



*Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share*

# The Duncan Christian



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Wednesday, October 1, 2025



**Tonight, October 1st  
Team Ross will serve mild Cajun Chicken Sausage  
Pasta or Beans and Cornbread**

**Wednesday, October 8th:  
Team Craig will serve Taco Pile On!**

**Dinner served at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Hall**



**Please note that this Sunday, October 5th is NOT a potluck! The church will be providing a breakfast brunch, and will not need sides from the congregation. Sorry for the confusion, and we hope to see you all Sunday!**



## **Pastor Appreciation Sunday!**

**We will again be celebrating Pastor John Wheeler at FCC. Please join us this Sunday (Oct 5) for recognition during church and at a breakfast brunch following our church service. Pastor John and his family have been a wonderful addition to our church and we want to honor him on this special Sunday. We will also have a basket for cards. Hope to see you at church and afterwards at our Fellowship brunch!**

## The Amen Corner

The first Sunday in September, we heard Jesus invite us to count the cost of building a tower, found in Luke 14: 28. First you set out the dream to build, then you estimate the cost to build, so much for materials, so much for labor, so much for the permits, the land, the taxes. You get the idea the costs to build something can vary and it is important to know what you are doing before you get there. Now Jesus is really talking about informed consent in following him. He says being his disciple will cost you everything.

What I wanted to share from this example was counting the cost of ministry at First Christian Church in Duncan, OK. If we were to build a tower (we aren't) we would first estimate the cost to see if we can afford to complete it. I have been working on creating a narrative budget for our church. That is to say, telling a story that divulges the expenses of our budget in a broader sense.

When it comes to our worship on a Sunday, there is an expense to opening the building, having grape juice poured, turning on the heat or cooling, and broadcasting our message on the internet. If you can trust my math, to simply staff our worship, prepare bulletins, vacuum the floor, share in music, and prepare a sermon, costs the church every week around \$2,500. Now the Worship Team doesn't have that big of a budget. Those costs are filtered through other accounts, Property, Personnel, and Administrative ministry. You can imagine how come our budget requires so much investment from our church members.

When we think about Education, a very important part of our ministry, the costs might surprise you as well. The snacks, the time, the physical spaces, the paper printed, the Kids Unite, the music rehearsed on Wednesdays, the youth meeting (planned, prayed for, and produced) and Sunday school amount to more than \$1,000 per week.

Many of us might read these numbers and be alarmed. I am proud of the investment our congregation puts into our programming. We do a lot to educate, inform, share, nurture and empower our worship here at First Christian Church. I am grateful for your prayerful support of our ministry and how you join alongside us seeing the benefits of financially supporting our church.

Blessings, Rev. John Wheeler



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

October 5—11

05 Don Weeks  
06 Joyce Russell  
John Galloway  
Kate Burum  
07 David Moore  
Greta Hutson  
09 C.H. Barnes  
John Peters  
Sherry Pack  
11 Bonnie Ross

## CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

"The Ten Best Ways to Live"

Paula Toler & Rita O'Kelley

**Helpers for W & W are needed  
for:**

**November 30th  
December 28th  
January 25th  
February 22nd  
March 22nd  
April 26th  
May 24, 31**



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

**The 2026 Stewardship Campaign has begun! You should have  
received a commitment form in the mail. Please complete it and  
return it. If you have not received one, you can pick one up in the  
church office. It is also available on the website to print.**

**Thank you.**





Come Celebrate Kevin's 35th year at First Christian Church!

We will also celebrate Kevin at our brunch. A Basket for cards will be in the Gathering Hall. Please come join us!



Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the Prayer Blanket, prayers, calls, well-wishes, and meals. A.L. and I both appreciate all your love and kindness. The blanket is beautiful and the meals were so delicious and helpful. I am ever thankful for you all.

Linda Hutson



If you have a loved one who has passed away, and you would like to honor them in our All Saints Service, please send their photo to the church office, by Friday, October 24th.

Thank you.

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## COMING EVENTS

October 1–11

### Wednesday, October 1

Kids UNite—Gathering Hall	3:45 PM
Wednesday UNite Meal—Gathering Hall	5:30 PM
FCC Youth—Fellowship Hall	6:00PM
Chancel Choir Practice	7:00 PM

### Saturday, October 4

Celebration—Robyn Allen	4:00 PM
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### Sunday, October 5

Worship Service	9:30 AM
Fellowship Potluck—Pastor Appreciation	10:30 AM

### Monday, October 6

Meeting—Gathering Hall	6:00 PM
Scouts—Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM

### Tuesday, October 7

Girl Scouts—Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM
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### Wednesday, October 8

Kids UNite—Gathering Hall	3:45 PM
Wednesday UNite Meal—Gathering Hall	5:30 PM
FCC Youth—Fellowship Hall	6:00PM
Chancel Choir Practice	7:00 PM

### Thursday, October 9

CPR Training—Gathering Hall	6:00 PM
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**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.**

**October 12, 26**

**November 2, 16, 23, 30**

**December 7, 14, 28**



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## Nursing Home/ Assisted Living

Jane Aldridge – Villagio of OKC  
Pat Elam – Canoe Brook  
Bettye Hunt–Wilkins  
Scotty Elliott–Elk Crossing

*God's Love...it's Cookin'!*  
October 8 – Team O'Kelley

### STAFF OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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

## 9:30 AM – WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, October 5, 2025 Sanctuary

### Sermon & Scripture

"Each Should Give"

2 Corinthians 9: 6–10

### Scripture Reader

Rita O'Kelley

### Serving Elders

Jay Smith

Jari Askins

### Serving Deacons

Head Deacon: Eva Spaulding

Anthony Scott

Larry Culberson

Jan Liles

### Greeters

Narthex: Eva Spaulding

Gathering Hall: Brittani Grice

### Communion Preparation

Jay Smith

### Communion Clean-Up

Eva Spaulding

### Assistant Treasurer

Jay Smith



Alice Smith  
Rod Smith  
Todd Scott  
Gerad Boyer  
Gilbert Hutson  
Charlie Hays  
Cecilia Richey  
Gene Fuller  
C.H. Barnes  
Megan Minson  
Sharon Herndon  
Joe Vermedahl  
Cathy Jacobs  
Cynthia Smith  
Karen Scott

Paula Sue Hightower – Mother of Joy Galloway  
Scotty Cannaday–Son of Karl & Kathy Jacobs  
Shirley Brown–Family of Larry Culberson

### September 28, 2025

9:30 AM Worship	83
Nursery	
Online Comments	14
Total Worship Attendance:	97
Sunday School Attendance:	17

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