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# The Duncan Christian

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A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## ***MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT FORMS NEEDED!***

**Please try to have your form turned in by Monday, July 20.**

Our new program year normally begins in July, but due to the pandemic setting us back, it will begin in August! 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, and 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!*

## **!!ATTENTION LADIES!!**

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](mailto: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 your 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)*

## **TUESDAY, JULY 14**

**Elder Meeting**

**6:00 PM – Koinonia Room**

**Board Meeting**

**7:00 PM – Gathering Hall**

## **!! NOW HIRING !!**

**NURSERY WORKERS**

***Apply in the Church Office***

## The Amen Corner

### What I Did on My COVID Staycation

Like the boy longing for the last bell of the school year, I came to anticipate my looming COVID Staycation. Great things have happened under such conditions, and more. Marco Polo wrote of his travels to China from a prison and John Bunyan wrote Pilgrims Progress the same way. Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King famously wrote letters from behind bars. Isaac Newton's discovery of gravity under an apple tree was while quarantined from Bubonic Plague. Shakespeare may have written King Lear under those circumstances. A Jewish girl, Anne Frank, used a birthday gift diary to expose the evil of Nazism. My aspirations were more modest.

More of an introvert than some might suspect, I had a 3-volume biography of Alexander Campbell to finish, a new book on U.S. Grant and a small bio of Teddy Roosevelt. Besides, it was "suggested" I pore over some water damaged cook books to glean favorite recipes before consigning the books to the fire. On my very own, I thought moving out of season clothes would be a good idea. Yes, I had plans. For the boy, summer vacation ends then the new teacher assigns the inevitable back-to-school task, "What I Did on My Summer Vacation." That's when he knows watching reruns and playing video games during the live-long summer doesn't make a 1-page essay.

It's not that I did nothing. I found a new author, Leif Enger, and read the body of his novels to date: 3. (He didn't even know he was lost.) I read a bio of Pres. Chester Arthur which easily makes me Duncan's foremost Arthur Scholar. I cultivated a taste for Tamales, Black Beans and Rice. I watched hundreds of horse races in Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Kentucky, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma and Texas. I had some lovely Facetime and Zoom encounters. I learned to preach to an empty room. I regained 4 hard-lost pounds. Sadly, this Coronavirus isn't gone and we may well be back to square 1 like it or not. If so, I've significant things I can do with the time. And what of you and your COVID Staycation? And the next?

Glad to be your pastor,  
Arnold

## FCC People & Happenings



### Coming Up...



#### Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 12-18

- 12 George Lindley  
Lance Minson  
Alice Smith  
John Smith
- 13 Bob Jones
- 14 Joan Drake  
Judy Shaw
- 16 Laura Monkress
- 17 Guy Smith
- 18 Ronda Peters

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- 12 Ed & D'Ann Cox
  - 16 Ricky & Teresa Brown
  - 17 Greg & Terrin Liles

### In Christian Sympathy

✝ Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill & Faye Trostle and family upon the death of Bill's mother, **Rita Trostle**, who passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 5. There will be a viewing on Friday, July 10 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Whitt Funeral Home with family attending from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The service will be at 1:30 PM at the Whitt Funeral Home Chapel.

### In Christian Sympathy

✝ We send our deepest condolences to Linda Guest and family upon the passing of her mother, **Ella Ruth Fortner**, on Saturday, July 4. A family graveside service is planned for Thursday, July 9, in Seminole. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Chisholm Trail Compassion Center Food Closet at 810 N. 10th St. in Duncan.

### In Our Prayers

✝ Rita O'Kelley left for Phoenix on Tuesday to be with her sister and family. Her brother-in-law, **Al Lueck**, is in the final stages of his fight with cancer. Please keep them in your prayers as they face his imminent passing.

### COOK TEAMS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY UNITE

If you are willing to lead a cook team or be a part of one, please fill out the appropriate section of the Ministry Involvement Form and turn it in to the Church Office. If you're a leader and already have your team picked out, please let the Church Office know.

### Final Wishes

A Final Wishes form helps your loved ones make difficult decisions when you pass. On the form, you can specify your preferences for burial, services, cemetery, and other important matters. Forms are available in the Church Office.

We pray to God who some call Mystery,  
beyond all definition, that  
When in the midst of uncertainty  
– may we know faith.  
When in the midst of anxiety  
– may we know serenity.  
When in the midst of stress  
– may we know calm.  
When in the midst of fear  
– may we know trust.  
When in the midst of bewilderment  
– may we know assurance.  
When in the midst of confusion  
– may we know confidence.  
When in the midst of pandemic  
– may we know peace.  
When in the midst of whatever  
– may we know love.

*Rev. John Wesley Oldham from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada*

### 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.



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# FCC News & Activities



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Help the Toy Shop during the Most Wonderful Time of the Year, Christmas in July! Monetary donations can be made to FCC with Toy Shop in the memo, or you may leave donated items in the Toy Shop box in the Gathering Hall by the vending machines.

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

- ★ Courtney Cronk has accepted a position in the 21-month Physical Therapy Assistant program at Odessa College. Her classes are set to begin in August. Congrats and good luck, Courtney!
- ★ Last week, 6 of our congregation helped make the service for Thomas Redhead better by their gifts of time and service. Afterward, many worked to provide a dinner so the family could benefit from a meal and time together to unwind. Then on Sunday, the same number, or more, gave more time and talents to lead us in worship. Thanks to you all.

*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

July 12–18

### Sunday, July 12

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

### Tuesday, July 14

Elder Meeting, Koinonia Room	6:00 PM
Board Meeting, Gathering Hall	7:00 PM

### Wednesday, July 8

Youth UNite @ the Well	6:00 PM
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8:30—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE  
Sunday, July 12, 2020  
Sanctuary

Sermon  
Arnold Nelson  
*How Fortunate We Are!*  
Matthew 13:19, 18-23  
Scripture Reader  
Terry Snider  
Communion Prayer  
Terry Snider  
Serving Deacons  
1. Susan Elliott  
2. Tana Latham  
Attendance Recorder  
Kathy Snider  
Assistant Treasurer  
Cotton Liles

10:45—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE  
Sunday, July 12, 2020  
Sanctuary

Sermon  
Arnold Nelson  
*How Fortunate We Are!*  
Matthew 13:19, 18-23  
Scripture Reader  
Brent Russell  
Serving Elders  
Communion Prayer:  
John Minson  
Invocation & Lord's Prayer &  
Dedication of Offering:  
Rebecca Minson  
Serving Deacons  
1. Lanna Harris  
2. Donna Shaw  
3. Randy Shaw  
4. Paula Toler  
Attendance Recorder  
Paula Toler  
Assistant Treasurer  
Angie Randolph

10:45—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE  
Sunday, July 12, 2020  
Well

Message  
Trevor Evans  
Serving Elder: Delyn Cronk  
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  
Charlotte Campbell  
Cousin of Gloria Hetherington  
Pat Holloway Dixon  
Paula Sue Hightower  
Herb Lang  
Al Lueck  
Brother-in-law of Rita O'Kelley  
Clement Mpfu  
Joyce Russell (having vision problems)  
Evelyn Slifer (recovering from shingles)  
Ronnie & Kathy Thompson

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 Director	Meranda McClennen
Daycare Assistant Director	Maddie Bacon
Daycare Programs Manager	Tosha Matheny
Nursery Director	Lacey Myers

July 5, 2020	
8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	22
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	49
Worship @ the Well	38
Online Sanctuary Worship	160
Online Well Worship	130
Total Worship Attendance	399
General Budget	\$ 10,596.86
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 380.00
Capital	\$ 20.00



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