

*Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share*



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## **PUBLIC WORSHIP TO REMAIN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

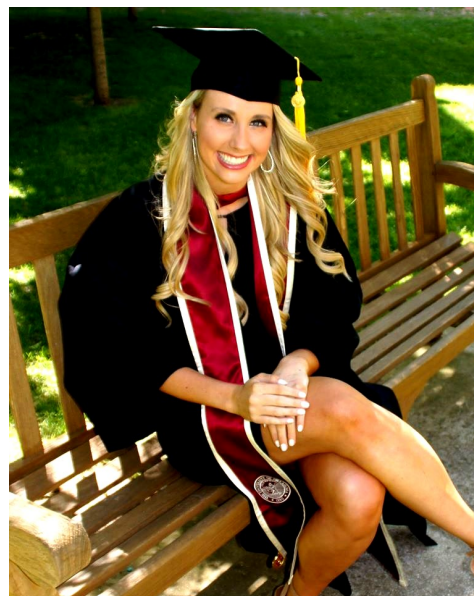
Even though Duncan and Stephens County seem to be safe zones, the number of COVID-19 Coronavirus cases continue to increase in Oklahoma and Texas. With easing of restrictions, that is likely to increase. Therefore, we are determined to ere on the side of caution. The hoped for resumption of Public Worship and other meetings tentatively set for May 24 is too soon. We will not resume until further notice. When we do meet again, may it be a time when we can all feel, and are, safe to be together.

Thank you for your understanding,  
*Robert O'Kelley*  
*Pandemic Committee Chair*

## **FCC COLLEGE GRADUATES 2020**



Congratulations to **Brittany Bailey**, daughter of Bruce and Holly Bailey, who graduated from Southwest Oklahoma State University with a degree in Business Management. She plans to stay in Weatherford, work, and pursue a Masters in Business Administration.



Congratulations to **Katy Weaks**, daughter of Don and Kim Weaks, who graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelors of Science degree. In July, she will begin 6 months of training in Houston, TX to obtain a Cardiovascular Electrophysiology Certificate.

## The Amen Corner

There are no memories in my head older than my participation in the life of the church. From the earliest, I was in that dear fellowship. As a small boy, I remember an every Sunday evening fellowship dinner with basement hymns sung. I love Pimento Cheese Sandwiches and "He's the Lily of the Valley" equally as they are associated with that fellowship hall in Clarksville, Tennessee. In Camden, Arkansas, there was an annual Squirrel Mulligan. There was always some stray lead from the shotgun shell that delivered the squirrel. Avoid that, and the stew was delicious. Bite down on some stray metal, and it was more memorable. A lady there made a Japanese Fruit Pie and it was as good as she was a pistol. I loved being in that fellowship hall with those saints. In Little Rock, a lady made a Hummingbird Cake good enough for the cover of Southern Living. Her husband couldn't suppress laughing at his own jokes. For years, the men had a monthly steak dinner, and hosted a Pancake Breakfast. How I loved that time and those people. And that food!

Now, I find myself thinking of an Ice Cream Social. I'm hungry for Dressed (deviled) Eggs. Wouldn't a piece of Texas Sheet Cake go well with a cup of coffee? I might have to go for Esther Coker's Chess Pie instead. I love Esther and those who make sheet cake and eggs and homemade ice cream. I miss time in our Gathering Hall almost as much as time at worship. I miss you. The allure of getting together is almost enough to declare, "Enough Is Enough, let's get back together!" Almost.

Duncan has been barely touched by the COVID-19 Coronavirus; it feels like we've been spared. That may even be true, but it may be an illusion. We need to continue to have faith in God and express faithfulness to God by saying "no" to some things we love for things we love more. The women of our church prepare a wonderful Condolence Dinner with Roast, Dressed Eggs, Church Rolls and sometimes Texas Sheet Cake. I'd be delighted to never see or taste one again. Surely not, could it have been avoided.

Glad to be your pastor,  
Arnold

## FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 17-23

- 17 Anthony Zinn
- 18 Jimmie Arrington  
Sydney Faulkner
- 19 Suwana Riley  
Eva Spaulding
- 20 Bradley Cronk  
Katy Weaks
- 22 Kay Heelan  
Marisa Moore
- 23 Aaron Askins  
Sue Cowan  
Gene Fuller  
Debbie Howell

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- 17 Charles & Bettye Hunt
  - 20 Bruce & Holly Bailey  
Don & Kim Weaks
  - 22 Marty & Dana Askins  
Ronnie & Vicky Cox  
Kevin & Jennifer Kinnaird
  - 23 Gary & LaDana Ross



### Jaxon Ty Young



*Congratulations to Zach & Sydney Young on the birth of their son, **Jaxon Ty Young**, born on Saturday, May 2, at 6:36 PM weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.*



*We also congratulate Uncle and Aunt, Trevor & Shannon Evans.*

### Sunday in the Sanctuary

Join us on Sunday, May 17, at 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary (online from home, of course) for hymns led by Rita O'Kelley and Kevin Zinn, "My Jesus, I Love Thee" and "Fill My Cup, Lord", Scripture Readings by Robert O'Kelley and Cyndy Spears, and beautiful music played by Patty Jennings.

## Thank You Notes

Thank you all for the kindness and support you've shown to us with the passing of our mother, Honor Vaughn. She loved this church and everyone in it. The Daycare Center, and all the children, always had a special place in her heart. And, each of you will always have a special place in ours.

*The Vaughn Girls*



Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for thinking of me during this stressful time of finals week! I appreciate and miss you all, and needed this reminder. I hope you are all doing well.

Thanks again,  
*Darien Vassella*



Thank you, Arnold, for the wonderful sermon on Sunday. Thank you to all who read scripture, sang, and participated; especially those who work so diligently to make sure the broadcast happens every week. I love how Pastor Arnold always makes me feel like he's speaking to just me. I love the way he takes scripture, opens it up, and presents a visual scene for me to see, with a new way to understand scripture.

*Tana Latham*

### 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!

★ Here's a loud shoutout to Deacon Koree Goldsmith. A few weeks ago the Daycare was faced with the need for some changes and I (Arnold) consulted Koree as Personnel Chair. At a loss for how to move quickly, she said, "I could volunteer on an interim basis." Not being stupid, I agreed and she set to work with lightening speed. The response of parents and staff has been wonderful and we are in her debt.



## 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!*



## CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

*Cancelled until further notice.*

## COMING EVENTS

May 17-23

Sunday, May 17

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

## 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

## 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 17, 2020

### Sermon

Arnold Nelson

### Opting In

Psalm 66:7-18

John 14:15-21

### Scripture Readers

Robert O'Kelley

Cyndy Spears

*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 17, 2020

### Message

Trevor Evans

*Tune in on Facebook*

*@theWellFCC*

## Included in this Issue Order of Service for in Home Christian Worship Sunday, May 17, 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 Interim Director	Koree Goldsmith
Daycare Programs Manager	Tosha Matheny
Nursery Director	Lacey Myers

*God's Love...it's Cookin'!*  
 May 16 – Team Bowman

	May 10, 2020	
Online Worship in the Sanctuary		458
Online Worship @ the Well		300
Total Worship Attendance		758
General Budget	\$ 7,673.82	
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 240.00	



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