Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



The Duncan Christian



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DON'T FORGET:

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

Our new program year will begin in July! The Ministry Involvement Form helps us fill vital roles in our church like delivering meals to the needy, teaching children the good news, inviting people to church, decorating for special events, keeping our property presentable, reading scripture on a Sunday, assisting with church financials, serving at our monthly community free meal, or helping with Youth events. This is only a very small list of what we need our faithful members for!

Fill out a Ministry Involvement Form to let us know what area suits you best! When you're done, mail/ bring it to the Church Office, or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Forms are available in the Church Office. If you need a form mailed to you, please let the Church Office know.

> Your faithful involvement is very important to our church. We couldn't function without it!

J.O.H.N. 6:35

<u>J</u>OINING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY <u>O</u>FFERING A FREE DINNER TO <u>H</u>ELP PROVIDE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL <u>N</u>OURISHMENT.

COMMUNITY FREE DINNER ♡



Fridax, june 26 5:45 to 7:00 pm @ the well

Menu: Sandwiches, Chips, & Fruit Cups

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

THIS MONTH'S MEAL PROVIDED BY FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH & THE WELL, HOSTED @ THE WELL.

THERE WILL BE NO DINING IN THIS MONTH **TO-GO MEALS HANDED OUT AT THE MAIN STREET DOOR ONLY**

"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

<u>MEN'S BREAKFAST</u>

Saturday, June 27 9:00 AM Gathering Hall

(subject to cancellation depending on the COVID-19 situation at that time) <u>Menu</u>: Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, and Fruit

Speaker: Koree Goldsmith

The men of the church will meet each other and friends to share "breakfast" this Saturday! Social Distancing will be kept with the food being the only health risk. Koree Goldsmith will present information regarding *I Have* 2020 *Vision.*

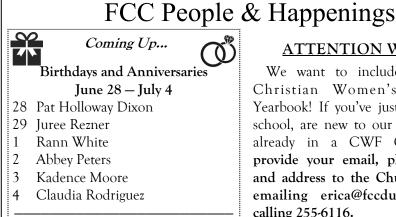
The Amen Corner

The story is told of freshman senator, Howard Baker of Tennessee, that when he made his maiden speech on the senate floor, he was covered up with praise, a lot of pats on the back from both sides of the aisle. The one person who didn't participate in the "Good job" praise was the legendary Everett Dirksen of Illinois. Sen. Dirksen was more than legendary; he was the Minority Leader. Much more, he was Sen. Baker's father-in-law. After a while, Sen. Baker had to know so he asked, "Well, Senator, what did you think of my speech?" He just had to ask. The crusty older man looked in the eye of the very junior senator and said. "Senator, occasionally allow yourself the luxury of an unexpressed thought." There's some wisdom too rarely found.

We often lean in the other direction, congratulating ourselves on sharing everything we know, think, believe, hope and wish. I'm no stranger to this; I'm regularly given to share unrequested thoughts, beliefs, etc. I even have the luxury of making a little talk every week as to what I think and believe and feel as regards the Gospel. That's a real privilege and one might think it enough to get it out of my system, but not so much. You wouldn't believe how much I actually stifle myself, how many opinions go unexpressed, so anxious to break free of my tongue. I remember the advice of William Sloan Coffin who told preachers, "When you have to speak the truth - and it's going to hurt - speak softly." What a great reminder that not every truth has to be shared, and a good warning sign is if we think we'll enjoy telling it.

There are other warning signs; they tend to be prefatory phrases before a bomb is dropped. Things like, "Well, to be absolutely frank." Or, "It's the truth and I have to say it." Here's a dandy, "Nothing personal, but." "I'm sorry but" is deadly. "I don't mean to be rude" doesn't mean we're not about to be just that. When we hear those phrases, most of us have learned to silently say, "Uh oh, here it comes," and wait for it. When I hear those thoughts about to pop out of my mouth, I like to think I back up and then shut up. If circumstances actually require it be said, I hope it has no glee in the telling.

Amen Corner Continued on Column 2...



Cotton & Jan Liles David & Sherry Pack

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- Bob & Lynette Gibson
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Amen Corner Continued...

There's a certain immaturity that applauds a willingness to say whatever we think, enjoying the reputation for being the one who, "by golly told them how the cow ate the cabbage." Will whatever we're going to say enlarge someone's sense they're a child of God, a brother or sister of Jesus? If it is going to make them feel judged, will it be presented in a way that helps them want to grow and improve? Will I be able to say what I thought had to be said and not feel a need to share it with others?

Time passed and Sen. Baker became about as prominent as Sen. Dirksen. He was a leading figure at the Watergate Hearings. It fell to him to ask that famous set of questions, "What do you know and when did you know it?" Recordings of that even reveal a man who took no joy in it.

Glad to be your pastor,

Arnold

CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK'S AMEN CORNER

"What seemed a million years later (9?), I joined the NASCP and while I had a card in my wallet to prove it, I had no driver's license to get me there." Arnold did not join the NASCP; he

joined the NAACP.

ATTENTION WOMEN!

We want to include you in our Christian Women's Fellowship Yearbook! If you've just finished high school, are new to our church, or are already in a CWF Group, please provide your email, phone number, and address to the Church Office by emailing erica@fccduncan.com or calling 255-6116.

If you're not in a group now, you're welcome to choose the one that best fits vour schedule - or even volunteer to start a new group!

GROUPS AND MEETING TIMES

CWF #2 - 3rd Thursday - 9:00 AM F.O.C.U.S. - 2nd Monday - 5:30 PM (for those who work and/or attend school)

Welcome Home, Chris!

Our World Traveler and Vocalist Extraordinaire, Chris Cowan, will be singing this Sunday, June 23, at both services in the Sanctuary. You won't want to miss it! Join us in person or live on Facebook.

<u>!! NOW HIRING !!</u> NURSERY WORKERS apply in the Church Office

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE **NEW FCC DIRECTORY?**

If you answered no, there are some available in the Church Office! If you need a copy mailed to you, please give us a call at 580-255-6116.



FCC News & Activities

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

- * Many thanks to Alan Toler and Darryl Ross for the sparkling job they did painting the Daycare's reception area!
- * Thanks to David Spears and Kent Pinson for taking such good care of our outdoor spaces!
- * Congratulations to Dr. Kayla Watkins Jones on completing her surgical residency, after becoming the first in OU Medical College's history to be certified in robotic surgery. She and husband, Alex Jones, will be going to Atlanta shortly where Kayla has a fellowship at Emory University Hospital.
- ★ This week, Meranda McClennen joined the staff as our new Daycare Director. Welcome Meranda!

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





CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

cancelled until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

June 28 – July 4

Sunday, June 28	
Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship @ the Well	10:45 AM

6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 1

Youth UNite @ the Well

Friday, July 3 Church Office Closed in Observance of Independence Day

"A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps"

-The Celtic Christian Tradition

8:30–WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, June 28, 2020

Sanctuary

Sermon Arnold Nelson Thanks for the Lovely Gifts Matthew 10:40-42 Scripture Reader Darryl Ross Communion Praver Darryl Ross Serving Deacons 1. Susan Elliott 2. Tana Latham Attendance Recorder Kathy Snider Assistant Treasurer Joyce Frechette

10:45–WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, June 28, 2020 Sanctuary Sermon Arnold Nelson Thanks for the Lovely Gifts Matthew 10:40-42 <u>Scripture Reader</u> Brent Russell <u>Serving Elders</u> Communion Prayer: Rebecca Minson Invocation & Lord's Prayer & Dedication of Offering:

John Minson Serving Deacons 1. David Hammond 2. Jeanna Russell Attendance Recorder Paula Toler Assistant Treasurer Angie Randolph

10:45–WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, June 28, 2020 Well Message Trevor Evans Serving Elder: Rod Smith Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

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 Billie Phagans – Elk Crossing Carl & Evelyn Slifer – Ashbrook Village Jackie Van Alstine – St. Simeon's Senior Community

In Our Prayers

Bob Bailey Friend of Pat Holloway Dixon Steve Bolt Sharlotte Campbell Cousin of Gloria Hetherington Pat Holloway Dixon Carol Eubanks (recovering from surgery) Linda Guest (recovering from surgery) Lawrence Herndon (recovering from surgery) Paula Sue Hightower Herb Lang Clement Mpofu Joyce Russell (having vision problems) Evelyn Slifer (recovering from shingles) Ronnie & Kathy Thompson Rita Trostle

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 LaDonna Brown Kitchen Hostess Head Custodian Frank Timmins Custodian Stephen Stapp Daycare Director Meranda McClennen Daycare Assistant Director Maddie Bacon Daycare Programs Manager Tosha Matheny Nursery Director Lacey Myers
- June 21, 2020 8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 31 10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 41 Worship @ the Well 41 Online Sanctuary Worship 104 Online Well Worship 84 Total Worship Attendance 301 \$ 14,908.10 General Budget CWS Blanket Sunday \$ 345.00 Local Benevolent Offering \$ 50.00 Capital \$ 20.00

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