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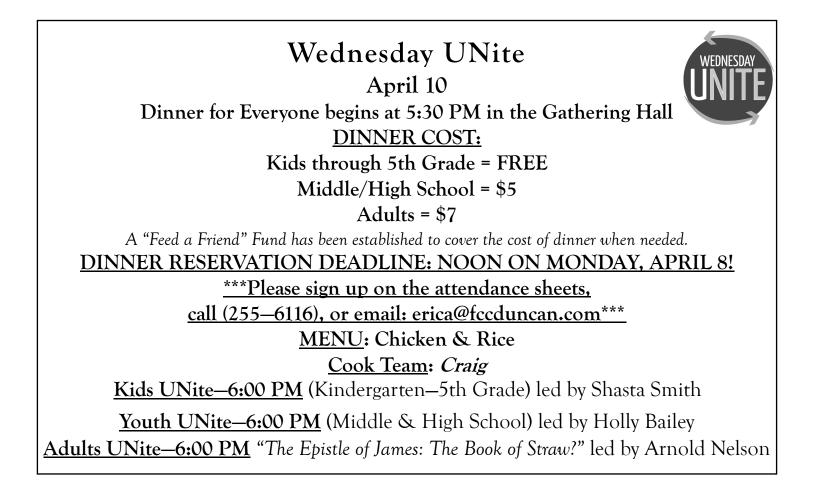
Thursday, April 4, 2019



Palm Sunday – April 14 Brunch – 9:30 AM in the Gathering Hall

<u>Maundy Thursday – April 18</u> 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

<u>Easter Sunday, April 21</u> 7:00 AM – Sunrise Service at Duncan Cemetery 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary 10:45 AM @ the Well

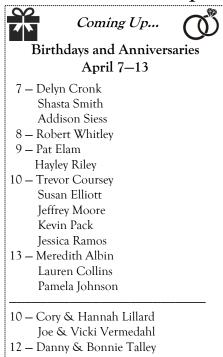


# The Amen Corner

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 capital punishment except no 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



#### 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

<u>TOY SHOP</u> <u>SPRING RUMMAGE SALE</u> 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

# FCC People & Happenings

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

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# 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 <u>no later than Monday, April 15.</u> 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-II

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

For more info, visit www.okdisciples.org.

## BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH

Thursday, April 11 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Gathering Hall Study: *"The Gospel of Mark"* led by Arnold Nelson <u>Light Lunch</u>: \$5.00 <u>Please call the Church Office by</u> <u>Noon on Monday, April 8, to sign up!</u>



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 Sunday School Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary Contemporary Worship @ the Well Women of the Word Bible Study led by Kimberly Tilley "Lessons from David: How to Be a Giant Killer" at the Home of Kimberly Tilley (2211 Twin Dr., Duro	
Monday, April 8 Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing " <i>Prayer</i> " led by Kimberly Tilley Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall F.O.C.U.S., DRH Atrium Café	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 5:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b> Staff Meeting, Church Office Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall Elder Meeting, Koinonia Room	10:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 10 Wednesday UNite Dinner, Gathering Hall Kids UNite, led by Shasta Smith Youth UNite @ the Well, led by Holly Bailey Adults UNite, led by Arnold Nelson Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5:30 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday, April 11 CWF Executive Committee Meeting, Parlor Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall Bible Study/Lunch in the Gathering Hall <i>"The Gospel of Mark"</i> led by Arnold Nelson Duncan Cancer Support Group Meeting, Parlor	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM 5:30 PM
Friday, April 12 CWF #3 at the home of Norma Thomson	2:00 PM

## 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

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

Ministers of First Christian Church

Staff Secretary **Business Secretary** Organist Sanctuary Choir Director Praise Leader @ the Well **Kitchen Hostess** Head Custodian Custodian Davcare Director Daycare Assistant Director Nursery Director

Pastor Arnold Nelson, Jr. Erica Hancock Reba Ford Patty Jennings Kevin Zinn lared Smith LaDonna Brown Frank Timmins Stephen Stapp Sheila Gadbow Tosha Matheny

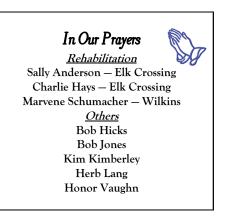
10:45-WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, April 7, 2019 Sanctuary Sermon Arnold Nelson Letting Others Be John 12:1-8

Scripture Reader **Glynis** Johns Serving Elders Communion Praver & 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 Richev 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'Kellev 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



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
to benefit the J.O.H.N. 6:35 Ministry	

March 31, 2019

# Lacey Myers

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