

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



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Happy Valentine's Day!



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.

Anyone may check out tickets to sell from the Church Office.

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door.

MENU

Pinto, Navy, or Butter Beans

Cornbread (Plain or Jalapeño)

Slaw

Homemade Desserts

Please turn in money & remaining tickets to the Church Office by Monday, February 17.

— Sponsored by Christian Women's Fellowship —

Let's Celebrate
Sally Anderson's 90th Birthday!
Sunday, February 23
2:00 — 4:00 PM
Gathering Hall
Come & Go
No gifts, please.

NO Wednesday Unite on February 19
NO "Book of Esther" Bible Study/Lunch
on February 20

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, February 17
in Observance of Presidents Day

The Amen Corner

Preaching has always been an exciting adventure for me. Something like swinging from a trapeze without a net. Suffice it to say, I sleep better on Sunday night than Saturday. The past few weeks have been a special adventure as I've dealt with Matthew 5:1-12, the Beatitudes. For those who don't know, these are a list of blessings to those who dedicate themselves to living in God's world on God's terms. FYI, to be "Blessed" essentially means to have life be the best it can be. In Jesus' scheme of things, the best of life isn't related to money, power, brains, youth and good looks. (Don't you hate that!) Instead, he offers great joy for the oddest things. Just two examples:

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." To the 21st Century American, "poor in spirit" is an unfortunate phrase. It led me to discover a new word, "Anhedonia". It refers to someone unable to experience pleasure. How do you like that? I've known Christians who seemed to think being a true believer meant an absence of pleasure. Their idea of "poor in spirit" is a lot like poor old Eeyore, Christopher Robin's chronically gloomy donkey. That's not it. "Poor in spirit" refers to that in a person who knows she can't earn salvation, the guy who accepts absolute dependence on the mercy of God. Embrace these as the reality and we allow God to be God and discover the goodness of God. This is when life has a chance of becoming abundant indeed!

Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Did anything ever sound more counterintuitive? More stupid? "Meek" in our culture reeks of Casper Milquetoast, the guy who speaks softly and gets hit over the head with a big stick. He's going to "inherit the earth." Land on the top of the heap? I don't think so. I also don't think it's the Bible's fault we have an unfortunate translation with the word "Meek." The Greek word Matthew used is "Paus." It was an important word to Aristotle 4 centuries before Jesus. It has to do with striking the right balance. Ever known someone who was indifferent in the face of cruelty? Or another who flew off the handle over every insult, real and imaginary? Societies decline with the one and people go to jail for the other. Paus, or "Meekness" has to do with getting angry over the right stuff. This is the creative anger over kids not having coats and people being excluded from the ballot box, and the starting salary of Oklahoma school teachers being about \$5,000 below other Americans 20-25 years old. It gets worse as they get older. These are things meek people get angry about and when they do, they change their worlds.

Having fun with the Beatitudes. We finish up this Sunday. Hope you're interested.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

February 16–22

- 16 Damon Dillon
- Cody Evans
- Patty Jennings
- 17 Shannon Evans
- 18 Russell Gary
- Hannah Lillard
- Kent Pinson
- 19 Jerry Soesbee
- 20 Karl Jacobs
- 22 Richard Williams

- 18 John & Bonnie Holden

In Christian Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Joy Galloway and family, upon the death of her Aunt, **Elizabeth Ann Betteridge**, who passed away on Tuesday, February 4. Her funeral was held on Saturday, February 8, at the First Baptist Church of Otterville, Missouri.

Just Married

Congratulations to **Kolton & Abby (Hooker) Burge** who were married on Saturday, February 8. The couple is residing at 3144 E 21st Place, Tulsa, OK 74114. We wish them a lifetime of love and happiness.



Olivia Graye Hutson

Congratulations to Clay & Jennifer Hutson on the birth of their daughter, **Olivia Graye Hutson**, born on Monday, February 10, weighing 7 pounds and 1 ounce. We also congratulate Grandparents, A.L. & Linda Hutson.



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR KITCHEN FUND

Our Kitchen Fund is in need of replenishment. This account is used to purchase items needed for the kitchen such as spices, utensils, pantry items, etc. It is not budgeted and in the past, we've received donations to accomplish those needed purchases. The current balance of the account is less than \$10. If you'd like to contribute to this fund, please bring your check (or cash) to the Church Office, payable to First Christian Church with *Kitchen Fund* in the memo.

Reba Ford

Thank You Notes

The IAS Dessert Auction was a huge success! Thank you to the wonderful CWF



From left:
Penelope Hughes, Alyssa Mitchell, Grace Peters

ladies who worked so hard to prepare a delicious meal before the auction. Thank you to those who brought the yummy desserts; we had so many to choose from! Thank you to everyone who bought the desserts and/or made a donation. Lastly, a huge thank you to Kathy Snider who graciously agreed at the last minute to be the auctioneer. You did a fantastic job! With everyone's help, we were able to raise \$2,905! We're so thankful to have such a generous congregation who is always willing to support our youth group.

Sincerely,

Holly Bailey, Penelope Hughes,
Alyssa Mitchell, & Grace Peters

Summer Camp 2020

Discount Rates

February 1 – April 27

(includes a \$50 per camper scholarship from the *Leave No Child Behind Endowment* created by Oklahoma Disciples Men)

Regular Rates

April 28 – May 17

Chi Rho Camp @ Oakridge

June 8–12 (grades 6–8)

Junior Camp @ Central Camp

June 15–19 (grades 4–5)

Discovery Camp @ Central Camp

June 19–21 (grades 2–3)

CYF Conference @ Central Camp

June 22–26 (grades 9–12)

Reach Beyond Mission Week

July 19–25 (grades 6–12)

Family Camp @ Camp Christian

September 5–7 (for families)

Sponsored by Texoma Camp

Chi Rho & CYF Camp

June 22–26

Water Weekend

July 10–12

Discovery & Junior Camp

July 17–19

Visit okdisciples.org for more info.

FCC News & Activities



NO Wednesday UNite

February 19

Resumes February 26 with Dinner at 5:30 PM &
an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 PM.

DESSERTS NEEDED FOR BEAN-O-RAMA

If you can provide a dessert, please sign up in the
Gathering Hall or call the Church Office 255-6116.

Thank you,
Jeanna Russell



A Week of Compassion Story

In the 1990s, there was a group of kids who were stuck in a refugee camp with their families in Southern Mexico. Funds from Week of Compassion (WoC) helped these families go back home to Guatemala City. WoC also helped fund these kids' education through universities, and as doctors, lawyers, teachers, and business people, they decided to set up a fund together to help other less fortunate Guatemalans receive an education. So far, this fund with the help of WoC has helped 50 people from their country attend college, with many already receiving their degrees. With the help of the Holy Spirit, Week of Compassion (a Disciples Ministry) impacts many lives across the world in ways we could never imagine. This Sunday, February 16, and the following Sunday, February 23, if you're able, please consider donating to Week of Compassion.

Wes Sullivan,
World Outreach Chair

Toy Shop Spud Lunch

The Toy Shop Spud Lunch will be held on Tuesday, March 3, at the First United Methodist Church. We're still in need of workers and homemade desserts. If you can work or provide a dessert, please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Hall or @ the Well, or call Kathy Snider at 467-4173. Tickets may be purchased in the Church Office for \$8.00.

Thank you!
Kathy Snider



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

February Leader:

Melissa Weathers

Leaders needed for March & April!
Contact Shasta (656-7884) to volunteer.

COMING EVENTS

February 16–22

Sunday, February 16

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
<u>NO</u> Women of the Word Bible Study	

Monday, February 17 – *Presidents Day*

Church Office Closed
NO Women of the Word Bible Study

Tuesday, February 18

Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room 10:00 AM

Wednesday, February 19

NO Wednesday Unite
Youth UNite @ the Well, led by Trevor Evans 6:00 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 20

Bean-O-Rama, Gathering Hall 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM &
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

NO Bible Study/Lunch

going through

GRIEF

Care Group

Meets Weekly on Tuesdays

Newly Bereaved

February 11–March 31

6:30–8:00 PM

DRH Home Care

2000 W. Elk, Duncan

Are you grieving the loss of a partner, family member, or friend? This program is designed to provide a safe, supportive, and confidential setting, facilitated by hospice bereavement volunteer, Susan Gassaway, RN, MS.

Registration Preferred
(580)251-8752

**8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**
Sunday, February 16, 2020
Sanctuary
Sermon
Arnold Nelson
A World Turned Upside Down, Part III
Matthew 5:1-12
Scripture Reader
Delyn Cronk
Communion Prayer
Delyn Cronk
Greeters
Narthex
Janie Fitzgerald & Bob Jones
Assistant Treasurer
Cotton Liles
Communion Preparation
Delyn Cronk
Sunday School Superintendent
Rod Smith

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
February 15 — 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 Programs Manager Tosha Matheny
Nursery Director Lacey Myers



**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**
Sunday, February 16, 2020
Sanctuary
Sermon
Arnold Nelson
A World Turned Upside Down, Part III
Matthew 5:1-12
Scripture Reader
Rachel Morales
Rachel Morales
Serving Elders
Communion Prayer:
Rebecca Minson
Invocation & Lord's Prayer &
Dedication of Offering:
John Minson
Serving Deacons
Dana Askins
Beth Cowan
Robert Cowan
Linda Craig
David Hammond
Marcia Harlow
Lanna Harris (Head)
Glynis Johns
Kelly Nelson
Greeters
Narthex
Paul & Linda Craig
Sanctuary Doors from G.H.
North: Linda Guest
South: Cecilia Richey
Assistant Treasurer
Rita O'Kelley
Communion Preparation
Delyn Cronk
Communion Clean-Up
Lanna Harris

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**
Sunday, February 16, 2020
Well
Message
Trevor Evans
Serving Elder: Karl Jacobs
Host: Pat Notley
Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

In Our Prayers

Steve Bolt
Scotty Elliott
Wendell Hamm
Richard Herndon
Paula Sue Hightower
Charlie Hunt
Bob Jones
Ronnie & Kathy Thompson
Honor Vaughn

Nursing Home / Assisted Living

Jane Aldridge — Canoe Brook
Sally Anderson — Elk Crossing
Esther Coker Bolding — Canoe Brook
Pat Elam — Canoe Brook
Carlyle & Lynda Galloway — Chisholm Trail
Billie Phagans — Elk Crossing
Louie & Marvene Schumacher — Wilkin's
Carl & Evelyn Slifer — Ashbrook Village
Carol Ann Stevenson — Concordia Skilled Nursing
Jackie Van Alstine — St. Simeon's Senior Community

February 9, 2020

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	48
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	69
10:45 AM Worship at the Well	98
Total Worship Attendance	215
Sunday School	32
General Budget	\$ 6,870.36
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 50.00

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