

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



The Duncan Christian

THE WELL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Thursday, February 27, 2020

Wednesday UNite

March 4

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, March 2.

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.

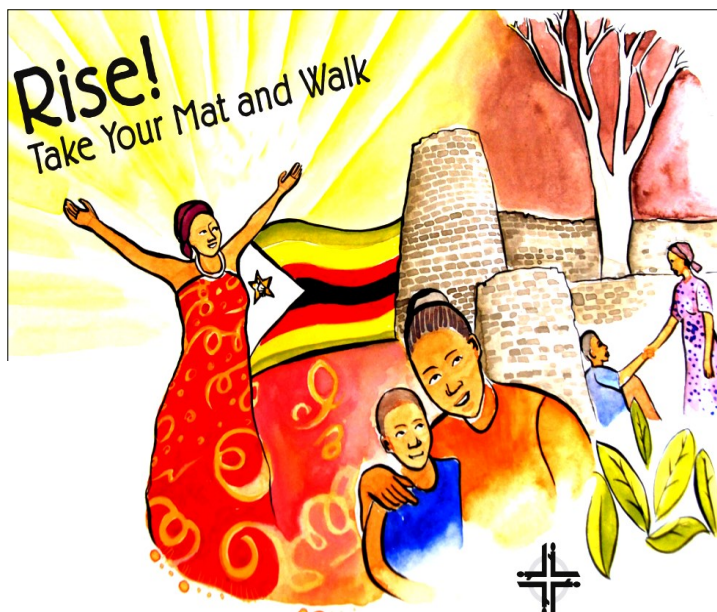
MENU: Chicken Spaghetti, Green Salad, French Bread,
& Cobbler w/ Whipped Cream

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



Church Women United
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6

9:30 AM

Gathering Hall

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



FELLOWSHIP TIME

Sunday, March 1

Gathering Hall

10:15 AM

Hosted by the Harmony Class



The Amen Corner

A few weeks ago, I shared with you a new word for me, Anhedonia, a mental health condition marked by an inability to find pleasure in life. It's serious, but treatable, and I'm glad. However, imagine my surprise to discover a nation by the same name! Hard to find on a map, like Andorra and Lichtenstein, maybe as hard as Brigadoon; still, Anhedonia is there to find if you have all day. A small country, its capital is the principal city, but small too. They call it Nettlesome and it sits astride the much polluted River Gall. The national flag is a field of gray to remind them of the ever gray skies, emblazoned with their motto, "Quis Punctum?" which is Latin for "What's the point?" Anhedonians live by those stirring words.

Last year, they canceled their annual Thanksgiving holiday since the usual dishes, Canned Ham, Three-Eyed Fish from the Gall and Chicken Quarters cooked in a crock pot with cream of chicken soup, are what they have all the time, with pork & beans and Jell-O carrot salad. They declared, "What's the point? The kids won't come home anyway." This is true. A large part of the annual graduating class gathers up just enough energy to get out of the country, never to return. The national Chamber of Commerce has stopped trying to draw business, because they know it's futile. Towns are in disrepair because the last time they fixed roads, or painted things, they just needed it all over again in a few years. Speaking of cancelling things, the Nettlesome High School cancelled their football season because no one came to the games. The Fighting Sloths just have no running game. Nobody joins the civic clubs, the PTA or veteran organizations because they all require volunteer time and giving. The PTA seeks some excellence and that just encourages the kids to leave out. Of course, there's not much need for the veteran organizations because Anhedonia never goes to war. Neighbors have no interest in anything they have and it enjoys a general lack of interest in standing up for any ideals. It's better that way. Such military as they have won't even stand for their national anthem, "Today Will Maybe Be Good Enough." The country has a president who serves perpetually. He's a bad leader but everyone says, "It costs money to run and I'd most likely lose anyway."

The No.1 reason people live there is because they were born there. The No.1 reason they leave is because anywhere else has to be better. Missionaries came there long ago and were asked to please go back home. They liked that Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly," but that business of "take up your cross and follow me" was a dealbreaker. Besides, Sunday is great for staying in bed all day watching their favorite TV program, reruns of *Queen for a Day*. They're cheered up by the sob stories.

Glad to be your pastor, couldn't be theirs!

Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 1-7

- 1 Carson Villalon
- 3 Donna Shaw
Hilary Tilley
Kimmie Williams
- 4 Savannah Beebe
Cliff King
- 5 Charlee LaFee
- 6 Dana Askins
Tonya Moore
- 7 Paul Jennings, Sr.

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- 2 Ron & Debbie Savage
Alan & Paula Toler



BUNNY CAKES

(Youth Fundraiser)

Place your order by calling the Church Office (255-6116) or sign up in the Gathering Hall or @ the Well. You may choose between Chocolate or Vanilla. Cost is \$25. All proceeds will benefit Youth Mission Trips.

Pick-up Days

April 8, 9, & 10

For questions, contact Holly Bailey at (405) 290-8653.

PROPERTY TEAM MEETING

Monday, March 2

7:00 PM

Office Conference Room

Charlyce

I still hear her moving through a crowded room, all hurry and bother, Filled with purpose and with laughter, always laughter.

Her voice joyfully strong and full of hope, buoyed from beneath with a melody only she was hearing,

But, oh, what beauty it brought.

The room is silent now.

Not even a scuffling rustle on the floor.

Silence, so foreign to everything about her.

And yet, that smile! That voice!

They linger warmly in my heart and draw me back to finer days.

Dr. Charles Gaines

Thank You Notes

A great big thank you to all who made desserts, helped set up, prepared the food, served, cleaned up, washed dishes, purchased tickets, and donated roasters for the Bean-O-Rama. It was a success! We served 576 meals, not counting those who had two servings! We're grateful for all our church members and your support of our missions.

Christian Women's Fellowship



Dear First Christian Church,

2019 was full of incredible examples of our church showing up in the world, loving our neighbors, working for justice, and sharing the gospel. This is made possible by your congregation's gifts to Disciples Mission Fund. In 2019, Disciples responded to the refugee crisis around the world through partnerships fostered through Global Ministries. Disciples also continued to support and sustain education last year. Through DMF, you support Disciple students' educational journeys through our affiliated colleges and seminaries and the scholarship and leadership development offered by Higher Education and Leadership Ministries. Our church worked to share the Good News in our communities by launching new congregations with the help of our regional ministries and New Church Ministry. Because of your gifts, new church planters are supported with the resources they need to succeed and grow their ministries. Because of your ongoing core support to Disciples Mission Fund, and generous gifts to our Special Day Offerings, our regional and general ministries can serve together to be a movement for wholeness. Your congregation's total gifts to DMF and Special Day Offerings in 2019 were \$10,847.78. Thank you!

With deep gratitude for your generosity,

Rev. Lee Hull Moses,

Office of the General Minister & President



Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you for your generous donations to Safe Center. Donors like you enable us to support our clients in their efforts to escape domestic violence and live empowered lives.

The Staff, Volunteers, & Board
of Directors of Safe Center

FCC News & Activities

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 ♥

THIS 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

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

Menu: Rita's Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Fruit, & Sliced Tomatoes.

Speaker: TBD




BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH



Thursday, March 5
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, March 2, to sign up!



Easter Lilies

If you'd like to provide a lily for worship on Easter Sunday, please turn in the following information to the Church Office **no later than Monday, April 6**. You may take the lily home on April 12 following the 10:45 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary or @ the Well. Cost is \$35.

Number of Lilies: _____

Sanctuary ___ Well ___

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

To the Glory of God _____



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Sunday, March 1

Leader: Esther Wylie

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

COMING EVENTS

March 1—7

Sunday, March 1

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Fellowship Time, Gathering Hall	10:15 AM
<i>Hosted by the Harmony Class</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, March 2

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Property Team Meeting, Office Conference Room	7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 3

Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room	10:00 AM
Toy Shop Spud Lunch, FUMC	11:00 AM — 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 4

<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
Adults UNite led by Arnold Nelson	6:00 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

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<i>"The Book of Esther"</i> led by Arnold Nelson	

Friday, March 6

CWU World Day of Prayer, Gathering Hall	9:30 AM
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**8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

Business Is Business

Matthew 4:1-11

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'!

February 29 — Team F.O.C.U.S.

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



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Scripture Reader

Sharon Burum

Serving Elders

Communion Prayer &

Invitation to Table & Offering:

Vicki Vermedahl

Invocation & Lord's Prayer &

Dedication of Offering:

Wes Sullivan

Serving Deacons

Susan Elliott

Tom Freeman

David Herndon

Jeanna Russell (Head)

Anthony Scott

Gary Scott

Karen Scott

Donna Shaw

Randy Shaw

Greeters

Narthex

Carol & Koree Goldsmith

Sanctuary Doors from G.H.

North: Glynis Johns

South: Sharleen Johns

Assistant Treasurer

Galyon Russell

Communion Preparation

A.L. Hutson

Communion Clean-Up

Jeanna Russell

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Well

Message

Trevor Evans

Serving Elder: Delyn Cronk

Host: Nate Johnson

Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

In Our Prayers

Steve Bolt

Scotty Elliott

Richard Herndon

Paula Sue Hightower

Herb Lang

Ronnie & Kathy Thompson

Honor Vaughn

Eddie Wiggins

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 23, 2020

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	43
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	67
10:45 AM Worship at the Well	76
Children's Worship & Wonder	10
Total Worship Attendance	196
Sunday School	35
General Budget	\$ 13,484.17
Week of Compassion	\$ 721.00
Capital	\$ 20.00

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