

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



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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

Wednesday UNite

April 10

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, APRIL 8!

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

MENU: Chicken & Rice

Cook Team: Craig

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



The Amen Corner

Years ago, Tony Bennett had a hit with "If I Ruled the World" from the musical, Pickwick. Lines include, "If I ruled the world every day would be the first day of spring/Every heart would have a new song to sing." Well, if I ruled the world, musicals would be outlawed and only people who sang as well as Tony Bennett would sing the National Anthem at ball games. If I was boss of the world, pro golfers wouldn't dress like billboards, flat brim caps would be verboten. If I ran the show, political office holders would be required to keep a civil tongue in their mouths, no name calling or naughty words. In a world with me in command, there'd be no capital punishment except for telemarketers. Were I in charge of all things, children would be inoculated against diseases, and parents wouldn't gripe about it. And now we're at the point of this rant: I'm not in charge.

I'm in charge of neither world, nation, state nor city. Despite the presumptions of some, I'm not in charge of this church and to the surprise of a few, I'm keenly aware of that fact. When someone asks, "Got everything under control?" I reply, "No!" with the understanding those who think otherwise are deluding someone, and in for a shock. In my home, I'm in charge of anything Kelly doesn't care to be in charge of and that's all. I live in a world where I'm not running shows and it does no good to make it a federal case over it. Could I dictate the behaviors of me, and everyone else, bellyaching would be no more. It takes little vision to see there are problems in the world but simply griping never got a good thing done. Changes don't come easy for any of us and they never come without glitches. Nothing's gained by saying, "The old: way, machine, process was better." Adapt and move on, with no railing against inevitabilities. This is true in every single community of people on the planet and it's ever been so. Archeologists have unearthed ancient writings of thousands of years ago devoted to how bad things have gotten to be, how sorry the young people are today.

I can't order anything of anyone but I challenge us all to watch out for key words and phrases that do more harm than good. They include: "nowadays," "anymore," "in my day," "they should never" and "it's gotten so." Hide and watch, such words as these always preface some level of whining, while never delivering any improvement. I do believe in positive change. For that matter, I

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FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 7-13

- 7 – Delyn Cronk
Shasta Smith
Addison Siess
- 8 – Robert Whitley
- 9 – Pat Elam
Hayley Riley
- 10 – Trevor Coursey
Susan Elliott
Jeffrey Moore
Kevin Pack
Jessica Ramos
- 13 – Meredith Albin
Lauren Collins
Pamela Johnson

- 10 – Cory & Hannah Lillard
Joe & Vicki Vermedahl
- 12 – Danny & Bonnie Talley

Amen Corner Continued....

believe the Kingdom of God will come on earth as it is in heaven. It just won't be moaned and groaned in. It will come as we're being the Good News in word and deed, mostly the latter. No, the world isn't run on my terms and I'm adjusted to that. When I get to heaven there'll be no designated hitters and people will tuck in their shirts. Until then I'm

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

F.O.C.U.S.
Monday, April 8
DRH Atrium Café
5:30 PM

TOY SHOP SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, April 5
8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Saturday, April 6
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Old Latham's Plumbing Building
7th & Willow

ELDER MEETING
Tuesday, April 9
Koinonia Room
6:00 PM

Thank You

Dear FCC Family,

Thank you for the encouraging cards, phone calls, and the comfort of knowing so many people were praying daily during the chemo and radiation Herb was taking. Thank you Delyn for your ministry of making beautiful and uplifting prayer quilts and the prayers by so many people while the knots were tied. It stays on the sofa for constant use. Your continued prayers for healing will be appreciated. We've missed our church family while we were in OKC.

Love,
Herb & Doris Lang

CWF Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 11
Parlor
9:30 AM

FCC PRAYER VIGIL

Join us for an Easter Prayer Vigil to be held in the Helen Green Prayer Chapel.

April 14-20
6:00 PM until 8:30 PM



Please sign up with the Church Office to be a part of the Prayer Vigil. The schedule is set up in 30-minute increments, however, if you'd like more time, sign up in as many time slots as you need.

There will be an elder present in the church to assist you to the chapel.

CWF #3
Friday, April 12
Norma Thomson's Home
2:00 PM

VBS Coordinator Needed!

FCC's Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 2, to Tuesday, June 4, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM. We're needing a VBS Coordinator to organize the event and search for volunteers. All materials have already been purchased. Please contact Shasta at 656-7884 if you can help!

Shasta Smith

LOCAL BENEVOLENT
OFFERING
TO BE RECEIVED
THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 7

FCC News & Activities

Easter Lilies for Worship



If you'd like to provide a lily for our worship on Easter Sunday, please turn in the following information to the Church Office **no later than Monday, April 15**. You may take the lily home on April 21 following the 10:45 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary or @ the Well. Cost is \$32.

Number of Lilies: _____
 I would like the lily placed: Sanctuary ___ Well ___
 Given by _____
 In honor of _____
 In memory of _____
 To the Glory of God _____

SUMMER CAMP 2019

Chi Rho Camp
 Grades 6-8
 June 3-7

Junior Camp
 Grades 4 & 5
 June 17-21

Discovery Camp
 Grades 2 & 3
 June 21-23

CYF Conference
 Grades 9-12
 June 24-28

Grand Camp
 Grades K-3
 July 9-11

Discount rates until April 24.
Last day to register is May 17.

For more info, visit www.okdisciples.org.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER



Sunday, April 7

Leader: Melanie Smith
 Story: Last Passover

LEADERS NEEDED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY!
 CONTACT Shasta at 656-7884 to volunteer.

COMING EVENTS

April 7-13

Sunday, April 7

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
Women of the Word Bible Study led by Kimberly Tilley	6:00 PM
<i>"Lessons from David: How to Be a Giant Killer"</i>	
at the Home of Kimberly Tilley (2211 Twin Dr., Duncan)	

Monday, April 8

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

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

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, April 11

CWF Executive Committee Meeting, Parlor	9:30 AM
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
Bible Study/Lunch in the Gathering Hall	12:00 PM
<i>"The Gospel of Mark"</i> led by Arnold Nelson	
Duncan Cancer Support Group Meeting, Parlor	5:30 PM

Friday, April 12

CWF #3 at the home of Norma Thomson	2:00 PM
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BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH



Thursday, April 11
 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, April 8, to sign up!**

**8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson
Letting Others Be
John 12:1-8

Scripture Reader

Becky Minson

Communion Prayer

Becky Minson

Greeters Narthex

Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer

Assistant Treasurer

Herb Lang

Communion Preparation

Becky Minson

Sunday School Superintendent

Trent Cronk

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson
Letting Others Be
John 12:1-8

Scripture Reader

Glynis Johns

Serving Elders

Communion Prayer &

Invitation to the Table & Offering:

Robert O'Kelley

Invocation & Lord's Prayer &

Dedication of Offering:

Rita O'Kelley

Serving Deacons

Koree Goldsmith

David Hammond

Herb Lang

Cecilia Richey

Jeanna Russell

Donna Shaw

Randy Shaw

Bill Spice (Head)

Robynn Spice

Greeters Narthex

Julie & Alyssa Wisdom

Sanctuary Doors from G.H.

North: Jeanna Russell

South: Mary Frances Cox

Assistant Treasurer

Marty Askins

Communion Preparation

Robert O'Kelley

Communion Clean Up

Bill Spice

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Well

Message


Jared Smith
The Wilderness
Matthew 4:1-11

Serving Elder: Karl Jacobs

Hostess: Holly Bailey

Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
April 6 – Team Pace

In Our Prayers 

Rehabilitation

Sally Anderson – Elk Crossing
Charlie Hays – Elk Crossing
Marvene Schumacher – Wilkins

Others

Bob Hicks
Bob Jones
Kim Kimberley
Herb Lang
Honor Vaughn

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
Kitchen Hostess	LaDonna Brown
Head Custodian	Frank Timmins
Custodian	Stephen Stapp
Daycare Director	Sheila Gadbrow
Daycare Assistant Director	Tosha Matheny
Nursery Director	Lacey Myers

March 31, 2019

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	46
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	72
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	46
Children Worship & Wonder	9
Total Worship Attendance	173
Sunday School	41
General Budget	\$ 5,992.12
Quarter Blessing Offering	\$ 201.14

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