

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



The Duncan Christian

THE WELL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Thursday, April 9, 2020

Flowering of the Cross

Saturday, April 11

3:00–7:00 PM

@ the Well



Everyone is welcome to come out to the Well on Saturday, April 11, to put flowers on the cross for Easter. It will be located outside in front of the Well on Main Street, and there will be a table full of loose flowers to be placed on the cross. You're encouraged to take a picture next to it and post it in the church's Facebook groups on Easter Sunday!

Please remember to stay at least 6 feet apart from one another if you plan on coming out!

EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION

The Care Team is preparing to deliver Communion elements to the homes of resident members and friends for Easter Sunday. Even if you have your own bread and wine, we encourage you to let us bring our carefully and safely packaged items to you! As by partaking of the same bread, it's like we're in the church building together; a way of connecting when we can't otherwise. Please call (255-6116) or email Erica (erica@fccduncan.com) that you'd like to receive a package. We have FREE DELIVERY. We'd love to communion with you on Easter Sunday! Also, if you don't receive or have access to getting a copy of Sunday's bulletin, we can bring you one. We'll be making these deliveries on Thursday and Friday.

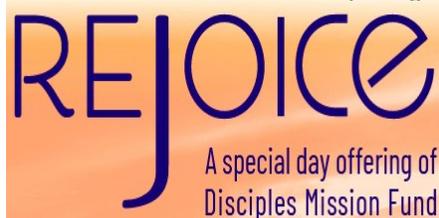
**Be sure to have your own choice of fruit of the vine, or water, available.*

Katherine Rogers

*Remember the meaning,
Remember God's gift,
Remember the resurrection,
May your soul uplift!*

2020 EASTER OFFERING

To be received this Sunday, April 12



"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

— Psalm 118:24 NRSV

The Amen Corner

Most of us can conjure up memories of Easter's past; happy ones and moving ones; Easter egg hunts, Sunrise services, new clothes and baptisms. All blessings, great and small, are blessings to celebrate. Still, most of my Easter memories run together. I can remember it easier than I can remember which specific Easter. I know a man who remembers a lot about his baptism. He should and I helped.

I'd only been at Pulaski Heights in Little Rock 3 years when I discovered the baptistery did have a heater! I was sorry for all those I'd chilled to the bone, but I was mostly pleased for Jack. I filled it up and lit the heater and discovered it rested and ready. I went home anticipating a more pleasant religious experience for a fine young man. At the end of dark, I arrived to be ready for the Sunrise Service and found enough light to see steaming windows in the narthex. An omen. I rushed inside to see water dripping from the ceiling. The heavy curtain at the baptistery was saturated. The paint was bubbling off the baptistery. What a catastrophe! Still, not all was lost. As, what I thought might be my last day at Pulaski Heights before they fired me, I immediately turned off the overacting heater, let out half the water and refilled it with cold. There were about 5 hours until the sacred event so all would be cool, literally and figuratively. Wrong. Come the time I stepped in with my waders and Jack follows. He had the most serious expression I'd ever seen on his 12-year-old face. "He's taking this seriously," I imagined. Once he was at the bottom, I started feeling the heat penetrating the waders. It's a steel baptistery and, turns out, steel retains heat pretty good. I'm glad Jack was young and healthy and able to survive the blessed experience. I'm sure he remembers it.

We'll have an Easter this year that doesn't meld into memories of all the others. The Easter of 2020 will be a tale we tell forever, of things lost but things gained. I hope it's not lost on us that the first Easter included people who celebrated alone and in small huddled groups. The disciples were doing nothing if they weren't social distancing! But the gift of being congregated together may become even more precious to us than ever before. When that Sunday comes, we'll celebrate Easter but also sing a Thanksgiving song, "We gather together to ask the Lord's blessings!"

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 12-18

- 13 Lauren Collins
- 14 Vanessa Moore
Charles Young, Sr.
- 15 Chuck Young, Jr.
- 16 Dale Peters
Vicki Vermedahl
- 17 Linda Hooker
Brad Jennings
Amber Ward

16 Carl & Evelyn Slifer

*"What if Job was never restored
to all the blessings he had known before,
but resolved to die hungry or poor?
Would that be cause to blame the Lord?
What if time could talk, to let us know
when we stop, that is, when we go?
Would we count the days & ponder sore?
Or sing God's praise & know there's
more?"*

—Darryl Ross—

I HAVE 2020 VISION

Dear First Christian Friends,

Even though we have to wait to vote on 2020 Vision, a great opportunity to fund our schools without raising our taxes, and even though kiddos aren't coming in to their classes, we stay busy and are busy finding ways to offer instruction. For instance, last week OETA began airing education programming for children of all grades. The school district is also providing Chromebooks for every Duncan school family so they can continue instruction. These are great ways to keep students learning at their appropriate grade levels while required to stay in homes that can start to feel like jails! And in the meantime, we're still providing lunches to keep them going! Again, pray for us.

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

Thank You Notes

Dear Friends at FCC,

Jerry & I thank you for the helpful care package you delivered to our front door yesterday! It's full of lots of useful goodies for us. Please know we love all of our FCC friends and neighbors oh so much. May God continue to keep all of us safe as we go forward.

In Christian Love,
Jerry & Gail Loafman

Thanks to all who participated in our United Time of Prayer on Wednesday. I'd also like to include a HUGE shoutout to Bruce Bailey for the volunteer hours he's invested to insure the Sanctuary Worship and Worship at the Well is recorded and available at a high quality level during this time. Bruce loves technology and has used that gift to serve and bless the entire body of First Christian Church.

May you all be blessed!
Delyn Cronk

Thanks to our church family who put together the goodie bag Pastor Arnold delivered to my door. It was greatly appreciated. I miss my church family.

In Christian Love,
Angie Randolph

Dear FCC Members,

Thank you for thinking of me. Enjoyed the goodie bag and will partake of all of it. Hope to see you all in the near future.

Sandra Emery

Thanks so much to Arnold and Kathy for bringing the great snack sack last week. This week, Delyn brought a beautiful green arrangement for the door symbolizing Palm Sunday. The love that flows through our church is such a blessing. At times like these, it's comforting to know that we not only have God with us, but we also have friends to turn to.

Sharleen Johns

FCC News & Activities



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Cancelled until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

April 12–18

Sunday, April 12 – *Easter Sunday*

Online Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45 AM

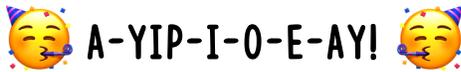
Facebook: @FirstChristianChurchDuncan

Website: www.FCCDuncan.com

Online Worship @ the Well

10:45 AM

Facebook: @theWellFCC



- ★ Congratulations to Darryl Ross for getting the book he's been working on for 3 years on Amazon. *Number of Days* by Darryl Ross is available for download now!

This week, a special word for some of our Staff:

- ★ **Frank Timmins** is faithfully caring for our facilities and looks for ways to make improvements while we're away.
- ★ **Reba Ford** has pretty well held down the office while working with financial leadership to keep us in business while offerings aren't being received.
- ★ **Erica Hancock Bennett** has to stay home with small children but still answers the phone and does her usual work like she was right in the office!
- ★ **Kevin Zinn** and **Patty Jennings** in the worship we provide for the Sanctuary, and **Jared Smith** at the Well, are showing dedications under the most challenging of circumstances.

*While in quarantine,
Shakespeare wrote King Lear.*

*While in quarantine,
Isaac Newton developed calculus
and discovered gravity.*

*While under house arrest,
Paul wrote part of the New Testament.*

*While in prison,
John Bunyan wrote Pilgrims' Progress.*

*While in self-isolation,
I consumed a large bag of pork rinds.*

WAYS TO GIVE DURING THE PANDEMIC

- ◆ **ACH (Automatic Deposits)**
 - ◇ Contact Reba in the Church Office and so she can send you a form to fill out and return with a voided check.
- ◆ **Text-to-Give**
 - ◇ Text the word "GIVE" to 833-868-2068 and follow the instructions.
- ◆ **Mail-In**
 - ◇ 912 W. Walnut Ave. Duncan, OK 73533 (Attention: Reba Ford)

In Our Prayers

Larry Albin
 Steve Bolt
 Scotty Elliott
 Richard Herndon
 Paula Sue Hightower
 Herb Lang
 Ronnie & Kathy Thompson
 Honor Vaughn
 Larry Weeks

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Sermon

Arnold Nelson
The First Evangelist
 Jeremiah 31:1-6
 John 20:1-18

Scripture Reader

A.L. Hutson
 Koree Goldsmith

Tune in on Facebook

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 or at www.FCCDuncan.com*

WORSHIP @ THE WELL

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Message

Trevor Evans

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@theWellFCC

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

**Included in this issue
 Order of Service for in
 Home Christian Worship
 Sunday, April 12, 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'!
 April 11 – Team O'Kelley

	April 5, 2020	
Online Worship in the Sanctuary		298
Online Worship @ the Well		939
Total Worship Attendance		1,125
General Budget	\$ 11,768.36	
Easter Offering	\$ 195.00	
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 50.00	



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