

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



The Duncan Christian

THE WELL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Thursday, January 2, 2020

Wednesday UNite

January 8

Dinner for Everyone 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: Noon on Monday, January 6!

Sign up on the attendance sheets, call (255-6116), or email: erica@fccduncan.com



PLEASE MAKE A RESERVATION IF YOU PLAN TO EAT DINNER!

(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: Southwest Soup & Ham Sliders

Cook Team: *Loftin*

Kids UNite-6:00 PM (Pre-K-5th Grade) led by Shasta Smith

Youth UNite-6:00 PM (Middle/High School) led by Trevor Evans

Adults UNite-6:00 PM led by Arnold Nelson

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sunday, January 5

Gathering Hall

10:15 AM

Hosted by the Church Board

LOCAL BENEVOLENT OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Life throws curveballs at times, making it hard to keep food on the table, the lights turned on, the rent paid, etc. Every week, people in our community struggle with these things and reach out to our church for help. Our Local Benevolent Fund is how we help those less fortunate. Please generously give to the Local Benevolent Offering this Sunday to enable us to continue providing assistance to our community in need.

DIRECTORY PICTURES ARE HERE!

Come to the Church Office to pick up your pictures. If there's an issue with your order, please call Artisan Life directly at (918) 955-7993.

A date on which directories will be delivered is not yet known.

The Amen Corner

There are those among us who strike me as "high-minded." That doesn't mean the rest of us are "low-minded" though some of that is inevitable. The high-minded regularly think pure thoughts, plan good things and do noble deeds. Some of these types have done great things for God, our world and Christ's church. They aren't always a lot of fun. God bless them. I'm not one of them. Most of us are a mixed bag, and there I am. I hope that isn't too much bragging. Like Paul (another mixed bag), I sometimes do what I would not and fail to do what I would.

There was a hymnist, Donald Yetter Gardener, who had some modest success letting his high-mindedness govern his musical talents. He composed, "Man Shall Not Live by Bread Alone but by Every Word of God", and "Oh, Give Thanks Unto the Lord". Pretty high-minded sentiments if ever. Perhaps they're beautiful hymns too, but I couldn't tell you. After a pretty thorough Google search (even under "Hymns by"!), I was consistently led to the one song I know. As a 2nd grade teacher in the Christmas of 1944, Don Gardener was impressed by his 7 year-olds, and was inspired over the course of 30 minutes to pen, "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth". That one we all know! For this, he's noted. Why, it's even inscribed on his gravestone. This last odd fact leads me to think he was okay with this unintentional fame and, for all his sometimes high-mindedness, he was comfortable being a mixed bag kind of a person. I sure hope so.

In sharp contrast with Gardener is Frances Havergal, a British hymnist known for "I Gave My Life for Thee" and "Take My Life and Let It Be". She comes to mind because a hymn she wrote comes to mind annually at this time. It's a once a year song called, "Another Year Is Dawning". I cherish that simple song. Good to begin a year with,

*"Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning, Dear Father let it be
On earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee."*

Mr. Gardener had a high-minded side, now perhaps only known to God. His lighter side is what's remembered. I don't know if Miss Havergal had a lighter side, but I hope so. I hope she too was a mixed bag. May we all be so. May we all enjoy some foolishness where possible and reverence what's sacred. Another year is dawning and I'm

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 5-11

- 7 Gerald Riley
- 9 Evan Roberts
- 10 Cherrie Bennett
Ryan Chastain
Charles Hunt
James Smith
- 11 Darryl Ross

- 6 Kirk & Connie Schreiner
- 8 Tom & Sue Ellis

In Christian Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of **Ann Jones**, who passed away on Monday, December 30. Ann was a dear member of our congregation for 19 years. Her funeral will be held in the Sanctuary on Monday, January 6, at 2:00 PM.

PROPERTY TEAM MEETING

Monday, January 6

7:00 PM

Office Conference Room

To My Family of Friends...

Home Again

While a vacation offers a change of pace and the chance to see new places, coming home is a pleasure all its own. It's comforting to find ourselves back in familiar surroundings once again.

Though we often stray from God, He waits patiently for us to return home to Him. No matter how far we may have gone, God's mercy and forgiveness responds to the sound of our confession and the sincerity of our repentance.

When we wander away from our spiritual home in Him, we are welcome back at any time. He waits for us with open arms.

"Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which needs no repentance."

—Luke 15:7

May God continue to bless you.

Valenne Neel
580-255-2307

RADA CUTLERY

ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED!

Please come to the Church Office to pick up & pay for your order.

CWF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, January 9
9:30 AM
Parlor

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the opportunity to share the Reverse Advent Calendar this year, and thank you to all who were able to give food items. I've heard stories from people who chose a person or family in need, and delivered a box of food in person. Thank you! In addition to boxes of food given individually, 7 full boxes, plus more miscellaneous food items, were gathered in the Gathering Hall and at the Well. Thank you! At J.O.H.N. 6:35 last Friday, 3 full boxes of food plus miscellaneous food items were used to create 6 different boxes of food. Those 6 boxes were given away through a random drawing. The ones who received the boxes were thrilled to receive additional blessings of food. 5 more boxes will be delivered to Christians Concerned this week. To all who share the gifts of love, hope, joy, and peace every day of the year, thank you. May God richly bless our community and His church in the new year as together, through faith, we live out the mission of First Christian Church: "We are a community of faith responding to the good news of Jesus Christ by caring for each other and reaching out in compassion to the needs of all people."

Thank you,
Delyn Cronk

Men of First Christian Church,

Thank you for your donation of \$400 to Duncan Public Schools Foundation in 2019. Because of you and other generous donors, we accomplished great things in Duncan Public Schools this year!

Thank you!
Haylee Root

Executive Director, DPSF

First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the monthly donation to Safe Center. We appreciate your support and thoughtfulness!

Thank you,
Cora

IT'S BACK! MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

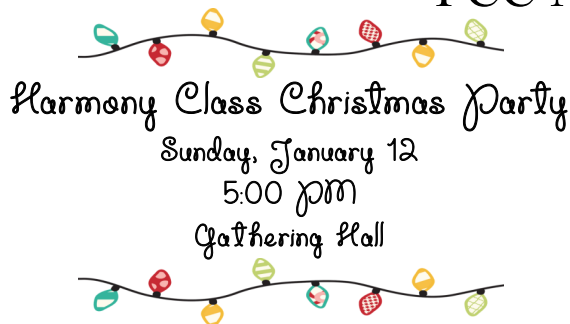
Saturday, January 25
9:00 AM

Gathering Hall

Watch the newsletter or
Facebook for updates!



FCC News & Activities



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES – THANK YOU

What a nice surprise it was to walk up and see the college care package on my front porch! Thank you for thinking of me. I appreciate the well-wishes and thoughts so much!

Berkley Faulkner

Thank you to my sweet church family for the care package full of goodies to help me through finals week! Sending love to all who contributed!

Vanessa Moore

Thank you so much for the care package! I always appreciate the yummy snacks during these final weeks of the semester.

Haley Irwin

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and helped assemble the care packages for us college students! It means the world to us to know we are in the thoughts and prayers of our church family during this stressful time.

Katy Weeks

Thank you for helping me survive finals week with the care package! I appreciate you all very much!

Kylie Bailey

It's finally hitting me that I have 1 more semester (if I pass these finals!). I was stressing about them, but when I got home I found a college care package. Made my day! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Brittany Bailey



ANNUAL FLOWER CALENDAR

Month	Dates	Notes
January	5, 12, 19, 26	These are the available dates for flower arrangements in the Sanctuary for 2020. 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 after the 10:45 AM service or allow the Care Team to distribute them to church members who are home-bound, hospitalized, or in a nursing home.
February	2, 9, 16	
March	8, 15, 29	
April	19, 26	
May	3, 17, 24, 31	
June	7, 14	
August	9, 16, 23, 30	
September	20	
October	4, 11, 25	
November	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
December	6, 27	



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

January Leader:

Esther Wylie

Leaders needed for spring 2020!
Contact Shasta (656-7884) to volunteer.

COMING EVENTS

January 5–11

Sunday, January 5

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Well Team Prayer Meeting	10:00 AM
Fellowship Time, Gathering Hall	10:15 AM
<i>Hosted by the Church Board</i>	
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship @ the Well	10:45 AM
Women of the Word Bible Study	6:00 PM
Kimberly Tilley's Home (2211 Twin Dr., Duncan)	

Monday, January 6

Women of the Word Bible Study	10:00 AM
Kimberly Tilley's Home (2211 Twin Dr., Duncan)	
Property Team Meeting, Office Conference Room	7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 7

Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room	10:00 AM
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Wednesday, January 8

<i>Wednesday UNite</i>	
Dinner, Gathering Hall	5:30 PM
Kids UNite, led by Shasta Smith	6:00 PM
Youth UNite @ the Well, led by Trevor Evans	6:00 PM
Adults UNite, led by Arnold Nelson	6:00 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Thursday, January 9

CWF Executive Committee Meeting, Parlor	9:30 AM
Cancer Support Group, Parlor	5:30 PM

Saturday, January 11

Men's Net Group @ the Well	8:30 AM
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December 22, 2019		December 24, 2019	
8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	43	5:00 PM Candlelight Service	150
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	94	11:00 PM Candlelight Service	65
10:45 AM Worship at the Well	74	Total Attendance	215
Total Worship Attendance	211	Christmas Offering	\$ 1,663.00
Sunday School	38		
General Budget	\$ 12,191.32		
Christmas Offering	\$ 653.00		
Quarter Blessings Offering	\$ 151.85		
<i>to benefit the FCC Daycare</i>			
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 50.00		
Capital	\$ 20.00		

**8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

In the Joyful Presence

Luke 2:41-52

Scripture Reader

Linda Hutson

Communion Prayer

A.L. Hutson

Greeters

Narthex

Janie Fitzgerald & Bob Jones

Assistant Treasurer

Charlie Hays

Communion Preparation

A.L. Hutson

Sunday School Superintendent

Trent Cronk

God's Love...it's Cookin'!

January 4 — Team Pace

Ministers of First Christian Church

Arnold Nelson, Jr.

Trevor Evans

Staff Secretary

Erica Hancock

Business Secretary

Reba Ford

Organist

Patty Jennings

Sanctuary Choir Director

Kevin Zinn

A.V. Manager, Sanctuary

Richard Herndon

A.V. Manager, Well

Bruce Bailey

Praise Leader @ the Well

Jared Smith

Kitchen Hostess

LaDonna Brown

Head Custodian

Frank Timmins

Custodian

Stephen Stapp

Daycare Executive Director

Stephanie Wiggins

Nursery Director

Lacey Myers

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

In the Joyful Presence

Luke 2:41-52

Scripture Reader

Sharon Burum

Serving Elders

Communion Prayer &

Invitation to the Table & Offering:

Darryl Ross

Invocation & Lord's Prayer &

Dedication of Offering:

Vicki Vermedahl

Serving Deacons

Sharon Burum

Linda Craig

Susan Elliott

Koree Goldsmith

David Herndon

Tana Latham

Rachel Morales (Head)

Jeanna Russell

Emma Wilkerson

Greeters

Narthex

Randy Burum & Joe Vermedahl

Sanctuary Doors from G.H.

North: Fran Boyd

South: Lanna Harris

Assistant Treasurer

Angie Randolph

Communion Preparation

A.L. Hutson

Communion Clean-Up

Rachel Morales

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Well

Message

Trevor Evans

Serving Elder: Rod Smith

Hostess: Shasta Smith

Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

In Our Prayers

Nursing Home / Assisted Living

Jane Aldridge — Canoe Brook

Sally Anderson — Elk Crossing

Esther Coker — Canoe Brook

Mary Eastin — Elk Crossing

Betty Eby — Gregston's

Pat Elam — Canoe Brook

Lynda Galloway — Chisholm Trail

Billie Phagans — Elk Crossing

Marvene & Louie Schumacher — Wilkins

Others

Steve Bolt

Scotty Elliott

Patty Jennings

Herb Lang

Jason Smith

Ronnie & Kathy Thompson

Honor Vaughn

Colleen Whitfield

Kevin Zinn

December 29, 2019

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	31
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	53
10:45 AM Worship at the Well	50
Children's Worship & Wonder	3
Total Worship Attendance	137
Sunday School	25
General Budget	\$ 4,057.68
Christmas Offering	\$ 134.00
Quarter Blessings Offering	\$ 87.49
<i>to benefit the FCC Daycare</i>	
Capital	\$ 20.00



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