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CHRISTMAS IN JULY (A LITTLE LATE) AUGUST 9, 2020



I'll be coming over to see you after I go by to visit my sister, Santa Monica!

THIS COMING SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020, WE WILL BE HAVING "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" TO HIGHLIGHT THE NEEDS OF THE DUNCAN TOY SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS 2020! IF YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION OR BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY FOR THE DUNCAN TOY SHOP, JUST MAKE A NOTE ON THE MEMO LINE OF YOUR CHECK TO DUNCAN TOY SHOP AND/OR BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY. ALL DONATIONS LARGE OR SMALL WILL BE APPRECIATED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT KATHY SNIDER.

FOR OUR CHRISTMAS IN JULY (A LITTLE LATE), WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE CHRIS COWAN SINGING IN THE SANCTUARY!

The Amen Corner

After Christmas break was over and the drudgery of 6th grade resumed, Mrs. Brewer assigned us the task of drawing our favorite Christmas presents and then sharing them with the class. Never was I a fan of drawing anything but the standout gift was a catchers mitt, essentially a mitten, and even I was up to that. I could speak of it with enthusiasm because it was beautiful and proved I was a catcher. I didn't even have to confess, it smelled great; all the boys knew it.

It was much the same for the whole class until a boy threw us for a loop. His drawing was the easiest and hardest. It was a rectangle representing his only gift: a pillow. Not a kid among us would have imagined a pillow for a Christmas gift. It was so a part of our lives as to be taken for granted. It wasn't fun or cool or a sign of growing up. What it was, was a sign of poverty.

We lacked the vocabulary for that we all knew. Some guys were dense enough to call out, it was "stupid," leaving Mrs. Brewer no recourse but to hush them, and assure the poor kid it was "nice." She knew what we knew. He was so poor, he didn't have a pillow. Imagine! Remember! Remember that one Christmas gift that stood out when you 11, or 9, or 6. Odds are you can do a pretty good job. It's a matter of a kid's dream coming true, or a surprise defying imagination. I got a Lionel Train once. A castle with lead knights another year. Never got a stupid pillow.

This Sunday we'll celebrate "Christmas in July" (a little late), and we're invited to bring a toy, or some money, so our Toy Shop can make some kids Christmases brighter. I hope you'll bring something, (unwrapped as Kathy Snider instructs) or Mail in a check. No pillows please. Merry Christmas!

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 9–15

- 9 Sue Ellis
Richard Marks
Melody Siegler
- 10 Andrea Moore
Angeline Randolph
- 11 Richard Herndon
Missy Schreckengost
Jimmy Tilley
- 12 Darlene Corley
Kara Harper
Erin Ludwick
- 13 Kaitlin Joseph
- 14 Bryce Jennings
- 15 Allen Hutson
Joe Jones
Marian Waldron

- 11 Robert & Beth Cowan
- 12 Chris & Missy Schreckengost
- 14 John & Joy Galloway
Lawrence & Sharon Herndon
- 15 A.L. & Linda Hutson
Bryan & Brandy Peters
Gaylon & Joyce Russell

Honoring Honor, Remembering Sue

Work has begun to renovate the FCC Daycare Nursery and Teachers' Lounge. These are being done in memory of Sue Snider and Honor Vaughn, two dedicated directors of the daycare. If you would like to contribute to these fitting memorials, please send your gifts to the church office. For checks, please designate to First Christian Church with *Honor/Sue Daycare Renovation* in the memo. P.S. If you have moderate skills in any of the building trades, your help is needed and appreciated!

DATE CHANGED
CWF EXECUTIVE MEETING
Thursday, August 6
9:30 AM
Parlor

**DON'T FORGET TO TURN
IN YOUR MINISTRY
INVOLVEMENT FORM!**

The life of Chuck Whitfield will be celebrated on September 3, 2020 at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Visitation will be at 10:00 AM.

Former FCC minister, The Rev. Wayne Majors died August 2 after a long illness. A memorial service is being planned later in Ponca City. Sharon is at:

1517 W. Chestnut
Ponca City, OK 74601
580-765-1134

!!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 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 – 9:30 AM
F.O.C.U.S. – 2nd Monday – 5:30 PM
(for those who work and/or attend school)

DEACON MEETING
Wednesday, August 12
6:00 PM

Gathering Hall

All Deacons, new and current, are encouraged to attend this important meeting. We would prefer you wear a mask and we will have safe distance seating. Enter the Gathering Hall at the West-/North door. If you are unable to attend, please call Linda Guest at 255-8017 or 656-5337.

FCC News & Activities

REGARDING FAMINE IN ZIMBABWE

My dear Brother – I wanted to give you an update on what I'm doing here. The Fountain funds (\$3000) is at FCC, Duncan. I've asked Reba to hold for a brief while as I work on raising more. I approached Kingsway Church in Memphis. Their pastor wrote this morning and hopes to get as much as \$1500. Also, I am writing 20 good friends and asking each for \$100. Two have already put checks in the mail to Reba. I think we could get somewhere between \$2000 and \$3500. I'll keep you posted. I hope you have enough from the initial funds we sent to Chris to keep each family covered for awhile.

Your brother,

Johnny Wray
High Hope Farm

Dear Brother – You are truly a blessing. If we can get funds from the contacts you made, it would see us meet our budget. Thank you for putting your mind and thought to this most important need. Yes, we do have some funds for the month of August so we can afford to wait while more comes in. I'm truly blessed to have a brother like you. May God continue to bless you mightily.

The situation in our country is explosive. People can't stand the level of corruption happening. This last weekend has seen all our major cities closed to the public, and soldiers and police torturing our people. All this done to stop them demonstrating against corruption and abuse of power. I've no doubt the current wave of violence is just the beginning of a season where people are saying enough is enough.

Your brother,
BJ Mpofo

ZIMBABWE PASTORS TESTIMONIES

I wish to pass our sincere gratitude for the financial support received. Honestly, without it I have no idea how we'd survive as the Church is on a sharp nose dive on financial strength. People are struggling.



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Cancelled until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

August 9–15

Sunday, August 9

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

Monday, August 10

Boy Scout Meeting, @ the Well	7:00 PM
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Tuesday, August 11

Elder Meeting, Koinonia Room	6:00 PM
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Wednesday, August 12

Deacon's Meeting, Gathering Hall	6:00 PM
Youth UNite @ the Well	6:00 PM

ZIMBABWE PASTORS TESTIMONIES (Cont'd.)

God Bless you and continue to enable you and everyone involved to bring us the much needed support.

Pastor Tawanda Sibanda

Good Morning Sir!

Chris has sent the money for July and I've collected it from the bank.

Surely may our loving God continue to bless you. You've really helped us. I was now failing to pay even my Funeral Insurance Premiums.

So I am seeing the hand of God.

Pastor Chinyoka

GONE SAVIN' LIVES

FCC Blood Drive
Sunday, August 16
8:45 AM to 12:00 PM
Gathering Hall

Every donor can receive a free COVID-19 antibody test!
Test results will be mailed post donation; the test has not been reviewed by the FDA and is not intended to diagnose or treat COVID-19; must be 18 or older to receive.

APPOINTMENTS ONLY

Call 877-340-8777 or go to www.obi.org to schedule your appointment.

Masks are required and can be provided if needed.

FREE STUFF FOR ALL DONORS!

- *Gone Savin' Lives T-shirt*
- *1 coupon for a free Honey Butter Chicken Biscuit*
- *Your choice of 1 ticket to the Oklahoma Science Museum or Frontier City, or 2 tickets to Safari Joe's H2O*



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**8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, August 9, 2020
Sanctuary**

Sermon
Arnold Nelson
Christmas Time's a Comin'!
Luke 2:1-20
Scripture Reader
Suzy Bruner
Communion Prayer
Rita O'Kelley
Serving Deacons
Linda Guest
Tana Latham
Attendance Recorder
Kathy Snider
Assistant Treasurer
Charlie Hays

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Christmas Time's a Comin'!
Luke 2:1-20
Scripture Reader
Glynis Johns
Serving Elders
Communion Prayer:
Bama White
**Invocation & Lord's Prayer &
Dedication of Offering:**
Terry Snider
Serving Deacons
Head Deacon: Jeanna Russell
Lanna Harris
Glynis Johns
Emma Wilkerson
Attendance Recorder
Glynis Johns
Assistant Treasurer
Gaylon Russell

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, August 9, 2020
Well**

**Message: Christmas in July! (in
August?)** — Jared Smith
Isaiah 11:1
Serving Elder: Karl Jacobs
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
Helen Sullivan — Elk Crossing
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
Paula Sue Hightower
Denise Kuehn (recovering from orthopedic surgery)
Mother of Lacey Gray
Kayla 'LaLa' LaFee (recovering from hip surgery)
Tommy Martindale (*friend of Kim & Nan Kimberley*)
Clement Mpfu
Evelyn Slifer (recovering from shingles)
Helen Sullivan (recovering from hip surgery)
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
	Alyssa Wisdom
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

August 2, 2020

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	40
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	43
Worship @ the Well	49
Nursery	4
Online Sanctuary Worship	518
Online Well Worship	68
Total Worship Attendance	722
General Budget	\$ 10,627.31
Capital	
Local Benevolent Offering	\$310.00



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