

Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



The Duncan Christian

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A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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COME TO CHURCH ON JUNE 14!

As things stand currently, we're on target to worship together on Sunday, June 14, in the Sanctuary and at the Well at our regular times. We'll not have Sunday school or Children's Worship and Wonder to begin with, nor a nursery. We'll not have fellowship times in the Gathering Hall or at the Well. We'll abide by reputable and sensible guidelines to assure optimal safety. Be prepared for a few temporary changes. Still, we'll join together as brothers and sisters of Christ to worship our God. The Word will be read and sung and proclaimed. We will pray for thanksgiving and for strength. If able, please make an effort to be present. If unable for any reason, be aware the service will be streamed on our Facebook and website as has been the case since March 15.

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY, JUNE 8

The Church Office will be open to the public starting Monday, June 8. In an effort to keep our visitors, staff, and families safe, we ask that you stay in the Lobby for assistance unless asked to do otherwise by our staff. There will be masks and hand sanitizers available for you to use while in the office. We thank you for your understanding!

Robert O'Kelley
Pandemic Committee Chair



LOCAL BENEVOLENT OFFERING

TO BE RECEIVED

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Life throws curveballs sometimes, making it hard to keep food on the table, the lights turned on, the rent paid, etc. Every week, people in our community struggle with these things and reach out to our church for help. Our Local Benevolent Fund is how we help those less fortunate. Please generously give to the Local Benevolent Offering this Sunday to enable us to continue providing assistance to our community in need.

The Amen Corner

In its 6th month, 2020 is down for a picture of dystopia; so much that could go wrong has gone right ahead and done it. The COVID-19 Coronavirus came in January before we knew it was here, and now, well over 100,000 have died, in pain and distress without loved ones on hand to say their goodbyes. For most of us, it's been a lot of inconvenience staying at home, working from home and getting sick of being at home. Others can't work from home, and now so many have no work to go to. The obvious hassles and frustrations occupy many minds, until the prospect of being exposed rears its head and then we think of loved ones who are vulnerable and going home asystematically contagious scares us to the core.

Now, this week we've seen a case of police brutality in the extreme played out on tv. We know a very few bad cops do such things to the shame of the many good ones, but we don't often see a guy with his hands in his pocket snuffing life out of a guy for a suspected bad Jackson. Every time I go to Homeland, they run a pen across a larger bill, and I doubt if one turned out counterfeit anything bad would happen. Then again, I'm not a black man in America. All hell has broken loose and we shouldn't be surprised. What is ugliest among us is rearing its head. These are prime times for people to say, "It's never been worse." Watch out for the code words and phrases of codgers: "Anymore," "It's gotten so," "In my day,"; this last one really gets to me.

This is your day, and mine. Out of all human history, this is the time God called us into being. We're alive now and we're to witness now. Unless we decide God isn't up to the job, God put us here for now because we're the right people for it. And besides that, I reject the very notion the world has never been worse. The Great Depression was more than a decade, with a Dust Bowl too. In a world without penicillin. Followed by a world war! Most of the first arrivals at Jamestown and Plymouth died the first year. In the 14th Century, the population of Europe went from 80 to 30 million due to Bubonic Plague. And that's not even the worst. People who study these things claim the 6th Century takes the prize, with a series of volcanic eruptions from Egypt to Iceland that darkened the Sun for about 12 years, leading to an ice age, crop failure and starvation. Then, they had Bubonic Plague too! My mother used to say, "From the day you're born till you ride in a hearse/Things are never so bad they can't get worse." Funny, but not true. Our ancestors went through worse than this and we'll weather our storms too. I claim that as an article of faith.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

June 7-13

- 7 Billie Phagans
- 8 Janie Holden
- 9 John Losurdo
- 11 Justin Hooker
- 13 Carla Kimberley
Debbie Savage

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- 9 John & Jeanne Losurdo
 - 11 Jonathan & Sarah Anderson

Birthdays listed in last week's DC were incorrect. Below are the correct birthdays for May 31-June 6.

- 31 Rod Smith
- 1 Vivian Cross
Nic Zinn
- 2 Ed Cox
- 3 Reavis Hammond

In Christian Sympathy

✝ On Thursday morning, May 28, JoAnn Mooney's son suddenly died at this home in Springfield, MO. **The Rev. Dr. Terry Hanna** was a career missionary of the Assemblies of God to the Oceanic Kingdom of Tonga. He and Mrs. Hanna served for over 40 years, and had come to Assemblies headquarters in Springfield where he still served that mission station and anticipated a second career as a teacher. He was 68. A pair of funerals are set for Monday and Tuesday next week enabling his daughter, also a foreign missionary, to participate via live streaming. Our prayers are with the family of Dr. Hanna, but especially JoAnn. May they take comfort in the wonderful ministry that lives after him.

Sunday in the Sanctuary

Join us on Sunday, June 7, at 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary (online from home, of course) for a hymn led by Kevin Zinn, "The Church's One Foundation" and a vocal duet by Kevin and LaDana Ross, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God", Scripture Readings by Ron Savage & Paula Toler, and beautiful music played by Patty Jennings.

A Gift from Week of Compassion

Dear Friends,

You're constantly in our prayers during this challenging season in the life of our church and world. We're especially grateful for our Circle of Compassion congregations now, as your ongoing faithful support enables us to meet growing needs at home and around the globe. As you can see on our website, social media, and email updates, your gifts make it possible for us to respond in many places – supporting partners in the critical work of sustainable development, refugee relief, and disaster response.

As a small sign of our gratitude, we've sent you a gift as well: a candle from our partner, *Prosperity Catalyst*, made by refugee women who've received entrepreneurial training through a program supported by Week of Compassion. We've provided a video on our website, weekofcompassion.org, to go along with the candle. You may incorporate them in your Online Worship Services if you'd like.

As we share this light and these words together, know that your friends at Week of Compassion lift prayers of gratitude for your work and your witness. Blessings to you, First Christian Church – it's a privilege to be in ministry with you.

Rev. Erin Wathen

F.O.C.U.S. Fellowship Time

The F.O.C.U.S. Gals will be gathering for a social distancing fellowship time on Sunday, June 7, at Fuqua Park by the gazebo/museum. All you need to do is bring a lawn chair! Pizza and drinks will be provided – just RSVP to Katherine at 580-252-0444 by Saturday, June 6. Hope to see you there!

Katherine Rogers

FCC News & Activities

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

★ It was **Ann Loftin** who was concerned about age-old relics in our standup freezer. A call to **Alan Toler** got him and **Paula** on the ball. The freezer is now emptied and clean and ready to fill up another decade's worth of deliciousness!

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!

I HAVE 2020 VISION

Dear First Christian Friends,

August 25 has been set as the date we vote on *I Have 2020 Vision*. This vote will come 2 weeks after school is scheduled to begin. This 10-year program will raise over 27 Million Dollars for students, safety, community and service. It will include replacing long-worn school buses, improving playgrounds, and upgrading the technology this pandemic has taught us is so important for learning at home. All this without raising new taxes.

This will also be the date for any primary runoff elections that may become necessary so remember the date!

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



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Cancelled until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

June 7–13

Sunday, June 7

Online Worship in the Sanctuary 10:45 AM

Facebook: @FirstChristianChurchDuncan

Website: www.FCCDuncan.com

Online Worship @ the Well 10:45 AM

Facebook: @theWellFCC

F.O.C.U.S. Fellowship Time, Fuqua Park 6:00 PM

Monday, June 8

Church Office Opens to the Public



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!

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
 Charlotte 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, June 7, 2020

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

And Now it Comes to Us

Psalm 8

Matthew 26:16-20

Scripture Readers

Ron Saveage

Paula Toler

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, June 7, 2020

Message

Trevor Evans

Tune in on Facebook

@theWellFCC

Included in this Issue Order of Service for in Home Christian Worship Sunday, June 7, 2020

May 31, 2020

Online Worship in the Sanctuary	464
Online Worship @ the Well	341
Total Worship Attendance	805
General Budget	\$ 3,384.31

Ministers of First Christian Church

Arnold Nelson, Jr.
Trevor Evans
Erica Hancock Bennett
Reba Ford
Patty Jennings
Kevin Zinn
Richard Herndon
Bruce Bailey
Jared Smith
LaDonna Brown
Frank Timmins
Stephen Stapp
Koree Goldsmith
Tosha Matheny
Lacey Myers

Staff Secretary
 Business Secretary
 Organist
 Sanctuary Choir Director
 A.V. Manager, Sanctuary
 A.V. Manager, Well
 Praise Leader @ the Well
 Kitchen Hostess
 Head Custodian
 Custodian
 Daycare Interim Director
 Daycare Programs Manager
 Nursery Director

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
 June 6 – Team Pace



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