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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.

Dinner Reservation Deadline: Noon on Monday, February 24.

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

Thank 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



Toy Shop Spud Lunch

Tuesday, March 3

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.



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!



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FCC News & Activities



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

February Leader:

Melissa Weathers

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

COMING EVENTS

February 23–29

Sunday, February 23

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
Kimberly Tilley's Home (2211 Twin Dr., Duncan)	

Tuesday, February 25

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

<i>Wednesday Unite</i>	
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
<u>NO</u> 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
<i>Open to the Community</i>	

Saturday, February 29

Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Gathering Hall	9:00 AM
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MEN'S BREAKFAST
 Saturday, February 29 (Leap Day!)
 9:00 AM
 Gathering Hall



The special this month is *Rita's Homemade Cinnamon Rolls*, as well as the usual: Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Fruit, & Sliced Tomatoes.

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



MENU: SPAGHETTI, SALAD, & DESSERT

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!

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
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 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'Kelley
Communion Preparation
Ron Savage
Communion Clean-Up
Lanna Harris

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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	\$ 815.00



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