

The Duncan Christian



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Thursday, February 20, 2020



Ash Wednesday Service

February 26 6:00 PM (following Wednesday UNite Dinner) Sanctuary

Message: "Only Dust, but Treasured Dust" (Matthew 6:1-21) by Arnold Nelson

Ash Wednesday is the name given to the first day of the season of Lent in which Christians all over the world are invited to begin a fast of some form, just as Jesus fasted for 40 days in the desert of temptation. Ash Wednesday reflects the ancient practice of humility, noted often in the Hebrew Old Testament, of putting on sack cloth and ashes to signify an inner repentance and sorrow for our sin.

Ashes are a reminder of the words God spoke to Adam and Eve in the garden, found in Genesis 3:19, after they ate the forbidden fruit and fell into sin with the consequence of death, "From dust you are and to dust you shall return." They remind us of our sinfulness and mortality and our need to repent as a spiritual practice that leads to wholeness through our turning to Christ.

So often, we hear the call to repent through the voice of condemnation and shame, yet the call of Christ to repent is the call of love that we would let go of our sinful habits, change our minds and return to the way of love and peace.

Wednesday UNite

February 26
Dinner 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.



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: Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, & Dessert

Cook Team: Snider

All are invited to attend the Ash Wednesday Service at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

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



The Amen Corner

This week, I've been on the campus of Texas Christian University for the Brite Divinity School's Ministers Week. Have I enjoyed every single second? Are you kidding? Since my freshman year at Phillips, it was clear that nonreligion majors, and since then, lay people, tend to be a lot more fun. If I'm with 401 preachers, that's about 400 too many. Exceptions exist.

Still, here I am and I've heard one presentation worth the time and effort. It was on "Military Moral Injury." This has to do with young men and women who grow up in our towns and churches, taught things Christ had to say about loving our enemies, overcoming evil with good, etc., then sent by elected governments to go into war and experience unforgettable horror. Moral injury is a betrayal of what's right. All I heard about was damage done, and the unawareness of the damage on the part of communities, and veterans themselves.

My frames of reference are my brother and cousins. Most of all, my father. It's remarkable how well they came home and worked and reared children while often pretty broken. There are some such among us at First Christian. I'm proud of their service to our country, and sorry for the high price they paid for us all. Looking forward to being home with you and outnumbered!

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

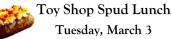
FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...

Birthdays and Anniversaries February 23–29

- 23 Stacey Francis
- 24 Sally Anderson
 Tammy Faulkner
 Casey Montgomery
 Jo Ann Murray
 Michelle Young
- 25 Martha King
- 27 Lance Spaulding
- 28 Robert Cowan Cooper Halligan
- 23 Jared & Shasta Smith



11:00 AM – 1:30 PM First United Methodist Church

Carryout Available

Tickets (\$8) available in the Church Office until noon Friday, February 28.

No tickets sold at the door.

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. Thank you!

Kathy Snider

Couples Bible Study

"You & Me Forever:

Marriage in Light of Eternity"
by Francis Chan & Lisa Chan

Bi-weekly on Sundays 5:00 PM

Harmony Classroom Next Study: February 23

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

Free childcare & refreshments provided!

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



Chank You Notes

To Delyn Cronk, F.O.C.U.S., & all of our Church Family,

Scotty and I are so thankful for all you've done. Scotty is so in love with his prayer quilt. He's chosen to sleep with it on his pillow so he has all the prayers around his head. He was so touched by this act of kindness. My F.O.C.U.S. sisters have blessed us with so many encouragements and even gas money for our many trips. You're all amazing! Most of all, we thank you for the prayers. I've had so much peace that can only be explained by your faithful prayers. God bless you all!

Love, Scotty & Susie Elliott

Week of Compassion 2020

Puerto Rico was recently hit with three earthquakes; 5.9 on January 11, 6.4 on January 29, & 4.3 on February 12. They have the highest per capita concentration of Disciples churches in the world. So far, no structural damage has been reported by the churches, but several of their members have lost homes due to the earthquakes. Since our 2020 Week of Compassion funds are designated to go directly to these members. according to Disciple Mission Fund rules, our Puerto Rican brothers and sisters will receive 100% of our donation. This Sunday is the last day we'll receive the Week of Compassion offering this year. If you're able, please make plans to donate. Our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico will surely thank you.

> Wes Sullivan, World Outreach Chair

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

- ★ Patty Jennings is back in the organ pit and will be playing the organ for the first time in months this Sunday.
- ★ Arnold has returned home after attending Brite Divinity School's Ministers Week at Texas Christian University.
- ★ If we had a contest for who could sell the most Bean-O-Rama tickets, Ann Loftin would be our winner, with 164 tickets sold. Way to go, Ann!

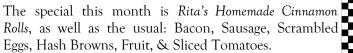
FCC News & Activities



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 29 (Leap Day!) 9:00 AM





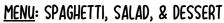
Speaker: TBD

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, FEBRUARY 28 5:45 TO 7:00 PM @ THE WELL



THIS MONTH'S MEAL PROVIDED BY CHISHOLM TRAIL CHURCH OF CHRIST, HOSTED @ 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

BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH



Thursday, February 27 12:00—1:00 PM Gathering Hall

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

Please call the Church Office by Noon on Monday, February 24, to sign up!



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

February Leader:

Melissa Weathers

Leaders needed for March 4 April! Contact Shasta (656-7884) to volunteer.

COMING EVENTS

February 23-29

Sunday,	February	23
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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	
Sally Anderson's 90th Birthday, Gathering Hall	2:00 PM	
Couples Bible Study, Harmony Room	5:00 PM	
Women of the Word Bible Study	6:00 PM	
Kimberly Tilley's Home (2211 Twin Dr., Duncan)		

Monday, February 24

Women of the Word Bible Study	10:00 AM
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Tuesday, February 25

Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room	10:00 AM
Wednesday, February 26	

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Dinner, Gathering Hall	5:30 PM
Kids Unite led by Shasta Smith	6:00 PM
Youth Unite led by Trevor Evans	6:00 PM
Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary	6:00 PM
NO Handbell Choir Rehearsal	
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

J.O.H.N. 6:35 Free Meal @ the Well	5:45 PM
Open to the Community	

Saturday, February 29

Men's Fellowship	Breakfast.	Gathering Hall	9:00 AM

8:30-WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, February 23, 2020 Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

Valuing Our Greatness

Matthew 5:13-20

Scripture Reader

Linda Hutson

Communion Prayer

Ron Savage

Greeters

Narthex

Janie Fitzgerald & Bob Jones

Assistant Treasurer

Cotton Liles

Communion Preparation

Ron Savage

Sunday School Superintendent

Trent Cronk

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

February 22 — Team Elliott

Ministers of First Christian Church

Arnold Nelson, Jr. Trevor Evans Erica Hancock Bennett

Staff Secretary **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 lared Smith Kitchen Hostess LaDonna Brown Head Custodian Frank Timmins

Stephen Stapp Custodian Daycare Executive Director Stephanie Wiggins Tosha Matheny Daycare Programs Manager **Nursery Director** Lacey Myers

10:45-WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

Valuing Our Greatness

Matthew 5:13-20

Scripture Reader

Debbie Savage

Serving Elders

Communion Prayer:

Rita O'Kelley

Invocation & Lord's Prayer &

Dedication of Offering:

Darryl Ross

Serving Deacons

Dana Askins

Beth Cowan

Robert Cowan

Linda Craig

David Hammond

Marcia Harlow

Lanna Harris (Head)

Glynis Johns

Kelly Nelson

Greeters

Narthex

Ron & Debbie Savage

Sanctuary Doors from G.H.

North: Linda Guest

South: Ann Loftin

Assistant Treasurer

Rita O'Kellev

Communion Preparation

Ron Savage

Communion Clean-Up

Lanna Harris

10:45-WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 23, 2020 Well

Message

Trevor Evans

Serving Elder: Rod Smith

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

Jackie Van Alstine – St. Simeon's Senior Community

February 16, 2020

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 34 10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 72 10:45 AM Worship at the Well 63 Children's Worship & Wonder 7 Total Worship Attendance 176 Sunday School 33 General Budget \$ 9,504.45 Local Benevolent Offering \$ 40.00

Week of Compassion



Come to Worship, Nurture, and Share

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