



## RIDING THE OLD CHISHOLM TRAIL TO CATTLEMEN'S

The pandemic will come to an end and Dr. Fauci will say the coast is clear. Restaurants will be open for crowds, and you're invited to book a space on a church van for a trip to Cattlemen's Steakhouse in Stockyard City. No date yet, of course, but each van holds 15 and we have 3! Call the Church Office (255-6116) to make reservations. We'll draw straws to let Trevor be a designated driver.

Arnold



## *In Recognition of our High School Graduates*



Dax Alston  
Madeline Harper  
Gracie Kelly  
Jessica Morales  
Michael Pollock  
Jacob Riley  
Carson Villalon  
Preston Weaks

*Class of 2020*



## **COLLEGE & HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE INFO**

*If you have a college or high school graduate this year, please call the Church Office (255-6116) or email [erica@fccduncan.com](mailto:erica@fccduncan.com) with their info.*

***We'd love to recognize them!***

## HOW TO JOIN THE FCC FACEBOOK GROUP

Search for First Christian Church of Duncan (Disciples of Christ) on Facebook and click on 'Join Group'. If you're unable to find us, let the Church Office know and someone will send you an invite. If you don't have a Facebook, creating an account is simple and easy! Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), click on 'Create an Account' and follow the directions. Joining the church's Facebook group is the easiest way to view the Sunday sermons online. Sermons are also available on our public Facebook pages @FirstChristianChurchDuncan & @theWellFCC, and on our website [www.FCCDuncan.com](http://www.FCCDuncan.com)

## The Amen Corner

Over the past few days, I've discovered staying home due to this pandemic, and thinking of nothing but it, grows weary. So I found myself thinking of the nature of leadership in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). I'm pretty certain that doesn't set your collective hearts aflutter but I find it intriguing, and have considered ways of making it so for you. I start with this story.

As a child, my home church was pastored by Brother William Hadden, whom my father dearly loved. He wasn't native to Tennessee, but Connecticut, or the Disciples, but time spent at Vanderbilt landed him at First Christian, Clarksville where he could serve a church and rear 4 kids. My dad thought him great, but it wasn't universal. He wore a black robe, and burned candles, and for some at that church, and most Christian Churches of that time, such things were "too Catholic" to be borne. I didn't care. At an All Church Picnic, he entered a Blueberry Pie Eating Contest and I thought that swell. When I was 8, he came to my party. I remember him pulling up and wishing me a Happy Birthday. He patted my shoulder. I was delighted by his presence. I would be an adult in ministry before it ever really dawned on me he'd only come to my party to pick up his son, Whitney. Brother Hadden was a gifted minister and a fine man and he served my church at a time churches had a hard time not growing. Ours grew, and added on and all that. But, it was a church given to fault finding, and running off preachers. Bro. Haden set a record lasting 9 years. Eventually he wound up in North Carolina at a prestigious congregation, but not prestigious enough. Bro. Hadden jumped ship and joined the Episcopal Church, transforming himself into Father Hadden. It was a good move for him. Remember the part where he wore a robe and burned candles? That was at odds with the times in our wider church family. He insisted on such things as this, even when actively in opposition with the leadership of the congregation.

There are religious communities where this doesn't present a problem. Ours is not one of them. Leadership is shared among Disciples and it's imbedded in our theological DNA. You can take it to the bank: Ministers don't run the show; not for long. Disciples don't like to be told what to think, what to believe or how to feel. Ask yourself, do you? More on this next week.

Glad to be your pastor,  
Arnold

## FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

April 26 – May 2

- 26 Marlana Williams
- 27 Jari Askins  
Kendall Dorrrough
- 28 Darrell Smith
- 29 Greg Liles  
Alicia Vaughn
- 1 Kennedy Villalon
- 2 Jake White



*Will Alan Matthews*

*Dru Miller Matthews*



*Congratulations to Matt & Emily Matthews on the birth of their twin boys, Will Alan Matthews & Dru Miller Matthews, born on Sunday, April 19. Will was born at 7:03 AM weighing 6.2 pounds, and Dru was born at 7:04 AM weighing 6.1 pounds. We also congratulate Uncle and Aunt, Bruce & Holly Bailey.*



### Memorials for Honor Vaughn

The family of Honor Vaughn has asked that memorials be designated to the First Christian Daycare, to which she gave so many years of devoted service.

**J.O.H.N. 6:35**

**NO MEAL IN APRIL**

### ATTENTION DPS PARENTS

Dear First Christian Friends,

Need help with your DPS issued technology? We have now added a technology helpline to assist you. You can call or text 580-656-5974. Staff will be available from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday, for technology related issues. If you don't need immediate assistance, email your request to: [helpdesk@duncanps.org](mailto:helpdesk@duncanps.org). Please include a callback phone number when emailing your request.

Koree K. Goldsmith, Principal  
Emerson Elementary School

## Thank You Notes

Dear F.O.C.U.S.,

Thank you for taking care of the Blessing Box this week. I know it's quite a project but I also know many people are receiving a huge benefit from it. Many people need some extra help right now and I pray our Blessing Box is doing just that. To each of you gals who helped, I appreciate each of you so much!

Blessings,

Cheryl Dowell, FUMC



**CONGRATS, GRAD!**

Congratulations to **Brittany Bailey**, daughter of Bruce and Holly Bailey, who will be graduating from Southwest Oklahoma State University in May with a degree in Business Management. Way to go, Brittany!

### Helping a Community in Need

Christians Concerned has been blessed with gifts from the community to bless the needs of the people in Duncan. If you have been laid off, furloughed, hours cut, etc. please contact us. We are still open assisting with food, utility bills, rent & non narcotic prescriptions. Please feel free to call us at 580-252-9120 & we can discuss how we can help.

Penny Gardner, Director  
Christians Concerned

### Sunday in the Sanctuary

Join us on Sunday, April 26, at 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary (online from home, of course) for hymns led by LaDana Ross, "Crown Him with Many Crowns" and "Abide with Me", Scripture Readings by Marty Askins and Tana Latham, and beautiful music played by Patty Jennings.

# FCC News & Activities

## A-YIP-I-O-E-AY!

- ★ If you notice weeds aren't popping up around the church and the grounds look healthy, it's because of **Bruce Bailey** and recently healed **Alan Toler's** hard work in sparing hours of their day to make them look their best. Thanks, guys!
- ★ You'll want to know the Daycare Board wanted to shore up morale among the staff, so they're taking turns providing lunch each Friday for the next few months. Things like this make all the difference!
- ★ A word of gratitude to those who respond to prayer requests; these mean the world to those prayed for and their families.



## 10 Ways to Celebrate Earth Day at Home

by Leah D. Schade



The 50th anniversary of Earth Day is on April 22, and there are many ways to commemorate it right in your living space and neighborhood!

1. **Observe & Wonder.** Set into a circle of nature for a few minutes of observation, contemplation, and appreciation. Maybe your yard, or even just a crack in the sidewalk where weeds and grass have pushed through. Learn the names of the trees and plants – they are your neighbors in God's Creation! Let this time center you in prayer, wonder, and gratitude.
2. **Plant & Grow.** Make a plan for your garden. Think about what vegetables or flowers you'd like to grow this season and where you will plant them. If you pick up seeds or plants from your local garden center, be sure to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.
3. **Share your Green Space on Social Media.** When you post your pictures, share that caring for God's Creation is part of your faith and encourage others to post theirs.
4. **Play Earth Day Bingo.** Make up a card with things in nature you might find in a walk around your neighborhood or backyard (dogs, birds, trees, grass, flowers, insects, etc.). As you find each one, say a prayer of thanks to God for creating this beautiful discovery.
5. **Advocate Online.** Find out what environmental legislation is currently under consideration in Congress. Call your local government to encourage them to support the strongest protections for our planet. Ask how you can help.
6. **Read & Educate.** Download a copy of Pope Francis's Encyclical *Laudato Si'* from your local library or listen to it as an audio book.
7. **Plan/Watch a Worship Service Celebrating God's Creation.**
8. **Pray for Earth & Vulnerable Communities.** Write a prayer regarding Creation. Share it on social media along with a favorite nature picture.
9. **Honor Native Legacy.** Visit Native Land Digital, type in your address, and see what indigenous peoples lived in the land before European conquest. Do some research about the history of indigenous peoples in the place where you live.
10. **Thank those who Nurtured your Love of Nature.** Think about the person who taught you the most about environmental concerns and cultivated your love of nature. Write a letter thanking them for what they've taught you. If they're no longer living, read the letter to someone close to you to honor their memory.



## CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

*Cancelled until further notice.*

## COMING EVENTS

April 26 – May 2

### Sunday, April 26

Online Worship in the Sanctuary 10:45 AM

Facebook: @FirstChristianChurchDuncan

Website: [www.FCCDuncan.com](http://www.FCCDuncan.com)

Online Worship @ the Well 10:45 AM

Facebook: @theWellFCC

### Friday, May 1

CWU Friendship Day, FUMC Cancelled

## 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

Steve Bolt  
 Scotty Elliott  
 Richard Herndon  
 Paula Sue Hightower  
 Tom Howard  
*Brother of Judy Shaw, at Integris  
 Baptist due to a brain bleed*  
 Herb Lang  
 Ronnie & Kathy Thompson

## SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sunday, April 26, 2020

### Sermon

Arnold Nelson

*Good News at the End of a Long Day*

Psalm 116:1-4

Luke 24:13-35

### Scripture Reader

Marty Askins

Tana Latham

*Tune in on Facebook*

*@FirstChristianChurchDuncan*

*or at www.FCCDuncan.com*

## WORSHIP @ THE WELL

Sunday, April 26, 2020

Message

Trevor Evans

*Tune in on Facebook*

*@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 26, 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 25 – Team Elliott

April 19, 2020

Online Worship in the Sanctuary	311
Online Worship @ the Well	343
Total Worship Attendance	654
General Budget	\$ 8,159.34
SBA PPP Loan	\$ 7,196.79
Easter Offering	\$ 100.00
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 100.00



## Come to Worship, Nurture, and Share

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