

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



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CELEBRATING PENTECOST

This Sunday, May 31



Pentecost denotes the ancient “Feast of Weeks” in which Israel celebrated the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai 7 weeks and 1 day after the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Passover. It’s celebrated among the Jewish community as the harvest of festival Shavuot, a festival of reaping and day of first fruits. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out on the followers of Christ fifty days after Christ’s resurrection as they were all together in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

In Acts 2 we read, “On the day of Pentecost there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting, and divided tongues, as if fire appeared to them and rested on each of them and they were filled with the Holy Spirit...” The Holy Spirit empowered the followers of Christ with many and varied gifts for the witness and building up of the church. On that day about 3,000 were added to their numbers. Pentecost represents the birthdate of the Holy & Apostolic Church.

This Sunday, you’re encouraged to wear red to celebrate this great gift which continues to bless us today.

(Got red pajamas?)

TARGET DATE FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES

A Committee of Resuming Public Worship met last week and agreed on a target date of Sunday, June 14, for the resumption of all in-person services. I hope you’re as delighted, and will spread the word. Of course, this is a target date and may have to change to keep us safe. In the meantime, be sure to join our Jama Services on Facebook and our website.

FCC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE 2020



Congratulations to Sydney Faulkner, who graduated from Duncan High School. She plans to attend OSU. She is the daughter of Kevin & Tammy Faulkner.

FCC COLLEGE GRADUATE 2020



Congratulations to Glynis Johns, daughter of Sharleen Johns, who received a Certificate of Mastery in Early Childhood Education from Western Oklahoma State College in Altus. Way to go, Glynis!

The Amen Corner

One of the little blessings that's come from this pandemic is a weekly some meeting with some dear friends. These are some of the guys I've gone off with once a year for a long weekend of low grade heck-raising. This Zooming stuff was in response to having to cancel our plans. They were good plans, and bitterly abandoned. They were so dropped and we did some second guessing it's necessity and our genius. Time proved us smart after all.

On Sunday evenings we discuss new hair styles, old corn whiskey, church, and what's for supper. One of us worked manfully to keep his dental practice alive. Another's wife was stranded in Uganda of all places and we note his weekly descent into shabbiness. What we never discussed is when we'll next meet in our own bodies. No one wanted to venture into an unknowable future. I brought it up once and got shot down. Until very lately.

Over the last two meetings, a plan has reared its head. We're seeing a future. When the All Clear comes, we'll have made ourselves ready to convene in Vicksburg, Mississippi. We'll tour the National Civil War sites. We'll drive to Natchez and check out some incredible architecture, and another trip to Doe's Eat Place. We'll play cards and talk church. It won't be the trip we'd originally planned but it will be great. We'll be more grateful than ever to be together. Why, if Dr. Fauci isn't looking, we'll even hug. Lots of things are going to be like that in days coming soon.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 31 – June 6

- 31 Rod Smith
 - 1 Jeanne O'Neill Losurdo
Hollie Stutes
 - 2 Preston Weaks
 - 4 Jerry Campbell
A.L. Hutson
 - 5 Ryan White
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- 3 Sonny & Gloria Hetherington
Rusty & Kathy Monkress
Darryl & Bonnie Ross
 - 5 Roy & Melinda Burk
Matt & Lori Mitchell

SAVE YOUR QUARTERS!

Sunday, May 31

We'll receive our

5TH SUNDAY QUARTER

BLESSING OFFERING

to benefit

CHRISTIANS CONCERNED

A Letter from Zimbabwe

You'll remember we've partnered with Zimbabwe Disciples several times, especially to the orphanage at Christmas allowing the children to have milk at this time. This letter reminds us our troubles are small compared to many others. Gifts sent to our church can be sent to Week of Compassion for Zimbabwe Relief.

Wes Sullivan

World Outreach Chair



Olivia Hornbeck



*Congratulations to Cody & Lizzie Hornbeck on the birth of their daughter, **Olivia Hornbeck**, born on Tuesday, May 19, weighing 7 pounds, 0.2 ounces. We also congratulate her Great Grandparents, Max & Aundrea Daughtrey.*



Ruby Lynn Marks



*Congratulations to Alex & Natalie Marks on the birth of their daughter, **Ruby Lynn Marks**, born on Thursday, March 26, weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces. We also congratulate Grandparents, Richard & Donna Marks.*



Sunday in the Sanctuary

Join us on Sunday, May 31, at 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary (online from home, of course) for a duet by Bonnie Ross and Kevin Zinn, "Sweet, Sweet Spirit", Scripture Readings by Maddie Bacon and A.L. Hutson, and beautiful music played by Patty Jennings.

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus. I'm now back in Zimbabwe after 2 1/2 months in Botswana, fortunately under self isolation for the next 3 weeks. My son, Clement, is doing very well but goes for 3 days to chemotherapy, every month until October. There's hope he'll make a full recovery, but we still need your prayers for him.

We're fortunate this pandemic hasn't been devastating in our country. All the victims have been people who've come from the western world, particularly USA and Britain. Otherwise, if this virus attacks us directly, we'd all perish. Our country is broke and our people are starving. I was shocked when my Bulawayo Pastors phoned me in Botswana to tell me they were starving. With the closure of churches during this lockdown, those in the informal sector have no income, so they can't support the church. I'm worried about our new churches. They've now gone 2 months with no services. We may lose some members when they eventually unlock the country. These are difficult times for our countrymen. Do pray for us.

Grace & Peace,

BJ Mpofu

FCC News & Activities

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

★ Thanks to Robert O'Kelley and Anthony Scott for helping Frank move furniture around for the Daycare last week! We appreciate your hard work!

If you know a member who should be recognized for something they've done, no matter how small, let the Church Office know! We'd love to recognize them!



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 31 — June 6

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



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 (at home recovering)
 Paula Sue Hightower
 Michael Jones
 Husband of Kara Jones
 Herb Lang
 Kadence Moore
 Clement Mpofo
 Ronnie & Kathy Thompson
 Rita Trostle

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Sermon

Arnold Nelson
 Attending to God
 Psalm 124:1-35, 37
 I Corinthians 12:3b-13

Scripture Readers

A.L. Hutson
 Maddie Bacon

Tune in on Facebook
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or at www.FCCDuncan.com

WORSHIP @ THE WELL

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Message

Trevor Evans

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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

Included in this Issue Order of Service for in Home Christian Worship Sunday, May 31, 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 30 – Team F.O.C.U.S.

	May 24, 2020	
Online Worship in the Sanctuary		652
Online Worship @ the Well		300
Total Worship Attendance		952
General Budget		\$ 10,901.81



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