



Congregation Responds to National State of Emergency

On March 16, the President of the United States urged all Americans to not meet in groups of more than 10 for the next 15 days. This is to lessen the effects of the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic in our nation and on our planet. While this seems an extraordinary sacrifice to our lives and businesses, our school system and our churches, it is a reasonable expectation for the sake of our population, especially those most at-risk. This is the first time our nation has faced such a challenge since the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918.

On that account, the First Christian Church of Duncan will have no meetings of any kind during this time. The decision is consistent with the objectives of the Coronavirus Ad Hoc Committee named by our Congregational Board. This includes worship in the sanctuary and at the Well, Bible studies and group meetings, youth and adults. It includes rehearsals of all kinds. It represents our dedication to the larger good and it represents our faith in God and our membership. During this time, the ministers will be available and our offices will be open. Our Daycare will remain open under stricter guidelines than usual to allow parents to continue to work. Call us as you need us.

At the same time, we will have the same operational expenses as usual and we count on all of us to be supportive of our church. This is a challenge for all Americans and we won't shirk our part.

As we pray for ourselves, remember those of our congregation most at-risk. Remember our congregation and other faith communities. Remember our medical professionals and first responders. Remember our schools and the stress this places on them. Pray for our nation and the world. We will survive this and we can come out stronger!

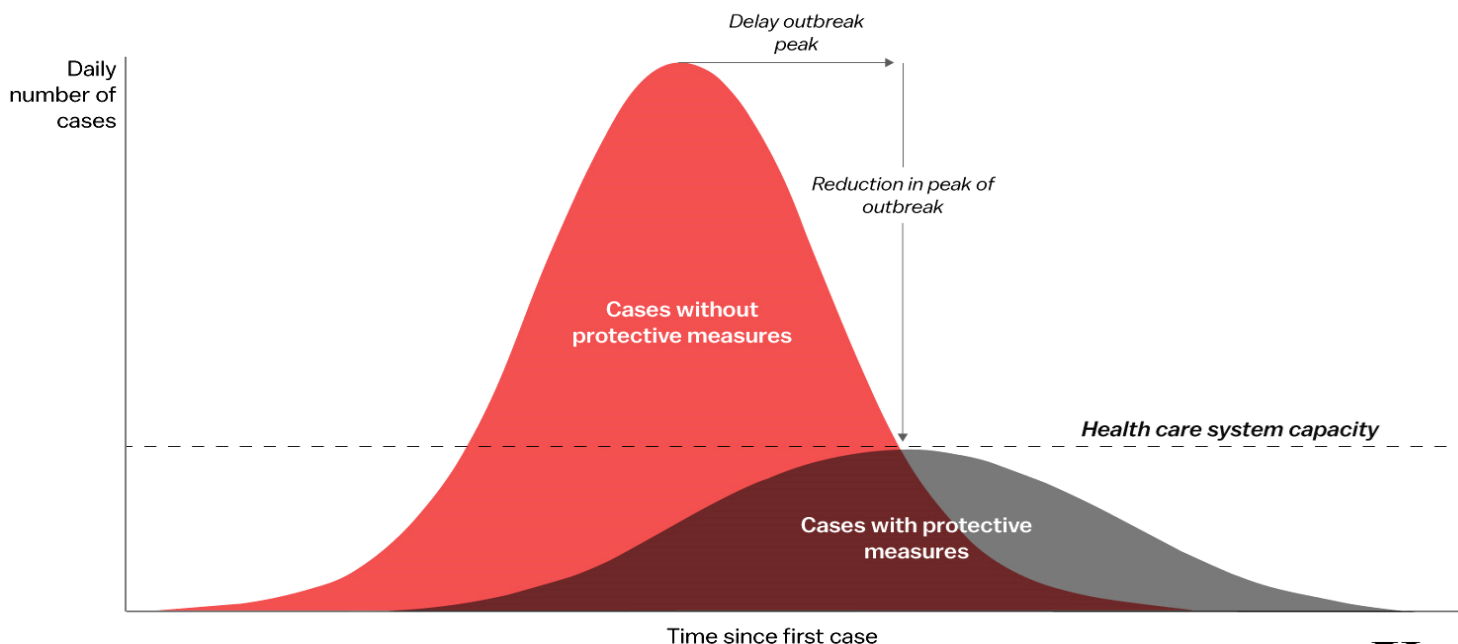
Arnold Nelson & Kathy Snider

Announcement from the Well

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, our Sunday gathering @ the Well will be turned into multiple small home gatherings in our community. During this time, we encourage you to stay home and tune in to Facebook for an acoustic worship set and a short message. Take this time to grow close with your family and BE THE CHURCH rather than just going to church! Be in prayer for each person effected by this virus. I'm praying for God to use this time to help us grow in faith and family.

Trevor Evans

Flattening the curve



The Amen Corner

Liam and Emma never missed their youth group; they were regulars and could be counted on no matter what. Even though there was a call to not have meetings of over 10 due to the Coronavirus, they were young and healthy and unlikely to get sick, so they were among the ones who campaigned to meet anyway. They met. Emma got there just in time from a spring break trip to Sunny Tennessee where her parents, Wayne and Paula, dragged her to Graceland. All was fine. She and Liam shared some catching up time and all was fine.

A few days later, Liam's mom, Sarah, said they were going to see her mom, Thera Lou, over the weekend in Smackover. Thera Lou has had some trouble with her COPD, as 40 years of her late husband's, Hershel's, smoking will do. Still, she was better now. All wasn't well. Emma had stood in a long line at Graceland. She picked up the Corona you don't drink in Memphis. She shared some gossip with Liam and shared the virus too. He gave it to Sarah and they tag-teamed Thera Lou.

All of this was forgotten for about 5 days when Thera Lou had a problem with a sore throat and a runny nose like she'd had all her years. She went from bad to worse, but still went to the market and her bridge club and circle meeting. She took some Aunt Bill's to her Aunt Ada Lee, and friends, at the nursing home. Finally, she had to admit to herself she'd come down with something. Turned out, of course, Thera Lou had a problem that couldn't be fixed with Theraflu. Not just Thera Lou, but the general population who shopped the IGA, the bridge club and the church. And the nursing home; especially the nursing home!

Life is much different in Smackover now. Admittedly, some people wonder about the faithfulness of God. The small town is a little smaller, the bridge club is busted up and the circle is down to a couple which doesn't make much of a circle. There are rooms available at the nursing home and more parking available at the IGA. Liam misses Thera Lou's Aunt Bill's, but mostly he misses her. And that is why travel is discouraged, schools are shut, meetings of all kinds are canceled and we are good sports about it. We will be faithful to God and each other.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

March 22-28

- 22 Sonny Hetherington
Gary Ross
Jan Shipman
- 23 Betty Richardson
- 25 Brayden Payne
Landry Taylor
- 27 Lori Mitchell
Lacey Myers

- 22 Kim & Nan Kimberley
- 24 Bob & Gayle Jones
- 25 Jimmy & Kimberly Tilley

BUNNY CAKES ARE CANCELLED

IF YOU'VE ALREADY PURCHASED ONE,
HOLLY BAILEY WILL CONTACT YOU.

SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE!

"And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently. And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal. And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed."

—Kitty O'Meara

TOY SHOP

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The Toy Shop's Spring Rummage Sale is quickly approaching! It will be held Friday, April 3, from 8 AM to 6 PM and Saturday, April 4, from 8 AM to 2 PM. If you have donations, you may call Kim Davis at 255-9625 and she will meet you. The sale will take place in the old Latham's Plumbing building at 7th and Willow. The Toy Shop entrance is on 7th Street.

Thank you!
Kathy Snider

Thank You Notes

Thank you for your generous gift to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Food for Kids Program (supported by one of our World Outreach programs this year). Your donation helps to provide food for the 1 in 4 Oklahoma children who live with food insecurity every day. In the last year, our Food for Kids Programs have helped to provide more than 2.8 million meals to nearly 42,000 chronically hungry children in the state.

Cassie Gilman, CDO
Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

I HAVE 2020 VISION

Dear First Christian Friends,

The April 7 opportunity to vote on the Duncan Public School's 2020 Vision is a week closer. I won't lie to you, we need this to be a community-wide effort. It will allow for needed repairs and improvements. It will upgrade technology and transportation. It won't raise our taxes! It will be good for our schools, our town, and, most of all, our kiddos! Don't forget!

Thank you,
Koree K. Goldsmith, Principal
Emerson Elementary School



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you signed up to have flowers displayed in the Sanctuary while Sunday services are suspended, I will contact you when they resume to arrange a different date that will work for you. Thank you for understanding!

Erica Hancock Bennett
Office Secretary

A Prayer from *The New Zealand Book of Prayer*

FDR, said, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." Today I pray, Father, for the whole world:

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart;
Bring hope and courage to all as we wait in uncertainty.

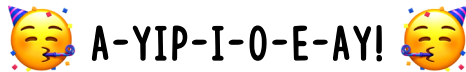
Bring hope that you will make us the equal of whatever lies ahead.

Bring us courage to endure what can't be avoided, for your will is for health and wholeness;

You are God and we need you. Amen.

Susie Lindley

FCC News & Activities



- ★ Zack Schreckengost is running for school Parliamentarian!
- ★ Thanks to Sue Ellis and Kathy Snider for stepping forward to offer snack bags for people unable to get out.
- ★ Thanks to Kent Pinson for taking on mowing our crop of early Spring weeds!
- ★ Thanks to Bruce Bailey and Richard Herndon for making it possible for us to broadcast worship this Sunday!

THE WORLD FEELS SCARY RIGHT NOW...

**RATHER THAN ALLOW YOUR KIDS TO ABSORB YOUR FEAR & ANGST,
LET THEM REMEMBER THESE WEEKS AS THE TIME THEIR PARENTS CUT
LOOSE & LET THEM HAVE VIDEO GAME MARATHONS**

LET THEM MAKE FUN MEALS

LET THEM EAT THE RAMEN

LET THEM STAY UP LATE

**ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE A LITTLE MORE WILD & CARE-FREE WITHIN THE
WALLS OF YOUR HOME**

**DON'T LET THIS TIME BECOME
A CHILDHOOD TRAUMA**



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

Cancelled until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

March 22–28

Sunday, March 22

NO Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary

NO Sunday School

NO Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

NO Contemporary Worship @ the Well

NO Couples Bible Study, Harmony Room

NO Women of the Word Bible Study

Monday, March 23

NO Women of the Word Bible Study

Tuesday, March 24

Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 25

NO Wednesday UNite

NO Handbell Choir Rehearsal

NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 26

NO "Book of Esther" Bible Study/Lunch

Friday, March 27

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

Take-Out ONLY

Saturday, March 28

NO Men's Fellowship Breakfast

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, MARCH 27

5:45 TO 7:00 PM @ THE WELL

MENU: GOULASH & DESSERT



THIS MONTH'S MEAL PROVIDED BY FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH, HOSTED @ THE WELL.

****THERE WILL BE NO DINING IN THIS MONTH**
TO-GO PLATES HANDED OUT AT THE DOOR**

*"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

In Our Prayers

Steve Bolt
 Scotty Elliott
 Richard Herndon
 Paula Sue Hightower
 Herb Lang
 Ronnie & Kathy Thompson
 Alan Toler
 Honor Vaughn
 Eddie Wiggins

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Sermon

Arnold Nelson & Sue Lindley

John 9:1-41

Scripture Reader

Rita O'Kelley

Tune in on Facebook

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or at www.FCCDuncan.com*

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
 Carl & Evelyn Slifer – Ashbrook Village
 Jackie Van Alstine – St. Simeon's Senior Community

WORSHIP @ THE WELL

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Message

Trevor Evans

Who Are We?

(Community Centered)

Tune in on Facebook

@theWellFCC

Included in this issue
Order of Service for in
Home Christian Worship
Sunday, March 22, 2020

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

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
March 21 – Team Bowman

	March 15, 2020	
8:30 AM	Worship in the Sanctuary	29
10:45 AM	Worship in the Sanctuary	60
10:45 AM	Worship at the Well	56
	Children's Worship & Wonder	5
	Total Worship Attendance	150
	Sunday School	32
	General Budget	\$ 8,376.87



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