

*Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share*



# The Duncan Christian

THE WELL  
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## PALM SUNDAY

April 14



### *PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH*

*Come join us and bring a guest!*  
9:30 AM in the Gathering Hall

MENU: Egg Soufflé, Fruit Salad, and Tea Room Muffins

*Donations are welcome.*

*No Sunday School due to Palm Sunday Brunch.*

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## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 18

6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

*A Service of Worship Commemorating the Last Supper*



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## EASTER SUNDAY

April 21

### *WORSHIP SERVICES*

7:00 AM – Sunrise Service at Duncan Cemetery

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

## CHILDREN TO WAVE PALMS

Elementary age children will participate in waving palm branches this Sunday, April 14, during the 10:45 AM services in the sanctuary and at the well.

*Children should meet upstairs in the holding area east of the Narthex at 10:30 AM.*



## The Amen Corner

I was told I had to get fingerprinted. This is due to our having a childcare operation and the Department of Human Services being vigilant about those who wish to do harm to children. Good cause for sure, but I didn't want to; it's a hassle and your fingers get inky and it makes it much harder to enter the Witness Protection Program. No immediate need for the WPP and they don't use ink pads. It's all modernized and computerized and thus the hassle becomes all the greater. I took the check for \$55 and presented my 10 digits but the gadget didn't like them. The lady repeatedly said, "You've just worked too hard", and we all know that's not it. I'm convinced it was the state authorized gadget. A call came that my prints had been denied. (No word of outstanding warrants). I was directed to go back and try again, with the same faulty machinery, or haul my fingers to the City. I'm disinclined to blow off any governmental directives, especially future employment of daycare workers in contingent on my complying.

All this adventure in state bureaucracy is a fresh reminder life can be complicated. Important things may take a lot of orchestration. Here we are, coming up on Holy Week and it offers up the motherlode of orchestration. Scripture shares Jesus lined up a donkey to use to lead the parade and found the upper room they used for the Last Supper and for some time after. Yet long before that, God had to find the right moment for a Savior to be born in the right town under the right circumstances. God had to find a way for Jesus to spend requisite time in Egypt and return to Nazareth. John the Baptizer had to appear on the scene to set the stage and Jesus had to get through boot camp in the wilderness, with the devil being the unwitting drill instructor. Judas Iscariot had to play out the role of traitor. On and on it goes with a God who knows more than us, working out details as no human could.

As we give thought to our blessings, a God so willing to orchestrate so much for our sakes might as well make the list. I hope as the week unfolds, we'll find our ways to recognize this gift. As Isaac Watts put it, "love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

Glad to be your pastor,  
Arnold

## FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...




### Birthdays and Anniversaries


April 14–20

- 14 – Vanessa Moore  
Charles Young, Sr.
- 15 – Marcy Gilbert  
Verna Montgomery  
Charles Young, Jr.
- 16 – John Peters  
Connie Schreiner  
Peggy Tinsley  
Vicki Vermedahl
- 17 – Linda Hooker  
Amber Ward
- 18 – Whitney Harper  
Bradley Jennings
- 19 – Fran Boyd  
Anthony Scott  
Terry Snider
- 20 – Denise Rodgers  
Michael Taylor  
Machelle Zinn

- 16 – Carl & Evelyn Slifer
- 19 – Richard & Marlana Williams
- 20 – Robert & Rita O'Kelley

### In Christian Sympathy

 We extend our condolences to Julie Stockton and family as her mother, Evelyn Kosmata, of Denison, Texas passed away on Wednesday, April 3. A memorial service is to be planned.

 Our deepest sympathy is extended to Paula Toler and family as her mother, Wilma Walker, died peacefully at her home on Tuesday, April 9. Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 12, at 1:30 PM at Don Grantham's Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 11, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

### 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.*

## Thank You Notes

To Our Friends at First Christian,

The Dehydrator Executive Committee and the Duncan Band Boosters thank you for your donation and becoming a sponsor of our 29th edition of our Dehydrator. This is the Band Booster's largest fundraiser and we cannot put on such a large event without your support. Your support allows us to run The Dehydrator at a lower cost, so we may do more for our band programs and our students!

Thank you again for your support!

Laci Edwards,

Band Booster Treasurer

Dear FCC,

Thank you so much for your donations to the Toy Shop for our Spring Rummage Sale this past weekend. It was a success! Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Toy Shop in any way during the sale.

Kathy Snider

### GOD AT WORK

"Our refusal to take personal offense and our willingness to forgive others reveals God at work in our lives. 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 NIV

With God's Blessings,

Valenne Neel

CWF #2

Thursday, April 18

Parlor

9:30 AM

### FCC Caps for Sale!



Order through the Church Office or go to Home Port Embroidery (825 W. Main, Duncan).

Cost is approximately \$15.00 depending on type of cap you order.

Most team colors are available.

Embroidered is "First Christian Church" and Chalice Logo.



# FCC News & Activities

## Wednesday UNite

April 17

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 15!**

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

**MENU:** Hamburgers & Brownie Ice Cream

**Cook Team:** Snider

**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

## 2019 EASTER OFFERING

to be received this Sunday, April 14  
and next Sunday, April 21.



As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries. These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work. The general ministries that will benefit from the 2019 Easter Offering are:

- Center for Faith and Giving
- Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries
- Communication Ministries
- Council on Christian Unity
- Disciples of Christ Historical Society
- Disciples Home Missions
- Disciples Women
- Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries)
- Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
- Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation
- National Benevolent Association
- National Convocation
- North American Pacific/Asian Disciples

This Holy Week, let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter Offering can transform our shared work.



### BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH

Thursday, April 18  
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 15, to sign up!*

## CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Sunday, April 14

Leader: Shasta Smith

Story: Jesus Dies &  
God Makes Him Alive Again



**LEADERS NEEDED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY!**

Contact Shasta at 656-7884 to volunteer.

### *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 \_\_\_\_\_

### COMING EVENTS

April 14–20

#### **Palm Sunday, April 14**

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
NO Sunday School	
Palm Sunday Brunch, Gathering Hall	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
"Lessons from David: How to Be a Giant Killer" at the Home of Kimberly Tilley (2211 Twin Dr., Duncan)	

#### **Monday, April 15**

Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing	9:30 AM
"Prayer" led by Kimberly Tilley	
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM

#### **Tuesday, April 16**

Staff Meeting, Church Office	10:00 AM
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM

#### **Wednesday, April 17**

<i>Wednesday UNite</i>	
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

#### **Maunder Thursday, April 18**

CWF #2, Parlor	9:30 AM
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	
Maunder Thursday Service, Sanctuary	6:30 PM

#### **Good Friday, April 19**

Church Office Closed

**8:30—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 14, 2019

**Sanctuary**

**Sermon**

Arnold Nelson

*Sometimes We'd Rather Not*

Luke 19:28-40

**Scripture Reader**

Delyn Cronk

**Communion Prayer**

Delyn Cronk

**Greeters Narthex**

Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer

**Assistant Treasurer**

Herb Lang

**Communion Preparation**

Delyn Cronk

**Sunday School Superintendent**

Trent Cronk

**10:45—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**

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**Sermon**

Arnold Nelson

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Luke 19:28-40

**Scripture Reader**

Rita O'Kelley

**Serving Elders**

**Communion Prayer:**

Paul Craig

**Invocation & Lord's Prayer &**

**Dedication of Offering:**

Darryl Ross

**Serving Deacons**

Koree Goldsmith

David Hammond

Herb Lang

Cecilia Richey

Jeanna Russell

Donna Shaw

Randy Shaw

Bill Spice (Head)

Robynn Spice

**Greeters Narthex**

Linda Guest & Kathy Monkress

**Sanctuary Doors from G.H.**

North: Joyce Frechette

South: Glynis & Sharleen Johns

**Assistant Treasurer**

Marty Askins

**Communion Preparation**

Delyn Cronk

**Communion Clean Up**

Bill Spice

**10:45—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, April 14, 2019

**Well**

**Message**

Larry Culberson

**Serving Elder:** Rod Smith

**Hostess:** Holly Bailey

**Assistant Treasurer:** Trent Cronk

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

April 13 – 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
Kitchen Hostess	LaDonna Brown
Head Custodian	Frank Timmins
Custodian	Stephen Stapp
Daycare Director	Sheila Gadbow
Daycare Assistant Director	Tosha Matheny
Nursery Director	Lacey Myers

***In Our Prayers***

*Hospital*  
Gloria Hetherington – DRH

*Recently Released*  
Greg Liles  
Gaylon Russell  
Joe Vermedahl

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

*Others*  
Bob Hicks  
Bob Jones  
Kim Kimberley  
Herb Lang  
Honor Vaughn

**April 7, 2019**

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	48
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	75
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	48
Children Worship & Wonder	4
Total Worship Attendance	175
Sunday School	42
General Budget	\$ 11,703.50
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 484.00



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