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FCC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 2020

DAX ALSTON



Dax plans on studying Business and getting his real estate license. He is the son of David & Nicole Alston.

MARIAH CHASTAIN



Mariah plans to attend OCCC to become an RN. She is the daughter of Ryan & Sunny Chastain.

MADLINE HARPER



Madeline plans to attend Adams State University to study Biomedical Sciences. She is the daughter of Michael & Melody Harper.

GRACIE KELLY



Gracie is undecided, but she does plan to attend college. She is the granddaughter of Dale & Patty Jennings.

SOFIA LOPEZ



Sofia plans to attend college. She is the daughter of Jason & Amanda Smith.

JESSICA MORALES



Jessica plans to attend OSU to study Business. She is the daughter of Rachel Morales.

MICHAEL POLLOCK



Michael plans to become a Navy Seal and, eventually, a Personal Trainer. He is the son of Cran Pollock & Sunny Smith

JACOB RILEY



Jacob plans to attend OSU to study Electrical Engineering. He is the son of Gerald & Shannon Riley.

CARSON VILLALON



Carson plans to attend OSU to study Engineering. He is the son of Steven & Angela Villalon.

PRESTON WEAKS



Preston plans to attend SMU to study Finance. He is the son of Don & Kim Weaks.



"For I know the plans I have for you,"
DECLARES THE LORD...

JEREMIAH 29:11

The Amen Corner

Last week, Cathe, a friend since Mrs. Hope's Manners School, told me she hadn't left her home since the middle of March. She said she'd mostly worked on her yard and indicated it was still a mess. I asked for a picture and it looked like paradise to me. Of course, she lives in Pensacola so the standards may be stricter in more tropical climes. Oh well, she'll come through this with a nicer place than before.

For that matter, I read today carbon emissions are down by 17% around the world. Those numbers will go back up after we get to Resume Speed but maybe not so much. Lots of people are temporarily working from home and much of that may become permanent. All this enforced human isolation has been a boon to a lot of critters. Fish populations are growing, marine turtles are more successful at laying eggs and a lot of wildlife are running wilder. COVID-19 is a zoonotic disease, passed to humans from animals (yuck) and this mess started when some people got ahold of some sick wildlife. Consequently, this is forcing their government to crack down on the sale of exotic meat I don't want to eat anyway. That has to have some good results.

Lots of good things have come from our 2020 War on Cooties. Among other things, reports of other illnesses are down because people have discovered the virtues of washing our hands and staying in when ill. This is a good thing. I'm confident some family units are stronger now than before; more parents have enjoyed some of that precious "Quality Time" about which so much is made. Perhaps we'll be more attune to everyday blessings. So for all the inconvenience, hardships, losses, depression and disappointments of this shared adventure, there is good to be found in it.

There's usually good to come from the bad. Don't get me wrong: I don't think God creates deathly experiences so the survivors will be more appreciative of their blessings. I'm unwilling to believe God is that way. But we can grow, discover and rediscover in the midst of all things. We can rediscover gratitude for things once taken for granted. I'll be more grateful than ever when next I see you.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 24-30

- 24 Vince Lanteri
- 25 Janie Ray
Myam Siegler
- 26 Kevin Faulkner
- 27 Sandra Emery
Jeff Ray
Dianne Stuart
- 28 Melissa Craig
- 30 Spenser Holden
Tony Lanteri

- 24 Jayson & Melissa Weathers
- 28 Clarence & Carla Kimberley
- 29 Charles & Fran Boyd



John Wilmes

A Congratulations to Ryan & Shelby Wilmes on the birth of their son, **J**ohn Wilmes, born on **B**aturday, May 16, weighing 8.5 **Y**pounds. We also congratulate **Y**our Grandmother, Cindy Flanigan Reynolds.

J.O.H.N. 6:35

NO MEAL IN MAY

A Difficult Decision:

Summer Camp 2020 Cancelled

This was our prayer: that there was a responsible way to offer summer camp this year and effectively mitigate the health risks of the coronavirus. With all that we know and, more importantly, what we don't know about the coronavirus, we have decided to cancel summer camp this year. We are grieved, as we know you must be, about this decision. We lament with you and for you, but this is the best reasoned and faithful way for the Region to do its part for the common good of Oklahoma, and ensure that summer camp returns in 2021.

Rev. Michael Davison
Associate Regional Minister

Thank You Notes

Thank you for your generous donation to our agency. Monetary donations allow us to better serve our community and victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Your support of our agency's mission is greatly appreciated!

Safe Center Staff

**ABRAHAM WAS OLD.
NOAH GOT DRUNK.
DAVID HAD AN AFFAIR.
JONAH RAN AWAY FROM GOD.
GIDEON WAS INSECURE.
MOSES STUTTERED.
SARAH WAS IMPATIENT.
ELIJAH WAS DEPRESSED.
JACOB WAS A CHEATER.
MARTHA WAS A NERVOUS WRECK.
MIRIAM WAS A GOSSIPER.
PETER HAD A TEMPER.
PAUL WAS A MURDERER.
THOMAS WAS A DOUBTER.
ZACCHEUS WAS SHORT.
LAZARUS WAS DEAD.
GOD DOES NOT CALL THE QUALIFIED,
HE QUALIFIES THE CALLED.**

DONATIONS NEEDED

Christians Concerned is in need of a few things: Canned Beans (all types), Toilet Paper (4 roll packages), Instant Potatoes, and Pancake Mix. All help is appreciated.

Penny Gardner

I HAVE 2020 VISION

Dear First Christian Friends,

The kiddos returned the chrome books and finished their year's work from home. The 5th Graders had a Drive-By Graduation, and now drive on to middle school. I hope they have a good summer, maybe even get to take some family vacation before it's over. But I don't know that. I don't know when things will get back to normal or if our "normal" will become "how it used to be." I do know our support of the 2020 Vision will now be more important than ever.

Don't forget to vote in August!

Thank you,
Koree K. Goldsmith, Principal
Emerson Elementary School



FCC News & Activities

We all had our resolutions set for the year 2020 as individuals, organizations, groups, or companies. None of us planned to be infected or affected by the coronavirus. However, it hasn't stopped us from smiling and enjoying life because we believe God is able. We've joined the world in prayer against the virus and continue to follow the WHO guidelines for staying safe.



Two boys, who were on place of safety since February 12, have now been committed to KCV, increasing the number of children residing at the Village to 47. All the children are in good health. They're enjoying staying at home and have adapted well to the lockdown. Important measures were taken for their protection. No visitors are allowed into the Village, staff members aren't allowed to go out, children stay within their family units and wash and sanitize their hands often. They take turns using the library under a caregiver's supervision to ensure social distancing. Easter festival was celebrated in family units. Our youth couldn't go to the Conference as it was cancelled. The sports gala for the Children's homes in Bulawayo, which was scheduled to be held at KCV, was also cancelled.

When the lockdown was announced, we were fortunate to be able to buy food for the children for two months. In addition, the Dairy has been producing milk for the children and they got vegetables from their family gardens. The Dairy has 53 cows, of which 8 are being milked. The garden has carrots and cabbages which have a long way to go. Over 200kgs of green beans were harvested and sold to the market, and butternuts will soon be harvested. We also benefited from the lemon trees in our orchard. We harvested at least 300 lemons and at least 150 oranges for the children.

Your prayers and support keep us going. May God keep you safe always.

Stay Blessed,
Mrs. Vuma

Khayelihle Children's Village

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!



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Cancelled until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

May 24-30

Sunday, May 24

Online Worship in the Sanctuary 10:45 AM

Facebook: @FirstChristianChurchDuncan

Website: www.FCCDuncan.com

Online Worship @ the Well 10:45 AM

Facebook: @theWellFCC

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Friday, May 29

J.O.H.N. 6:35 Free Meal @ the Well Cancelled

Saturday, May 30

Men's Breakfast, Gathering Hall 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
 Sharlotte Campbell
Cousin of Gloria Hetherington
 Pat Holloway Dixon
 Scotty Elliott
 Richard Herndon
 Sharon Herndon – Baptist Integris
 Paula Sue Hightower
 Michael Jones
Husband of Kara Jones
 Herb Lang
 Kadence Moore
 Ronnie & Kathy Thompson
 Rita Trostle

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Sermon

Arnold Nelson
What Frightened Jesus
 Psalm 68:33-36
 John 17:1-11

Scripture Readers

Alyssa Wisdom
 Robert O'Kelley

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 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 24, 2020

Message

Trevor Evans

Tune in on Facebook

@theWellFCC

Included in this Issue Order of Service for in Home Christian Worship Sunday, May 24, 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 23 – Team Elliott

	May 17, 2020	
Online Worship in the Sanctuary		712
Online Worship @ the Well		378
Total Worship Attendance		1,090
General Budget	\$ 12,164.67	
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 500.00	



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