

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



The Duncan Christian

THE WELL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Thursday, January 16, 2020

Wednesday UNite

January 22

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 20!

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: White Beans & Cornbread

Cook Team: All Star Men's Bible Class

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



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 25

9:00 AM

Gathering Hall

Menu: Biscuits & Gravy, Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Scrambled Eggs,
Hash Browns, Sliced Tomatoes, Coffee & Orange Juice

Speaker: Karl Jacobs

"Real Estate in Duncan America: Center of the Universe"



SUPERBOWL SUNDAY FESTIVITIES

'SOUP'ER BOWL POTLUCK

Sunday, February 2

Following both 10:45 AM Services

Gathering Hall

Bring your favorite sideline dish to share!

Suggestions include: Casseroles, Vegetables, Salads

The Church will provide chicken & drinks.

Wear your favorite team shirt & bring a can of soup to be donated to Christians Concerned.

Hosted by the Fellowship Team.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 2

5:00 PM

@ the Well

EVERYONE'S INVITED!

****Taco Bar****

****Cornhole Tournament****

****Jungle Pong****

Hosted by the Youth.



The Amen Corner

It's a world where a weekly Saturday night bath is no longer sufficient, so a Monday morning has all sorts of shaving and bathing demands, and so this week I was busy with same after a quick check of email and Facebook posts and messages. On Facebook, my Phillips friend, Joe Semones, had responded to something political. It was whimsical. It was a line from a protest song made popular at Woodstock. The song is called the "Fixin' to Die Rag" by Country Joe and the Fish. If you know it, you're now doing what I did. First, I was humming. Then, I was singing. The refrain ends, "Well, there ain't no time to wonder why / Whoopee, we're all going to die!!"

It was then, something remarkable and frightening occurred. My phone spoke. Actually, it was that lady, Siri, I never sued. In a soothing but anxious voice, she said something about not doing anything rash, and then gave me a phone number for a suicide hotline. I was shocked, and I assume you may be as well. I learned a few things from the experience. I learned Siri, like I, wasn't at Woodstock. Of course, had either of us been there, we'd have already volunteered the information. For another thing I'm aware, Siri has the number for a hotline that might just be the thing for someone in a desperate moment. However, its information was provided because she was keyed into my goings on when I wasn't on the phone or online in any way, or so I thought. Yikes. I guess I'll watch my mouth when a phone is in the room. I'll shut it down completely!

But I also have to observe, it's a tenant of our religion we have an omniscient God. That is to say, a God who is with us in all circumstances, a God who, more than Santa Claus, sees us when we're sleeping and knows when we're awake, actually knows our hearts and minds. Such a God makes Siri, or Alexa sound like pikers in the eavesdropping department. I guess the other great difference is motive. Siri and Alexa might both garner information to sell us stuff, or direct our behavior. God listens and sees with every hope of leading us to wholeness and an ultimate happiness unlike any other. I'm good with that. Still, I'll remember not to cheat at golf, even when playing alone, I'll hope for the best when a hammer hits my thumb. None of this for fear of going to hell. Just don't want to embarrass myself.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 19–25

- 19 Bob Bruner
Casey Halligan
Jake Riley
- 20 Randy Burum
John Jones
Phil Leonard
- 21 Marcia Harlow
- 22 Jared Smith
- 24 Jennifer Kinnaird
- 25 Holly Bailey

20 Guy & Marcia Harlow

In Christian Sympathy

✝ Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of **Betty Eby**, who passed away on Monday, January 13. Betty was a member of our church for nearly 40 years. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 25, at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

✝ We send our condolences to **Melissa Craig** and family upon the death of her grandmother, **Audrey Fern Koonce**, who left this earth on Friday, January 10. A family memorial service will be held at the Well on Saturday, January 18 at 1:00 PM.

There are still a few boxes of 2020 weekly offering envelopes left! See Reba in the Church Office if you'd like one.

ANNUAL FLOWER CALENDAR



There are still dates available 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. 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.


Available Dates

- January 26
- February 2, 9, 16
- March 8, 15, 29
- April 26
- May 3, 17, 24, 31
- June 7, 14
- August 16, 30
- October 4, 11
- November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- December 6, 27

DAYCARE BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 20
5:30 PM
Koinonia Room

Couples Bible Study

"You & Me Forever:
Marriage in Light of Eternity"
by Francis Chan & Lisa Chan 

Bi-weekly on Sundays
Starting January 26
5:00 PM

Harmony Classroom

(Download the FREE app –
"You & Me Forever")

Free childcare & refreshments provided!

For more info or questions,
call Shasta at (580) 656-7884.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 20

In Observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."
–Martin Luther King, Jr.

FCC News & Activities



BEAN—O—RAMA
 Thursday, February 20
 11:00 AM — 2:00 PM
 5:00 PM — 7:00 PM

Purchase tickets (\$8) in the Church Office
 or from a CWF Member.

*CWF Members may check out tickets
 to sell from the Church Office.*

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

Large brown paper sacks with handles are needed! If you have any to give, please leave them in the Gathering Hall. CWF will also be purchasing new roasters for the dinner at approximately \$85 each. If you'd like to make a donation for the purchase of new roasters, please bring your check (or cash) to the Church Office, payable to First Christian Church with CWF Roasters in the memo.

Proceeds to benefit local & church-wide ministries.

Soup Dinner & Dessert Auction

Sunday, February 9
Gathering Hall
Dinner : 5:00 PM
Auction : 5:30 PM

Penelope Hughes, Alyssa Mitchell, and Grace Peters will be traveling to New York City & Washington, D.C. to attend the International Affairs Seminar in March. Please support them by baking a dessert, bidding on a dessert, or both! If you plan to make a dessert, please call the Church Office (580) 255-6116 or Holly Bailey (405) 290-8653.

Coffee & cobbler will be served during the auction.

J.O.H.N. 6:35

**JOINING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OFFERING A FREE DINNER TO
 HELP PROVIDE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT.**

COMMUNITY FREE DINNER ♡

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31
6:35 TO 8:00 PM @ THE WELL
MENU: TACO SOUP & CORNBREAD



DESSERTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**THIS MONTH'S MEAL PROVIDED BY
 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH & THE WELL.**

*"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO
 HUNGRY AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY."
 -JOHN 6:35*



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

January Leader:

Esther Wylie

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

COMING EVENTS

January 19–25

Sunday, January 19

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
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 20 — *Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

Church Office Closed	
Women of the Word Bible Study	10:00 AM
Kimberly Tilley's Home (2211 Twin Dr., Duncan)	
Daycare Board Meeting, Koinonia Room	5:30 PM

Tuesday, January 21

Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room	10:00 AM
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Wednesday, January 22

<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 23

Bible Study/Lunch, Gathering Hall	12:00 PM
"The Book of Ruth" led by Arnold Nelson	

Saturday, January 25

Men's Net Group @ the Well	8:30 AM
Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Gathering Hall	9:00 AM
Memorial Service for Betty Eby, Sanctuary	11:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH



Thursday, January 23
 12:00–1:00 PM
 Gathering Hall

"The Book of Ruth" led by Arnold Nelson
Light Lunch: \$5.00

*Please call the Church Office by Noon on
 Monday, January 20, to sign up!*

8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, January 19, 2020
Sanctuary
Sermon
Arnold Nelson
Looking for an Opening
John 1:29-42
Scripture Reader
Darryl Ross
Communion Prayer
Darryl Ross
Greeters
Narthex
Janie Fitzgerald & Bob Jones
Assistant Treasurer
Charlie Hays
Communion Preparation
Darryl Ross
Sunday School Superintendent
Rod Smith

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
January 18 — Team Bowman

Ministers of First Christian Church
Arnold Nelson, Jr.
Trevor Evans
Staff Secretary Erica Hancock Bennett
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
Daycare Program Manager Tosha Matheny
Nursery Director Lacey Myers

10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, January 19, 2020
Sanctuary
Sermon
Arnold Nelson
Looking for an Opening
John 1:29-42
Scripture Reader
Bama White
Serving Elders
Communion Prayer:
Rita O'Kelley
Invocation & Lord's Prayer &
Dedication of Offering:
A.L. Hutson
Serving Deacons
Sharon Burum
Linda Craig
Susan Elliott
Koree Goldsmith
David Herndon
Tana Latham
Rachel Morales (Head)
Jeanna Russell
Emma Wilkerson
Greeters
Narthex
Paul & Linda Craig
Sanctuary Doors from G.H.
North: Mary Frances Cox
South: Linda Guest
Assistant Treasurer
Angie Randolph
Communion Preparation
Darryl Ross
Communion Clean-Up
Rachel Morales

10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, January 19, 2020
Well
Message
Trevor Evans
Serving Elder: Karl Jacobs
Hostess: Shasta Smith
Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

In Our Prayers
Nursing Home / Assisted Living
Jane Aldridge — Canoe Brook
Sally Anderson — Elk Crossing
Pat Elam — Canoe Brook
Lynda Galloway — Chisholm Trail
Valenne Neel — Gregston's
Billie Phagans — Elk Crossing
Marvene & Louie Schumacher — Wilkin's
Others
Steve Bolt
Scotty Elliott
Ronnie & Kathy Thompson
Honor Vaughn
Colleen Whitfield

January 12, 2020

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	44
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	70
10:45 AM Worship at the Well	43
Children's Worship & Wonder	3
Total Worship Attendance	160
Sunday School	37
General Budget	\$ 8,464.95
Week of Compassion	\$ 105.00
Capital	\$ 50.00
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 40.00



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