christian Church Parlor  
912 W. Walnut Duncan, Oklahoma  
Registered at Amazon, Target and  
Eclectic Echo & Company



Fellowship Time—October 9th

Church Office Closed - October 10th

Fall Break (Duncan) - October 13-18th

Pledges Due! - October 17th

## COMING EVENTS

October 2—8

### Sunday, October 2

Worship Service, Sanctuary

9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Wedding Shower—Gathering Hall

### Wednesday, October 5

Youth Meeting—Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM

Handbell Choir Practice

6:00 PM

Chancel Choir

7:00 PM

### Thursday, October 6

DHS Football Dinner

4:30 PM

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

**Available dates:**

**October 2, 23, 30**

**All of November & December**



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## Nursing Home/ Assisted Living

Jane Aldridge – Villagio of OKC  
 Esther Coker Bolding – Canoe Brook  
 Pat Elam – Canoe Brook  
 Lynda Galloway – Chisholm Trail  
 Linda Hooker – Country Club Care  
 Bettye Hunt–Wilkins  
 Veronica Miranda – Elk Crossing  
 Jackie Van Alstine – St. Simeon's

*God's Love...it's Cookin'!*  
 October 5 – Team Pace

### STAFF OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Senior Pastor	Rev. John Wheeler
Staff Secretary	Blake Roquet
Business Secretary	Erica Hancock
Youth Minister	Will Kelly
Organist	Patty Jennings
Sanctuary Choir Director	Kevin Zinn
A.V. Manager, Sanctuary	David Spears & Alan Toler
Kitchen Hostess	LaDonna Brown
Head Custodian	Frank Timmins
Custodian	Jeffrey Alverado
Daycare Director	Audrea Clark
Daycare Programs Manager	Tosha Matheny
Nursery Director	Lacey Myers

9:30 AM – WORSHIP  
 SERVING SCHEDULE  
 Sunday, October 2, 2022  
 Sanctuary

### Sermon

Rev. John Wheeler  
 "Be Set Free"  
 Luke 13: 10-17

### Scripture Reader

Rita O'Kelley

### Serving Elders

Sharon Burum  
 Beth Cowan

### Serving Deacons

Head Deacon: Susan Elliot  
 Rachel Rhodes  
 Tana Calhoun  
 Cecilia Richey

### Greeters

Narthex: Susan Elliot

Gathering Hall: Suzy Bruner

### Communion Preparation

Sharon Burum

### Communion Clean-Up

Susan Elliot

### Assistant Treasurer

Brent Russell



Scotty Elliott  
 Charles & Bettye Hunt  
 Grace Hutson  
 Kim & Nan Kimberley  
 Alice Smith  
 M.L. Smith  
 Rod Smith  
 Jennifer Steil  
 Charles & Dianne Young  
 Lawrence Herndon

Dr. Jennifer King Blackledge – granddaughter of  
 Cliff King

Steve Bolt – Son of Gene & Jo Fuller

Charlotte Campbell – Cousin of  
 Gloria Hetherington

Paula Sue Hightower – Mother of Joy Galloway

Tyodus Myers – son of Chris & Lacey Myers

Harold Peters – Father of Eva Spaulding

Margie Pickens – Sister of Angie Randolph

September 25, 2022

9:30 AM Worship	73
Nursery	1
Online Attendance	176
Total Worship Attendance	250
Sunday School Attendance	24



## Come to Worship, Nurture, and Share

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