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## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 6

6:00 PM

(following Wednesday UNite Dinner)

Sanctuary

Message: *“Honest to God”* (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 had eaten the forbidden fruit and fallen 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 sin habits, **change our minds and return to the way of love and peace.**

## Wednesday UNite

March 6

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, MARCH 4!**

**\*\*\*Please sign up on the attendance sheets, call (255–6116), or email: [erica@fccduncan.com](mailto:erica@fccduncan.com)\*\*\***

MENU: Meatloaf

Cook Team: Snider

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

Kids UNite—6:00 PM (Kindergarten–5th Grade) led by Shasta Smith

Youth UNite—6:00 PM (Middle & High School) led by Holly Bailey



### BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH

Thursday, March 7

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Gathering Hall

Study: *“The Gospel of Mark”* led by Arnold Nelson

Light Lunch: \$5.00

*Please call the Church Office by Noon on Monday, March 4, to sign up!*

# The Amen Corner

Let's let this column be categorized "An Apology." I hereby apologize to Stefani Germanoffa for disregarding her without even knowing her. You may not know Ms. Germanoffa so I'll share with you, she's a 32 year old blonde New Yorker. She's well-educated, highly trained and has been a hard worker since childhood. I'd have admired all this had I known it, but I wasn't inclined to learn it because I'd discounted her. I wrote her off because of her name. Not the Stefani name, though her parents could have done her a favor and spelled it right. Not the Germanoffa name, which turns out to be Italian, not German, go figure. No, it turns out when she was 19, her producer/boyfriend thought she sounded a lot like Freddie Mercury or Queen, especially his singing of a song called *Radio Ga Ga*. Thus, he started calling her Lady Gaga. The producer/boyfriend didn't last long but the ridiculous name stuck.

Around that same time, a burlesque performance artist friend lent a hand helping her ladyship on "her look" so by the time I saw a picture of Lady Gaga, I knew she had nothing of interest to me. Turns out, I was wrong. I got my first hint I was wrong a few years ago when I heard a recording of the great Tony Bennett singing with a woman with a wonderful voice. Really? THAT'S Lady Gaga? What a lovely singer she is and if Tony Bennett thinks so too then that settles it. Over time, I discovered she's also a gifted writer. She makes a pile of money but she also gives away a pile of money to causes she believes in. It also turns out she has a strong faith in Jesus and talks about it. More, she stands up for it especially as it deals with love and inclusion, and that's right at the heart of what Jesus was all about.

This is someone I discounted because of a goofy stage name? I'm embarrassed. You ever do that? You ever find you don't give someone much regard on account of things that don't account for much? It's a common phenomenon and it never makes us a better person. It kept me from appreciating a wonderful artist, and person. I noted above, she's a writer. Sunday night, Lady Gaga won the Academy Award for Best Original Song for *Shallow*, sung by her in the latest version of *A Star Is Born* (and for which performance she was also nominated). I still think it's a goofy name.

Glad to be your pastor,  
Arnold

# FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



## Birthdays and Anniversaries March 3-9

- 3 – Keagan Alvarez  
Donna Shaw  
Hilary Tilley  
Kimmie Williams
- 4 – Savannah Beebe  
Cliff King
- 5 – Charlotte LaFee
- 6 – Dana Askins  
Tonya Moore

8 – Charles & Cortnie Siess



## World Day of Prayer Friday, March 1, 2019

FCC Gathering Hall – 9:30 AM  
by Church Women United  
**ALL CHURCHES WELCOME**

Mary Frances Cox will be the leader of the program, "Come, Everything is Ready". Women from several other churches will be participating. This is a friendly, casual meeting with fellowship time at 9:30 AM. The program will follow at 10:00 AM.

Church Women United of Duncan  
is a Sponsor of the Toy Shop.

## Honoring Patty for 25 Years of Service

A Reception to honor our Organist, Patty Jennings, for her 25 years of faithful service to First Christian Church will be held on Sunday, March 10, from 10:15-10:45 AM in the Gathering Hall. There will be a place for cards and refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by CWF.

**LOCAL BENEVOLENT OFFERING  
TO BE RECEIVED  
THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

## ATTENTION YOUTH

FCC Youth will be washing potatoes on Sunday, March 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at First United Methodist Church for the Toy Shop's Spud Lunch. Please come out to show your support!

Holly Bailey

## Toy Shop Spud Lunch Get Your Tickets!



This is the LAST week to get tickets for the Toy Shop Spud Lunch at the FCC Office. Tickets will be sold at First United Methodist Church until Monday, March 4, or you may contact Kathy Snider. No tickets will be sold at the door. To sign up to bring a dessert, please contact Kathy at 467-4173.

Thank you!  
Kathy Snider

CWF #3  
Friday, March 8  
Norma Thomson's Home  
2:00 PM

## J.O.H.N. 6:35

Can you believe that on March 25, 2019, J.O.H.N. 6:35 will have served the community free meals on the last Friday of the month for 8 years?! We served 75 at our very first meal and that number has continued to grow since. We've served as many as 350 meals in one night and last week, we served 263! I would say God is good!



We continue to see new faces each month, as well as our faithful monthly guests. As in any ministry that we're called to serve others, it takes dedicated volunteers each month and we're thankful to those who continue to come and serve. It also takes money to keep this amazing ministry growing to be able to serve our community.

Your financial support for J.O.H.N. 6:35 will be a blessing not only to the ministry, but to you also! Please make your checks payable to First Christian Church with J.O.H.N. 6:35 designated in the memo.

*"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."*  
- John 6:35

Thank you!  
The J.O.H.N. 6:35 Committee

## Thank You

The Bean-O-Rama on February 21 was a success at First Christian! Thank you to our volunteers and those who donated desserts and sacks. Thanks to those working in the kitchen for days to have everything ready to serve 496 hungry people. Pat each other on the back – job well done! The CWF Women thank you!

Fran Boyce

# FCC News & Activities



*For: Allie (Askins) Garrett*  
*When: Sunday, March 3*  
*1:30—3:00 PM*  
*Where: Parlor*  
*(Registered at Walmart)*  
*Everyone is Invited!!*

*Note: This is a Display Baby Shower.*



**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**  
 Sunday, March 3  
 Leaders: Esther Wylie & Leigh Tetlow  
 Story: *Jesus & the Children*

## **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

Sunday, March 3

10:15 AM

Gathering Hall

*Hosted by the Harmony Class*



## COMING EVENTS

March 3-9

### Sunday, March 3

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
Display Baby Shower for Allie Garrett, Parlor	1:30-3:00 PM
Women of the Word Bible Study, FUMC House	6:00 PM
"Lessons from David: How to Be a Giant Killer" led by Kimberly Tilley	

### Monday, March 4

Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing	9:30 AM
"Prayer" led by Kimberly Tilley	
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
Property Team Meeting, Office Conference Room	7:00 PM

### Tuesday, March 5

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
CWU Toy Shop Spud Lunch, FUMC	11:00 AM-1:30 PM

### Wednesday, March 6

<i>Wednesday UNite</i>	
Dinner, Gathering Hall	5:30 PM
Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary	6:00 PM
<i>All are Invited!</i>	
Kids UNite, led by Shasta Smith	6:00 PM
Youth UNite @ the Well, led by Holly Bailey	6:00 PM
Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

### Thursday, March 7

Bible Study/Lunch in the Gathering Hall	12:00 PM
"The Gospel of Mark" led by Arnold Nelson	
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM

### Friday, March 8

CWF #3 at the home of Norma Thomson	2:00 PM
Hearts at Rest @ the Well	5:30-9:00 PM

### Saturday, March 9

Hearts at Rest @ the Well	9:00 AM-5:00 PM
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## Schedule

### FRIDAY, MARCH 8

5:30 | DINNER & REGISTRATION  
 6 PM | SESSION 1  
 7:30 PM | SESSION 2

### SATURDAY, MARCH 9

9 AM | SESSION 3  
 10:30 AM | SESSION 4  
 LUNCH  
 1-5 PM | SESSIONS 5-7



**8:30—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 3, 2019

**Sanctuary**

**Sermon**

Arnold Nelson

*Stuck in the Middle With You*

Luke 9:28-36

**Scripture Reader**

Delyn Cronk

**Communion Prayer &**

**Invitation to the Table & Offering**

Delyn Cronk

**Greeters Narthex**

Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer

**Assistant Treasurer**

Joyce Frechette

**Communion Preparation**

Delyn Cronk

**Sunday School Superintendent**

Rod Smith

**10:45—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 3, 2019

**Sanctuary**

**Sermon**

Arnold Nelson

*Stuck in the Middle With You*

Luke 9:28-36

**Scripture Reader:**

John Eubanks

**Serving Elders**

Communion Prayer:

Rod Smith

Invocation & Lord's Prayer &

Dedication of Offering:

Darryl Ross

**Serving Deacons**

Beth Cowan

Robert Cowan

Max Daughtrey

Susan Elliott

Mark Galloway

Linda Guest (Head)

Marcia Harlow

Tana Latham

Paula Toler

**Greeters Narthex:**

Guy & Marcia Harlow

**Sanctuary Doors from G.H.**

North: John Eubanks

South: Carol Eubanks

**Assistant Treasurer:**

Marty Askins

**Communion Preparation**

Delyn Cronk

**Communion Clean Up**

Linda Guest

**10:45—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 3, 2019

**Well**

**Message**

Jared Smith

*You Won't Relent*

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

**Serving Elder:** Jason Smith

**Hostess:** Esther Wylie & Leigh Tetlow

**Assistant Treasurer:** Trent Cronk

***In Our Prayers***



***Hospital***

Riley Peters – Integris Baptist

Marvene Schumacher – DRH

***Recently Released from Hospital***

Guy Harlow

Dale Jennings

***Rehabilitation***

Sally Anderson – Elk Crossing

Charlie Hays – Elk Crossing

***Others***

Ginger Day

Bob Hicks

Bob Jones

Kim Kimberley

Cliff King

Herb Lang

Honor Vaughn

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

February 23 – Team Pace

**Ministers of First Christian Church**

Pastor Arnold Nelson, Jr.

Staff Secretary

Erica Hancock

Business Secretary

Reba Ford

Organist

Patty Jennings

Sanctuary Choir Director

Kevin Zinn

Praise Leader @ the Well

Jared Smith

Church Hostess

LaDonna Brown

Head Custodian

Frank Timmins

Custodian

Stephen Stapp

Daycare Director

Gwyn Gamblin

Nursery Director

Lacey Myers

**February 24, 2019**

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	37
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	65
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	41
Children's Worship & Wonder	4
Total Worship Attendance	147
Sunday School	37
General Budget	\$ 12,159.89
Week of Compassion Offering	\$ 385.00
Capital	\$ 20.00



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