



BLANKET SUNDAY THANK YOU!
A Blanket Can Be More Than a Blanket!

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"Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blanket program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of challenges, you are standing with them. You are providing relief and hope.

Your contribution provides hope to neighbors near and far, from migrant families facing cold and wet conditions to refugees who have just arrived in the United States to build a new future to guests at homeless shelters. Around the world, your support of this program means vital supplies and support for those in need.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. We thank you!

May God bless you for your support.

Rev. John L. McCullough
President and CEO
Church World Service"

**ERICA HANCOCK, YOUR CHURCH SECRETARY,
RETURNS FROM MATERNITY LEAVE ON MONDAY,
AUGUST 12TH!! (Thank You, Jesus! rok)**



F.O.C.U.S. BEGINS



F.O.C.U.S. will be gathering on Sunday (not Monday), August 11th at 5:30 PM in the home of Sharleen & Glynis Johns for our Annual Salad Potluck. Please bring a salad to share and school supplies which we will donate to our area schools. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!



THE CHOIR IS BACK!

The choir is happy to be back singing in the choir loft each week. We hope you enjoy our gifts of song to God each week as we learn new music, bring back some old favorites, and learn new songs for Thanksgiving and Christmas! If you like to sing and have felt like you want to join the choir, we meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the choir room. We do need more voices to fill the choir, male and female. If singing is your passion, come join us!!

GOD ADDED AND WE WELCOMED!

On Sunday, July 28, 2019, Omari Gray, Lacey Gray, Jared Doss, and Jacob Kuehn came forward to place their membership and were welcomed with open arms. We are blessed to have them as a part of our church family!



Baby Dedication

Children are a gift from God. Because children belong to God and are given by grace as gifts to parents, it is only proper and appropriate that children be dedicated back to God. We are excited about your decision to lead your child into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and want to celebrate with you! On Sunday, July 28, 2019, Omari & Lacey Gray dedicated their son, Bryson Thomas Gray, to the glory and honor of God.

The Amen Corner

An issue that causes confusion and consternation: Racism. I think I've got it figured out. So far as I know my ancestors were northern Europeans of longstanding. They seem to have come over before iron clad ships and they never say the Liberty Bell. So far as I know their only agenda was to make a better life for themselves and their children. I doubt they looked down the road and thought of me. Neither did they think about unsettling mases of indigenous peoples: Catawba and Cherokee for my dad's people, Miami and Potawatomi for my mom's.

My parents didn't do this, nor theirs but they inherited the benefits of it. My mother's people are Yankee Americans; some served in the Army to "Save the Republic." Ending slavery wasn't on their wave length; it was a successful marketing feature. My father's people were pretty deep in the Smokies to appreciate the advantages of holding someone in perpetual bondage. However, they did live in a world where the laws were created to serve the best interests of white people. Through my childhood in a desegregating South, the society was better for those "free, white and 21."

The first person in our family to go to college was my dad and the University of Tennessee being segregated wasn't his issue. I rode a city bus that had the sign, "Colored in Rear" and was never asked what that might do to the psyche of a black kid my age. These are examples of "Racism;" laws and customs that give greater opportunity to people of one race over others. Settling for this as a status quo is Racist. Combating this system, especially as it gives you that edge, is "Anti-Racism. These are not to be confused to the capacity of individuals to hate neighbors of other color and traditions. People of all colors are capable of that and invent reasons, share antidotal experiences, to justify it.

Explaining it to God one of these days is another story. Right now our country is enjoying the fruits of Radical White Supremism, a "by God unwillingness to believe one can be free and others be free too, a determination to prove one's value by tearing down the opportunities of another to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I'd like to say this has to stop but it doesn't. This locomotive going downhill doesn't have to stop but if it doesn't, the Republic will. Along the way, "One nation under God" will be ringing hollow around the world.

*Glad to be your Pastor,
Arnold*

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 11 – August 17

- 11 – Richard Herndon
Jimmy Tilley
- 13 – Kara Harper
- 14 – Bryce Jennings
- 15 – Joe Jones
Allen Hutson
- 16 – Janie Fitzgerald
- 17 – John Minson

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- 11 – Robert & Beth Cowan
 - 14 – John & Joy Galloway
Lawrence & Sharon Herndon
 - 15 – A.L. & Linda Hutson
Bryan & Brandy Peters
Gaylon & Joyce Russell
 - 17 – Adam & Kassie Gilmore

In Christian Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Fran & Charles Boyd, Suzy & Bob Bruner and their families upon the death of Fran's sister, Ruth Jean Salsman of Edmond, OK, born in 1926. She passed away on July 28, 2019. Condolences can be made to Charles & Fran Boyd and Bob & Suzy Bruner.



If you were at the 10:45 AM Worship service this past Sunday, you will remember what Marty Askins shared with us about giving through a poem written by Ella Duncan in June of 1979 about her memories from 1893. We hope you enjoy the read....

I Remember Duncan

I remember Duncan
In the Spring of '93 –
Would you spare me time to tell you
How early Duncan looked to me?
I was present at the first picnic
In a grove southeast of town,
With perhaps a thousand Indians
Camping near the picnic ground.

I remember Duncan
In what we call the early day,
When we came to town in wagons –
That was then our only way –
When cowboys still rode horse
When they came to town and back.
I've seen horses by the dozen
Lined up at the hitching rack.

I remember Duncan
When the good old days were new,
When everyone knew their neighbor
And the neighbors all knew you.
Just a mile or so from Duncan
Was the Reservation line
Where roving bands of Indians
Could be seen most any time.

I remember Duncan
And the nearby Chisholm Trail
With its many longhorn cattle
Winding slowly thru the vale.
Like a dream, I still remember
When the lilacs were in bloom.
The young folks all went strolling
On a summer Sunday afternoon.

*Ella Duncan
Niece of City Founder
William Duncan
Circa 1979*

FCC News & Activities

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

Matthew 6: 9 – 13

Thank You Notes

Thank you so very much for the bouquet of flowers. They are beautiful and make my room seem more friendly and homey!

Betty Eby

“Thank You” to everyone who helped with the Kids Crusade (VBS) at FCC this past weekend. We appreciate you giving of your time, your talents, the food, & helping our children learn more about God’s Love, His word, and all He has to offer us. What a blessing to be a part of FCC and to celebrate God’s love through His children.

There’s no greater gift, than the love of a child!

Bonnie Ross & Shasta Smith

Dear FCC Office Staff & Members,

Thank you for asking me to fill in as your FCC secretary while Erica has been gone on maternity leave. It has been good for me and my brain by challenging me to learn some new things since I’ve never been a church secretary before. I was a secretary at Halliburton for 33 years, but I’ve been challenged to do some new and fun things while working for my fellow church members.

I know I’ve made a few mistakes, but hopefully not too many and nothing that’s going to cause problems for anyone else. I thought the weekly postal report was going to be the death of me and the US Government/Post Office was going to come and take me off to jail for doing their weekly mail report, sometimes correct and sometime not!

I’ve been challenged to be creative and write a few articles to inform members about something that’s happening or providing newsworthy information when doing the Duncan Christian newsletter.

I’ve enjoyed working with all of the staff & I hope I haven’t driven them too crazy! Thank you Arnold & Reba for putting up with me on a daily basis. It’s been fun and I hope I have done a good job representing our church. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Rita O’Kelley



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Sunday, August 11

Leader: Shasta Smith

LEADERS NEEDED FOR THE FALL!

If you'd like to volunteer, contact Shasta at 580-656-7884.

COMING EVENTS

August 11 – August 17

Sunday, August 11

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship at the Well	10:45 AM

Monday, August 12

Erica Hancock Returns from Maternity Leave	8:00 AM
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Tuesday, August 13

Staff Meeting, Church Office Conference Room	10:00 AM
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Wednesday, August 14

Youth UNite @ the Well, led by Holly Bailey	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM

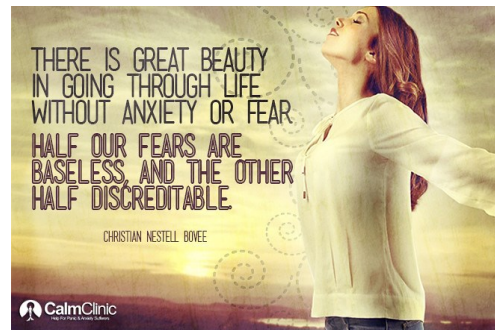


ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 18, 6:00 PM

The Gathering Hall

Hosted by the Church Staff



8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Sanctuary

Sermon

Arnold Nelson

This Isn't Working for Me

Isaiah 1: 10 – 18

Scripture Reader

Debbie Savage

Communion Prayer

A.L. Hutson

Greeters Narthex

Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer

Assistant Treasurer

Joyce Frechette

Communion Preparation

A.L. Hutson

Sunday School Superintendent

Trent Cronk

God's Love...it's Cookin'!

August 10 – Team O'Kelley

Ministers of First Christian Church

Arnold Nelson, Jr.

Trevor Evans

Staff Secretary

Erica Hancock

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

Custodian to the Well

Paul Toler

Daycare Director

Sheila Gadbow

Daycare Assistant Director

Tosha Matheny

Nursery Director

Lacey Myers



Come to Worship, Nurture, and Share

Published weekly, except Thanksgiving & Christmas weeks

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SERVING SCHEDULE

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Sermon

Arnold Nelson

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Isaiah 1: 10 – 18

Scripture Reader

Koree Goldsmith

Serving Elders

Communion Prayer:

Wes Sullivan

Invocation & Lord's Prayer &

Dedication of Offering:

Terry Snider

Serving Deacons

John Galloway

Joy Galloway

Mark Galloway

Tana Latham

Donna Marks

Rachel Morales (Head)

Cecelia Richey

Donna Shaw

Randy Shaw

Greeters Narthex

Terry & Kathy Snider

Sanctuary Doors from G.H.

North: Fran Boyd

South: Randy Burum

Assistant Treasurer

Angie Randolph

Communion Preparation

A.L. Hutson

Communion Clean Up

Rachel Morales

10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Well

Message

Trevor Evans

"Big Prayers, Bigger Results"

Serving Elder: Karl Jacobs

Hostess: Pat Notley

Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

In Our Prayers



Nursing Home

Sally Anderson – Elk Crossing

Lynda Galloway – Elk Crossing

Billie Phagans – Chisholm Trail Assisted

Living

Marvene & Louie Schumacher – Wilkins

Others

David R. Carney

Betty Eby

Herb Lang

Honor Vaughn

August 4, 2019

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	43
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	73
Well	74
Total Worship Attendance	190
Sunday School	39
General Budget	\$16,803.46
Sunday School Offering	\$25.00
Benevolent Fund	\$184.00
Capital Fund	\$195.00

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