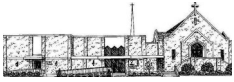


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The Duncan Christian



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2021 Proposed Budget Approved

On Sunday, November 29, during the online Congregational Meeting on Facebook in the Sanctuary and at the Well, the 2021 Proposed Budget was approved by the Congregation. Presented below is the Anticipated Income and Budgeted Expenses for 2021.

2021 Anticipated Income		2021 Budgeted Expenses	
2021 Pledges	\$ 233,288.00	Care	\$ 700.00
Unpledged ACH Giving	33,860.00	Education	4,600.00
ACH Existing – Prior Years	17,400.00	Fellowship	2,000.00
2020 Pledged/2021 Unpledged	33,276.00	Finance/Adminin.	21,700.00
Unpledged Anticipated Giving	25,600.00	New Member Development	225.00
Sunday School Offering	–	Outreach	9,000.00
Daycare Support	–	Personnel	341,566.00
Anticipated Oil & Gas Royalty	8,500.00	Property	112,100.00
Anticipated Youth Trust Fund	12,900.00	Well	20,500.00
Interest & Misc. Income	250.00	Worship	9,615.00
2020 Carryover	<u>161,982.00</u>	Youth	<u>5,050.00</u>
2021 Anticipated Income	\$ <u>527,056.00</u>	2021 Anticipated Expenses	\$ <u>527,056.00</u>



FAITH IN BLOOD

First Christian Church Blood Drive Sunday, December 13 • 8:45 a.m. - Noon *In the Gathering Hall*

To schedule an appointment, contact the Church Office.



All donations* will be tested** for COVID-19 antibodies to identify potential convalescent plasma donors. Appointment needed to participate. Masks required for all donors. *Donors ages 16 or 17-years old need parental consent to be screened for COVID-19 antibodies and are not eligible to donate convalescent plasma. **This test has not been FDA cleared or approved. It has been authorized by the FDA under an EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) for use by authorized laboratories. The test has been authorized only for the detection of the IgG antibody against SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens. Blood drives will be managed according to CDC safety recommendations. Test results will be made available post-donation.

All donors receive a Faith In Blood t-shirt*.

877-340-8777 | OBI.org | ARKBI.org | TXBI.org



Oklahoma Blood Institute
Texas Blood Institute
Arkansas Blood Institute

*While supplies last. Photo ID required.

The Amen Corner

Dear Friends,

Let's play a game we'll call "Just Suppose." To begin, call to mind someone, anyone. It may be a family member, sweetheart, or close friend, but it can also be a neighbor 2 streets away, a checkout worker at Walmart, or a kid we sort of knew in school. Anyone works.

Now, let's imagine they're in danger and you can do something about it. People are sometimes called to heroics. They climb out on a 30-story ledge or shimmy down a deep well. People take flashlights into caves and they dive into shark infested waters. There are other heroic actions people do for some someone. They donate a kidney or part of a liver, things like that. They write large checks on pretty small checking accounts. We celebrate fellow citizens who put on uniforms and take on sacrifice.

Let's suppose such heroism was needed of you. Could you rise to the occasion? In this particular game of "Just Suppose", what's called for is less than that. All you have to do to protect the life of this one person you've called to mind is: stay home all you can. Wear a mask when you must go out. Wash your hands frequently. That's it. That's all that's needed for some somebody you've called to mind to live through these times. Too much?

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 6–12

- 7 Carson Kinnaird
- 8 Linda Hutson
- 9 Aubree Chastain
Jessica Meyers
- 10 J.J. Meyers
Paula Pace
- 11 Andrea Daughtrey
Susan Frantzis
Karen Scott
- 12 Donna Marks

9 Karl & Cathy Jacobs

In Christian Sympathy

Our sister and dear friend, **Ann Loftin**, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 29. Ann was a dedicated member, always willing to serve, for 53 years. A memorial service is being planned for March 20, 2021 in our Sanctuary. Memorials can be made to FCC Christian Women's Fellowship and the FCC Condolence Fund. Messages to the family may be sent to Ann's daughter, Cindy Bartel, at 105 Cardinal Circle, Fairview, OK 73737. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to John Galloway and family upon the death of his father, **Carlyle Galloway**, on Thursday, November 19. A Celebration of Life service will be deferred to 2021. Memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, P.O. Box 97075, Washington, D.C. 20090-7075. Our thoughts and prayers are with Carlyle's wife, Lynda, as well.

We send our deepest condolences to Fran Boyd and family upon the death of her sister, **Margaret Coulter**, of Neosho, Missouri, on Wednesday, November 18. A graveside service was held in Diamond, Missouri on November 23. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations can be sent to the First Christian Church of Neosho, MO (1314 Oak Ridge Dr., Neosho, MO 64850).

Thank You Notes

The word of the month at Gabriel's House is *gratitude*. We're so grateful to all the churches who help us transport the kiddos to the hospital and nursing homes. We couldn't do it without you!

*"For we are coworkers in God's service.
You are God's field, God's building."*

—I Corinthians 3:9—

Thank you!

Gabriel's House Staff



Avery Renee Courange

Congratulations to Chris & Brooke Courange of Dallas, TX, on the birth of their daughter, Avery Renee Courange, on Tuesday, December 1, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces. We also congratulate Aunt & Uncle, Kassie & Adam Gilmore.



ELDER MEETING

Tuesday, December 8

6:00 PM

Gathering Hall

Please wear a mask & social distance!

LOCAL BENEVOLENT OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the church office.

It's getting cold outside, which means people in our community will be coming to us for help staying warm. Whether it's through assisting them with their utility bill to keep their heat on, a place to stay for the night, or even a warm meal.

Our Local Benevolent Fund is how we help those less fortunate. Please generously give, as you are able, to the Local Benevolent Offering this Sunday to enable us to continue providing assistance to our community in need.

FCC News & Activities

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

★ A BIG THANKS to Robert O’Kelley and A.L. Hutson for guiding us through a novel way of doing church business during these unusual times. Thanks, also, to all who voted virtually on the proposed budget.

RADA CUTLERY DEADLINE TO ORDER IS THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6!

To browse products and place/pay for your order, just go to RADAFundraising.com and type First Christian Church as the group, or go to bit.ly/2TNoVJu.

You won’t need to flip through a catalog and your order will be shipped directly to you!

If you’re unable to pay at the time of your order but would like to shop online, simply click “View Catalog” and call the Church Office with the item numbers you’d like to order.

Of course, if you prefer the traditional way of ordering RADA, catalogs/order forms are available in the Church Office.

All orders will be received before Christmas!



ANNUAL FLOWER CALENDAR

January	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
February	7, 14, 21, 28
March	7, 14, 28
April	11, 18, 25
May	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June	6, 13, 20, 27
July	11, 18, 25
August	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
September	5, 12, 19, 26
October	3, 10, 24, 31
November	7, 14, 21, 28
December	5, 12, 26

These are the available dates for flower arrangements in the Sanctuary for 2021. If you’d like to donate flowers in honor of or in memory of someone, to the Glory of God, etc., please call or come by the Church Office, or email erica@fccduncan.com. Arrangements are \$60.00. You may take your arrangement home or allow the Care Team to distribute them to church members who are home-bound, hospitalized, or in a nursing home.



COMING EVENTS

December 6–12

Sunday, December 6

Online Sanctuary Worship 8:30 AM

Facebook: @FirstChristianChurchDuncan

Website: www.fccduncan.com

Online Worship @ the Well 10:45 AM

Facebook: @theWellFCC

Tuesday, December 8

Elder Meeting, Gathering Hall 6:00 PM

Boy Scout Troop #4434 Annual Pancake Breakfast

This Saturday, December 5

6:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Tickets (\$7) Available in the Church Office

**3 Pancakes, 2 Slices of Bacon,
1 Sausage Patty, Syrup, & Butter**

NO SPECIAL ORDERS THIS YEAR

CURBSIDE PICK-UP ONLY

If additional restrictions are put in place due to COVID and the breakfast is cancelled, it will not be rescheduled & tickets are not refundable.

Think Ability, Inc.’s Christmas in the Garden

Friday, December 11

6:00–9:00 PM

Fundraiser to support the Community Garden

Funds will go towards the production of 2 offsite, larger greenhouses, supplies & fixtures, a small tractor w/ tiller & trailer, 2 small rototillers, above-ground bed supplies, and a permanent farmer’s market structure.

There are 4 Sponsorship Levels ranging from \$150 to \$1,500+, and they all come with 2 tickets to the event and 2 event t-shirts. Donations not within a sponsorship level are welcome too!

To become a sponsor or make a donation, email robin@thinkabilityfirst.com or call 252-8000.

In Our Prayers

Maddie Bacon
 Natalie Bartling
 J.J. Bell
 Steve Bolt
 Son of Gene & Jo Fuller
 Roy Burk
 Charlotte Campbell
 Cousin of Gloria Hetherington
 Morris Fuller
 Son of Gene & Jo Fuller
 Lynda Galloway
 Paula Sue Hightower
 Mother of Joy Galloway
 Karl Jacobs
 Bob Jones
 Francine Lunde
 Sister of Tammy Ives
 Clement Mpofu
 Cynthia Peters
 Annica Steffensen
 Jennifer Steil
 Ronnie & Kathy Thompson

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

One Who Is Coming

Mark 1:1-18

Scripture Reader

Zack Schreckengost

Advent Candle Lighter

Kassie Gilmore

Serving Elder

Vicki Vermedahl

Tune in on Facebook

@FirstChristianChurchDuncan

or at www.FCCDuncan.com

WORSHIP @ THE WELL

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Message

Darryl Ross

Mighty God

Isaiah 9:6

Tune in on Facebook

@theWellFCC

November 22, 2020

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	20
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	22
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	32
Online Sanctuary Worship	855
Online Well Worship	155
Total Worship Attendance	1,084
General Budget	\$ 3,522.00
Thanksgiving Offering	\$ 20.00

November 29, 2020

Online Worship in the Sanctuary	501
Online Worship @ the Well	177
Total Worship Attendance	678
General Budget	\$ 7,619.74

Nursing Home / Assisted Living

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

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
 December 9 – Team O'Kelley

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 Interim Director	Audrea Clark
Daycare Co-Director	Meranda McClennen
Daycare Assistant Director	Maddie Bacon
Daycare Programs Manager	Tosha Matheny
Nursery Director	Lacey Myers



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