



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

### SENIOR SUNDAY May 19, 2019

The Baccalaureate Service for all Seniors of Duncan High School, sponsored by the Duncan Ministerial Association, will begin at 3:00 PM in the DHS Auditorium.

A Senior Banquet will be held in the Gathering Hall at 6:00 PM to honor our graduating seniors. The dinner will be attended by the graduates and their families.

### FCC High School Graduates and their Parents

***Kylie Bailey***

Bruce & Holly Bailey

***Bryce Jennings***

Brad Jennings

***Jenna Keeler***

Joe & Diane Keeler

***Carson Kinnaird***

Kevin & Jennifer Kinnaird

***Lauren Perry***

Mark & Stephanie Perry

***Evan Roberts***

Jessica Moore

*"Take pride in how far you've come, and have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey."*  
— Michael Josephson

## ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR YOUTH & THE WELL SELECTED

### *Trevor Evans begins in June.*



Trevor Evans is a Texas-born minister. Locally raised, he graduated from Comanche High School. Growing up in Duncan, the Lord gave Trevor a heart for this community. At 13 years old, Trevor was called into ministry and hasn't looked back since. Speaking and preaching the gospel since he was a freshman in high school has allowed Trevor to have a wide range of congregants. He's taught children of all ages at Ray of Hope Church in Comanche, where he attended for 9 years. He became the head of Youth Production after he graduated high school, and shortly after that, he became the High School Sunday School teacher. A few years later, Trevor became a member of the Abbey Church Prep Team that is now a thriving church, planted in DeLand, FL. God gave him the knowledge through that to become the young adult pastor at Ray of Hope Church. With the call of our Heavenly Father, a heart for this community, a passion to preach the Word of God, and a yearning for growing deep relationships, Trevor is excited to be a part of The Well and FCC family!

### **GOD ADDED AND WE WELCOMED!**

On Sunday, May 12, Karen Jennings, Paul Edward Jennings, and Paul James Jennings came forward to place membership and were welcomed with open arms. We are blessed to have them as a part of our church family!

## The Amen Corner

It's Baccalaureate Time again and I'm reminded of the spiritual direction I once heard from a preacher I'll call Whole E. Joe. On a warm Sunday afternoon, I was in an un-air-conditioned auditorium, wishing for an air-conditioned nap when he said what he said and it woke me up completely. It was a simple statement, and straightforward. To these soon-to-be graduates, he spoke of a reckless and dangerous world and advised them, "Be like me." Said I (out loud) was, "What? What did he just say?" I kept listening. Maybe he might say something that would make sense of that advice. He might say, "I have to struggle with new ideas and change and even temptation, but I stay in that struggle. Do that!" He might have confessed, "I make my share of mistakes, but I try to pick myself up and carry on. You can do that!" I'd find that inspirational. He could have sounded very preacher-like had he said, "Daily, I die to sin but daily, I am raised up by the grace of Christ. Believe in that possibility for yourself." Amen, Brother. All the above would have had lots of merit but his message was none of that. It was just as I was shocked to hear in near slumber. He pointed to himself as a paragon of virtue and Godly righteousness. He offered himself as an example for these teenagers to emulate. I could have told him, "Be like me and don't do that!"

That kind of thinking, and talking, never ends well for anyone. I find it better to play down people's expectations as to one's high moral character. It was in flaunting his loyalty to Christ, Peter was told he would deny his friend 3 times in one evening. Better to be like the man with the stricken son who cried to Jesus, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Or, the wonderful admission of Paul to the Romans, "For the good I would I do not and the evil I would not do; that I do." Yes, I could have told Bro. Joe such posturing wouldn't end well. For him it didn't. Eventually, he was discovered to be a real person after all and it was too much for all to bear, high up on that pedestal. He does other things now.

To our pending graduates: try to remember your life, and adventures, are gifts from a God who loves you when you get things right, and get them wrong. If you take a class in college that makes you question whether you believe in God, that's okay; God will keep believing in you. If you find yourself tempted to tell anyone you're virtuous, don't do that! You're not. None of us are. Don't be a chump.

Glad to be your pastor,  
Arnold

## FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 19-25

- 19 – Suwanna Riley  
Eva Spaulding  
20 – Bradley Cronk  
Katelyn Weaks  
21 – Hattie Stockton  
22 – Wida Heelan  
Marisa Moore  
23 – Aaron Askins  
L. Cowan  
Benny Fuller  
Debbie Howell  
25 – Janie Ray  
Myam Siegler
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- 20 – Bruce & Holly Bailey  
Don & Kim Weaks  
22 – Marty & Dana Askins  
Ronnie & Vicky Cox  
Kevin & Jennifer Kinnaird  
23 – Gary & LaDana Ross  
24 – Jayson & Melissa Weathers

Missed Birthday from  
last week's newsletter:

- 16 – Tana Latham



### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Marisa Moore** who graduated on May 11, 2019 from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She will begin her career as a 3rd Grade Teacher at Highland Park Elementary School in Stillwater. Marisa is the daughter of Tonya Moore and granddaughter of Guy & Marcia Harlow.

### 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.

## Thank You Notes

Thanks to the men who came out on Saturday to help our church look nice and in good repair – Bruce Bailey, David Herndon, Paul Jennings, Darryl Ross, and Alan Toler! It was too wet to mow, but there's always plenty to do.

Robert O'Kelley

## Gal's Night Out

**First Christian Church**

**Gathering Hall**

**Sunday, June 2**

**6:00 PM**

**Tickets: \$8.00**

(Available in the Church Office  
or from a CWF Member)

Bring your mother, daughter,  
granddaughter, sister,  
neighbor, or friend!

Dinner, Entertainment,

Door Prizes

Casual Dress

Please purchase your tickets by  
May 28.

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 25

9:00 AM

Gathering Hall

### *To My Precious Friends...*

"Man looks at the outward appearance,  
but the Lord looks at the heart."

– 1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

God's Blessings,

Valenne Neel

# FCC News & Activities

## 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!

***Keep in mind: Your faithful involvement is very important to our church.***

***We couldn't function without it!***

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

**JOINING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OFFERING A FREE DINNER TO HELP PROVIDE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT.**

**COMMUNITY FREE DINNER ♡**

**FRIDAY, MAY 31**

**6:35 TO 8:00 PM @ THE WELL**

**MENU: GOULASH, SALAD, BREADSTICKS & DESSERT**

**THIS MONTH'S MEAL PROVIDED BY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, HOSTED @ THE WELL.**

***"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO HUNGRY AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY."***  
**-JOHN 6:35**



**YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

**Denver, CO**

**June 16-22**

**Grades 9-12**

**Cost: \$150**

***Scholarships are available.***

**Contact Holly Bailey (405-290-8653) for questions.**



**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

**Sunday, May 19**

**Leader: Melanie Smith**



## **COLLEGE GRADUATE INFO**

*If you have a college 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!***

## **COMING EVENTS**

**May 19-25**

**Sunday, May 19**

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship @ the Well	10:45 AM
Senior Banquet, Gathering Hall for Seniors & their Families	6:00 PM
Women of the Word Bible Study led by Kimberly Tilley at 2211 Twin Dr., Duncan	6:00 PM

**Monday, May 20**

Scholarship Ceremony, DHS Auditorium	9:00 AM
Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing led by Kimberly Tilley	9:30 AM
Boy Scout Court of Honor, Sanctuary	6:30 PM

**Tuesday, May 21**

Staff Meeting, Church Office Conference Room	10:00 AM
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**Wednesday, May 22**

Youth UNite @ the Well, led by Holly Bailey	6:00 PM
Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

**Thursday, May 23**

Bible Study & Lunch, Gathering Hall "The Gospel of Mark" led by Arnold Nelson	12:00 PM
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**Saturday, May 25**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Gathering Hall	9:00 AM
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## **BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH**

**Thursday, May 23**

**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, May 20, to sign up!***

**8:30—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, May 19, 2019

**Sanctuary**

**Sermon**

Arnold Nelson

*We Had to be Told To*

John 13:31-35

**Scripture Reader**

Jason Smith

**Communion Prayer**

Jason Smith

**Greeters Narthex**

Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer

**Assistant Treasurer**

Herb Lang

**Communion Preparation**

Jason Smith

**Sunday School Superintendent**

Rod Smith

**10:45—WORSHIP  
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John 13:31-35

**Scripture Reader**

Darryl Ross

**Serving Elders**

**Communion Prayer:**

Marty Askins

**Invocation & Lord's Prayer &**

**Dedication of Offering:**

Wes Sullivan

**Serving Deacons**

John Galloway

Joy Galloway

Mark Galloway

Glynis Johns

Donna Marks (Head)

Richard Marks

Anthony Scott

Gary Scott

Karen Scott

**Greeters Narthex**

Randy Burum & Mary Frances Cox

**Sanctuary Doors from G.H.**

North: Joyce Frechette

South: Jan Shipman

**Assistant Treasurer**

Guy Harlow

**Communion Preparation**

Jason Smith

**Communion Clean Up**

Donna Marks

**10:45—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**

Sunday, May 19, 2019

**Well**

**Message**

Delyn Cronk

*Recalculating*

1 Kings 19:11-13, Exodus 3:1-6,

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

**Serving Elder:** Rod Smith

**Hostess:** Pat Notley

**Assistant Treasurer:** Trent Cronk

**God's Love...it's Cookin'!**  
May 18 — Team Bowman

**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*** 

*Rehabilitation*

- Sally Anderson – Elk Crossing
- Marvene Schumacher – Wilkins

*Others*

- Betty Eby
- Charlie Hayes
- Gloria Hetherington
- Paula Sue Hightower  
(mother of Joy Galloway,  
recovering from kidney surgery)
- Kim Kimberley
- Herb Lang
- Karen Scott
- Honor Vaughn

**May 12, 2019**

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	40
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	78
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	60
Children Worship & Wonder	8
Total Worship Attendance	186
Sunday School	31
General Budget	\$ 7,462.47
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 90.00



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