

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share

The Duncan Christian

THE WELL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Happy Mother's Day!

This Sunday, May 10

*If you're fortunate enough to have your mother with you,
be sure to remember her in some way.*

Of course, the BEST way to honor your mother is to join her in Worship!

****On Facebook (@FirstChristianChurchDuncan / @theWellFCC)**

or our Website (www.fccduncan.com)**

— 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary, or at 10:45 AM @ the Well —

*"A mother is she who can take the place of all others
but whose place no one else can take."*

—Cardinal Mermillod

*"If you expect elementary school children to
endure the trauma of active shooter drills for
your freedoms, you can wear a mask to
Walmart."*

— Heidi Freymiller —

!! ATTENTION PARENTS OF SENIORS !!

We need some information about your high school graduate! If you haven't already, please provide the Church Office with the following:

- What school they'll be attending
- What they'll be studying
- A picture of them (preferably their Senior picture if you have one)

*Please send this information to
erica@fccduncan.com*

In Recognition of our High School Graduates

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



Class of 2020

The Amen Corner

Way back in the 20th Century, I pastored a wonderful congregation in Camden, Arkansas and so knew John and Mary Gilliland. The Gilliland's were dedicated members of our congregation, but never darkened the door inasmuch as they were very old, quite frail and homebound deluxe. However, their understanding of Christianity included keeping the Lord's Day and so they had breakfast every Sunday, took baths, got dressed, John in Coat and Tie, and sat down at 11 o'clock to worship with a congregation in Little Rock. They received the weekly worship bulletin, sang and prayed along and listened to the sermon, not sleeping any more than had they been there in person. When worship was over, they turned off their TV and had Sunday dinner. And it was for such as these, the Federal Communications Commission made opportunity for religious broadcasting long years ago. That this is often shanghaied by religious racketeers is just the sad side of the coin. Now, we have our own 21st Century opportunity to share ourselves.

For some time, we've made our worship available via our web sites, www.fccduncan.com and Facebook. Thanks largely to Bruce Bailey and Richard Herndon, it's available to as many as can access it. With the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic, its proven as handy as a pocket on a shirt. A wide variety find themselves participating in the "Pajama Services" and I'm glad. Last week, I heard from long time member and ex patriot, Marcia Menand, that she was appreciating it in France. That same day, I heard from a college friend who tuned in from Hawaii. We already knew B.J. Mpofu's daughter-in-law views us from New Zealand. Regina Vaughn is a regular down in the Woodlands and I've got preacher friends signed on to be a truth squad. We may feel like a small little collection of people in Duncan, America but we're pretty cosmopolitan. I hope you feel good about that.

Come the end of the isolation, we'll make some simple changes to our first service in the Sanctuary and that will be shared to our far flung family and friends. The Well will continue to broadcast as they have from the get go. The gadgetry for all this wasn't free, though the broadcasting is. We couldn't do it without volunteers. We hope you'll see this as an important ministry of our church. Something else you can do: locate someone ailing or shut in, and walk them through what may seem a daunting exercise to locate us online. The younger you are, the easier this seems to be, so prove you're not old and help someone who is! Finally, you can also get dressed and be here live and in person; it's hard preaching in a near empty space!

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 10-16

- 10 Jim Wood
- 12 Esther Coker Bolding
Ron Craig
Jeff Henricks
- 13 Ginger Byerly
LaDana Ross
- 14 Sharon Burum
Brennen Cox
Paul Craig
Trent Cronk
- 15 Kathy Monkress
Tremaine Wade
- 16 Tana Latham

I HAVE 2020 VISION

Dear First Christian Friends,

This is the last week of the school year, which has to seem odd since the Coronavirus has already had us at home! Still, it's summer and I hope our kiddos have the best time possible under the circumstances. But it's important to remember that the beginning of every year includes significant time refreshing them of what they'd learned and not thought about since May. Next year, that will be a special challenge. So, I encourage you to read to your children, grandchildren, and neighbor's kids. Let them read to you! Let them see you reading, and something more than your phone! It will make a difference. I promise!

Don't forget to vote in August!

Thank you,

Koree K. Goldsmith, Principal
Emerson Elementary School

MEMBER PHONE # UPDATE

Jessica Moore
(580)786-8999

NURSES APPRECIATION WEEK

Now more than ever, we salute the nurses of our church, and all nurses. Our own include:

Pete Calhoun
Mary Frances Cox
Kathy Monkress
Rachel Morales
Pat Notley
Debbie Savage
Missy Schreckengost
Donna Shaw
Alice Smith
Chris Watkins

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the gift card! It really means a lot during these trying times.

Gabi Lopez

Thank you for the Amazon gift card! It was very thoughtful and much appreciated.

Brady Henricks

Thank you for the Amazon gift card! I really appreciate it! Love Y'all!

Brittany Bailey

Church Family,

Thank you so much for the gift card! You did not have to do that! However, it'll be very helpful during this crazy week of finals when I can't help but order my favorite chocolates! Thank you again!

God Bless,

Kennedy Villalon

Thank you for your continued support. It's donors like you who help provide the essential needs for our clients.

Sincerely,

Safe Center Staff

First Christian Church received a letter from Christian Helping Hands thanking us for the generous donation of personal care items. This note is in response to several of our church members who donated personal care items for women released from prison into the "Women in Transition" program, a ministry of Christian Helping Hands. If you have questions regarding this ministry, contact Susan Elliott.

MEMBER EMAIL CORRECTION

Kylie Bailey
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MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

We Need You!!

We're about to begin our new program year at First Christian Church! Ministry Teams are being formed to coordinate all the programs and ministries at FCC.

Ministry Involvement forms will be available soon. In the meantime, think about what area would be a perfect fit for you! Whether it be greeting on Sunday mornings or lending a helping hand at Special Events, all the pieces fall into place when we have plenty of people faithfully dedicated to serving in a particular spot, reserved especially for them!

Your faithful involvement is very important to our church.

We couldn't function without it!

FCC News & Activities

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

- ★ Few are here, but many drive by and when they do, the church lawn looks fine because **Kent Pinson** comes regularly to mow the grass. Thanks **Kent**!
- ★ These are harder times for many and extra calls are being made by people who don't want to make them. They call us and they call Christians Concerned. Our thanks to the **Koinonia Class** for making significant contributions to our Local Benevolent Fund and Christians Concerned. Special thanks to **Suzy Bruner** for thinking of it!
- ★ Over the weekend, **Kara Jones & Maddie Bacon** spent time at the daycare giving the front office a fresh look! You might be able to step in and admire their work, but they'll stick a thermometer in your ear if you do. Thanks, **Maddie & Kara**!



FCC SHIRTS STILL FOR SALE!!

Red, Blue, Purple, or Orange

Short Sleeves

S, M, L, XL: \$15
XXL, XXXL: \$17

Long Sleeves

S, M, L, XL: \$18
XXL, XXXL: \$20

Sweatshirts

S, M, L, XL: \$20
XXL, XXXL: \$23

*Call the Church Office
to place your order!*



The Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma's largest food drive of the year, annually raising more than 200,000 pounds of food that is distributed to those struggling with hunger in our communities, is normally scheduled for the second Saturday in May. But, due to the pandemic, Stamp Out Hunger will be postponed at a later date. Monetary donations are still being accepted online at okfoodbank.org/donate.



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 with their info.

We'd love to recognize them!



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Cancelled until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

May 10-16

Sunday, May 10 — Mother's Day

Online Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45 AM

Facebook: [@FirstChristianChurchDuncan](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChristianChurchDuncan)

Website: www.FCCDuncan.com

Online Worship @ the Well

10:45 AM

Facebook: [@theWellFCC](https://www.facebook.com/theWellFCC)

Monday, May 11

F.O.C.U.S., DRH Atrium Café

Cancelled

Tuesday, May 12

Elder Meeting, Koinonia Room

Cancelled

Board Meeting, Gathering Hall

TBD

Wednesday, May 13

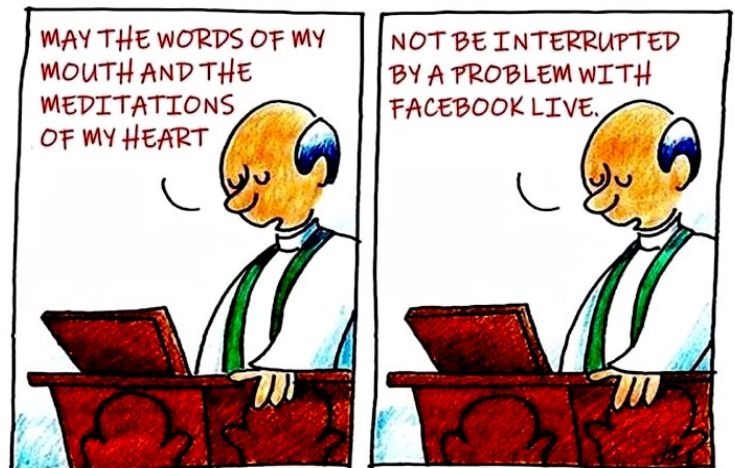
Realtors Auction, Gathering Hall

Cancelled

Thursday, May 14

Cancer Support Group, Parlor

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

Bob Bailey
Dear Friend of Pat Holloway Dixon
Steve Bolt
Pat Holloway Dixon
Scotty Elliott
Richard Herndon
Paula Sue Hightower
Herb Lang
Kadence Moore
Having shoulder surgery
Ronnie & Kathy Thompson

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

More Room Than We Can Imagine

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

John 14:1-14

Scripture Readers

Kimber Painton

Koree Goldsmith

Tune in on Facebook

@FirstChristianChurchDuncan

or at www.FCCDuncan.com

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
Tom Howard – Elk Crossing
Brother of Judy Shaw
Billie Phagans – Elk Crossing
Carl & Evelyn Slifer – Ashbrook Village
Jackie Van Alstine – St. Simeon's Senior Community

WORSHIP @ THE WELL

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Message

Trevor Evans

Tune in on Facebook

@theWellFCC

Included in this Issue Order of Service for in Home Christian Worship Sunday, May 10, 2020

Ministers of First Christian Church

Staff Secretary	Arnold Nelson, Jr.
Business Secretary	Trevor Evans
Organist	Erica Hancock Bennett
Sanctuary Choir Director	Reba Ford
A.V. Manager, Sanctuary	Patty Jennings
A.V. Manager, Well	Kevin Zinn
Praise Leader @ the Well	Richard Herndon
Kitchen Hostess	Bruce Bailey
Head Custodian	Jared Smith
Custodian	LaDonna Brown
Daycare Programs Manager	Frank Timmins
Nursery Director	Stephen Stapp
	Tosha Matheny
	Lacey Myers

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

May 9 – Team O'Kelley

May 3, 2020

Online Worship in the Sanctuary	709
Online Worship @ the Well	236
Total Worship Attendance	945
General Budget	\$ 12,185.99
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 775.00



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