

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



The Duncan Christian

THE WELL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Thursday, March 7, 2019

Daylight Savings Time
Spring Forward 1 Hour this weekend!



Wednesday UNite

March 13

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 11!

*****Please sign up on the attendance sheets, call (255-6116), or email: erica@fccduncan.com*****

MENU: Chicken Noodle Casserole, Green Peas & Salad

Cook Team: Loftin

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

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

Adults UNite-6:00 PM "The Epistle of James: The Book of Straw?" led by Arnold Nelson



Palm Sunday - April 14

Brunch - 9:30 AM in the Gathering Hall

Maundy Thursday - April 18

6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 21

7:00 AM - Sunrise Service at Duncan Cemetery

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary

10:45 AM @ the Well

BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH



Thursday, March 14

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 11, to sign up!**

The Amen Corner

As any self-respecting kid celebrates a "snow day", so I join with most ministers in dreading a "snow Sunday." Whatever the weather trouble, a Sunday without services does a variety of damage to any congregation. Besides, I like going to church: the fellowship, the Table, the hymns and the beauty of Patty's instrumentals, the honor of preaching. I've been all over the map on this.

For a time, I was adamant about never canceling worship. So it was, I made my way up the treacherous hill to Pulaski Heights in Little Rock to lead worship with whomever braved it. So it was, one elder and I met at the Monumental Table and I had one of my very best experiences in church. Eventually, I came to appreciate there are folks who might try to get out who don't need to risk broken hips. So, if it's the kind of weather that closes schools, I recognize the need to cancel.

On Saturday, I was sweating it out. On Sunday, I got up crazy early and went outside. It was cold but dry. I drove the bypass and noted the road and overpasses were clear. Sure enough, 5 minutes before the first service, we went from 10 to 35 and that's good for the first service on a cold day. The lights went out. We thought it was just us, or just downtown. Would we cancel the second service in the Sanctuary? At the Well? No, we didn't and I'm so glad. The few who braved the circumstances were blessed by each other's presence. God was worshipped. We had extra servings of the brunch the Harmony Class hosted. It was a special occasion. It occurred to me later, that Sally Anderson had come to church on her birthday the Sunday before. It was a special occasion too.

It now occurs to me, every Sunday is a special occasion. The bell choir plays, a long missed friend is there, maybe someone joins or an important idea finds us ready to receive it. Every Sunday is special. This Coming Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent. The bell choir is playing and Daylight Savings Time kicks in. The Resurrection will be proclaimed just like on Easter. It will be special. If you are here it will be much more so. I hope to see you and I'm

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries March 10–16

- 11 – Camille Hutson
Diane Keeler
Brent Russell
- 12 – Landry Askins
Carl Smith
Maurine Sullivan
Abigail Taylor
Dillon Teakell
- 13 – Donna Hunt
Audrey Koonce
Helen Sullivan
- 14 – Arch Brashears
Bryan Peters
- 15 – Emma Brown
Randy Shaw

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- Elders Meeting—6:00 PM
Koinonia Room
- Board Meeting—7:00 PM
Gathering Hall

Thank You Notes

F.O.C.U.S.,

Thank you ladies for the sweet Valentine's gift. I loved the hand lotion and the sweet hug from Susie.

Again, thank you!
Carol Goldsmith

Dear F.O.C.U.S.,

Thank you for the Valentine's gift!

Jean Lowery

Thank you all for the prayers, cards, and calls for Guy. He's doing much better. He starts cardio rehab this week. God is good! Thanks to Pastor Arnold and Robert & Rita O'Kelley for being with our family during Guy's surgery. We're blessed to have such a wonderful church family at First Christian.

The Guy Harlow Family

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your continued support to our agency. Your monthly donation is greatly appreciated and allows us to continue providing services to our community.

Thank you!
The Safe Center
(formally known as Women's Haven)

"ON-CALL" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On-call volunteers are needed to assist with Newsletter mailings. Newsletters are prepared for mailing on Wednesdays. If you can help on an as needed basis, please contact the Church Office.

F.O.C.U.S.

Monday, March 11
DRH Atrium Café
5:30 PM

Final Wishes

A Final Wishes form helps your loved ones make difficult decisions when you pass. On the form, you can specify your preferences for burial, services, cemetery, and other important matters. Forms are available in the Church Office.

GOD AT WORK

"Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and everyone else."

1 Thessalonians 5:15

With Love,
Valenne Neel

FCC News & Activities

HONORING PATTY FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Sunday, March 10
 Gathering Hall
 10:15–10:45 AM
 Sponsored by CWF.

Patty is the Organist/Pianist at First Christian Church of Duncan, where she's served for 25 years. Patty began studying piano at the age of 6. By age 9, she was playing for Sunday School classes and traveling to rural churches in Stephens County providing music for Sunday services. At age 11, she began the study of organ with Don Wittenbach. She secured her first job as Organist at 16 at Wesley United Methodist Church. Since that time, she has served as Organist/Pianist for the Southern Baptists, United Methodists, Presbyterians, and Disciples of Christ for over 40 years.



At the age of 46, Patty received her Bachelor of Music degree from Cameron University. She taught music at Comanche Public Schools then Duncan Public Schools for 15 years. In 2009, she was selected as District Teacher of the Year by her colleagues at Duncan Public Schools. She retired in 2012, only to embark on a career as a private piano teacher. Currently, she teaches 35 students weekly and volunteers at Douglass Senior Citizens Center where she has 5 more students.

Patty provides music for Duncan's Rotary Club, accompanies students at Comanche Public Schools and performs for numerous community events. She belongs to Hestian Club and serves on the Council of the Association of Disciple Musicians as Past President. In 2018, while serving ADM as President, she was also Conference Chair for the Annual Conference which was held at Oklahoma City University. She's active in the Ladies of '68, a group of ladies who graduated from Duncan High School together and meets in her home every year. She also served on the 50th Reunion Committee for the Class of '68.

Patty resides in Duncan with her husband, Dale. They have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. She enjoys gardening, yard work, arts and crafts projects, decorating, painting pottery and entertaining friends and family in her home. But, her first love is playing the piano and organ at First Christian Church in Duncan.

Hearts at Rest



This weekend, over 75 women will gather at the Well to participate in the Hearts at Rest weekend event. The women will share time in Bible Study, in worship, and in fellowship. We ask that you lift up in prayer this ministry and it's leaders, the women attending and all who will be serving and sharing. Praise be to God for what He has done and what He will do. May hearts find rest in Him.

Hearts at Rest Planning Team

"When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

Psalm 61:2



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Sunday, March 10
 Leader: Glynis Johns
 Story: Jesus & Bartimeaus

COMING EVENTS

March 10–16

Sunday, March 10

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Reception for Patty, Gathering Hall	10:15 AM
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship @ the Well	10:45 AM
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 11

Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing	9:30 AM
"Prayer" led by Kimberly Tilley	
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
F.O.C.U.S., DRH Atrium Café	5:30 PM

Tuesday, March 12

Staff Meeting, Church Office	10:00 AM
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
Elder Meeting, Koinonia Room	6:00 PM
Board Meeting, Gathering Hall	7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 13

Wednesday UNite	
Dinner, Gathering Hall	5:30 PM
Kids UNite, led by Shasta Smith	6:00 PM
Youth UNite @ the Well, led by Holly Bailey	6:00 PM
Adults UNite, led by Arnold Nelson	6:00 PM
Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Thursday, March 14

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
Bible Study/Lunch in the Gathering Hall	12:00 PM
"The Gospel of Mark" led by Arnold Nelson	
Duncan Cancer Support Group, Parlor	5:30 PM

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019
JULY 20-24
 Des Moines, IA

Abide in Me

Demeurez en moi • Permanezcan en mí
 Fè youn ak mwen • 내 안에 거하라
 John 15: 1-5

Early Bird Registration
Ends Sunday, March 31!

Visit disciples.org/ga for more information.

**8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

Blessings That Don't Look Like It

Luke 4:1-13

Scripture Reader

Paul Craig

Communion Prayer

Paul Craig

Greeters Narthex

Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer

Assistant Treasurer

Joyce Frechette

Communion Preparation

Paul Craig

Sunday School Superintendent

Trent Cronk

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

Blessings That Don't Look Like It

Luke 4:1-13

Scripture Reader:

Darryl Ross

Serving Elders

Communion Prayer:

Robert O'Kelley

Invocation & Lord's Prayer &

Dedication of Offering:

Rita O'Kelley

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

Paul Craig

Communion Clean Up

Linda Guest

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Well

Message

Guest Speaker:

Paige Scott

("Hearts at Rest" Ministry)

Serving Elder: Debbie Savage

Hostess: Esther Wylie & Leigh Tetlow

Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

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

March 9 – Team O'Kelley

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

In Our Prayers

Hospital

Ginger Day—DRH (#324)

Recently Released

Riley Peters

Marvene Schumacher

Rehabilitation

Sally Anderson — Elk Crossing

Charlie Hays — Elk Crossing

Others

Bob Hicks

Bob Jones

Kim Kimberley

Cliff King

Herb Lang

Honor Vaughn



March 3, 2019

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	37
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	37
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	27
Total Worship Attendance	101
Sunday School	23
General Budget	\$ 13,220.57
Week of Compassion Offering	\$ 12.00



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