

The Duncan Christian

THE WELL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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There are occasions that require our extra effort, hard work, inconvenience and even pain. In 1940, Sir Winston Churchill coined a phrase regarding his dedication to protecting Britain from the ravages of Nazism. He spoke of Blood, Sweat, Toil, and Tears. We've evidence of some of that among us now.

BLOOD

Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Just one donation gives this life saving care to up to 3 people! It's a generous gift of oneself with some inconvenience and a little ouch. It's a decent thing to do. Thanks to the dedication of **Max Daughtrey**, blood donations have become a fixture in our church life. Changes of a pandemic might make it seem like something to delay. Instead, we had the largest day in years. Thanks to:

- Delyn Cronk,
- Max Daughtrey
- Susan Elliott
- Adam Gilmore
- Koree Goldsmith
- Glynis Johns
- Jennifer Lamar
- Valeria Lanteri
- John Losurdo
- Shasta Smith
- Cyndy Spears
- Paula Toler
- Emma Wilkerson
- Carl Wylie
- Esther Wylie
- Kevin Zinn

That's some mighty fine blood!

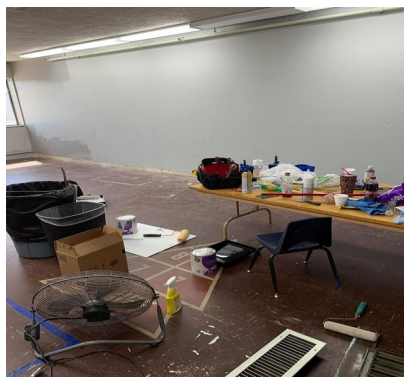


SWEAT

Through the spring and summer, people like **Kent Pinson**, **Darryl Ross**, **David Spears**, and **Alan Toler** have given of themselves on the hottest days to keep our outside looking great. Additional effort is being made inside, specifically with our daycare. The list of hard workers includes:

- Maddie Bacon
- Morgan Curry
- Ricky Curtis
- Koree Goldsmith
- John Losurdo
- Meranda McClellenn
- Robert O'Kelley
- Darryl Ross
- Anthony Scott
- Eva Spaulding
- Alan Toler

Thanks for so much hard work. You sweat for us all!



TEARS

What breaks your heart? Lots of things come to mind, and we're all different, but I doubt many of us are untouched by hungry people, especially children. For years, we've addressed that in various ways. Some have done so much with *Spokes for Hope* and *J.O.H.N. 6:35*. These have especially engaged our Youth and worshippers at the Well. Volunteer teams give to Condolence Luncheons, *God's Love: It's Cookin'!* and *Wednesday UNite*. Then there are the Benevolent Offerings made to buy groceries when people are in a pinch. So much and so much on hold for a while until this pandemic is past. But, there's opportunity in the near future to address childhood hunger. The Regional Food Bank of OK's Food4Kids program & the Duncan Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to make a difference in our community!



This Friday, August 21 @ 6:30 PM
Duncan Golf & Tennis Club
Table Sponsor — \$400
Includes reserved table of 8 AND
you're supplying food to a child for a year!
Individual Tickets — \$50

The Amen Corner

Ever get something stuck in your craw, like a big rock a chicken just can't swallow? Maybe it's more like a burr in the saddle or a little stone in you shoe? My friend, Jim Stovall, is an excellent pastor. I followed him in Camden, Arkansas and it sure made for work. Jim's got something in his craw, or maybe it's a fly in his ointment, you tell me.

Jim's agitated by preachers who get upset over odd stuff. His example is someone who came up to him after he'd officiated a wedding to let him know he was on the wrong side of Jesus because he'd worn a robe. That seemed to be all it took to earn the Lord's eternal displeasure. I'm with Jim. I've seen him out of a robe and he looks better in one. So do I.

I knew a preacher who preached against cremation. Obviously to "Richard", that was against the Bible because how was that person going to rise up on that Great Getting Up Morning? I replied, "Well, Richard, ever wonder about people blown up in buildings or sailors buried at sea, or what about the Christian Martyrs fed to lions?" His expression became that of a cow looking at a new gate. To his credit he replied, "I never thought of that."

I can joke about preachers because I am one but the truth applies to Christians of all persuasions and the unpersuaded too. A lot of our opinions are unfettered by thought. We arrived at them because of a sainted grandma, or it was in the water where we grew up or it just conveniently fit a prejudice, or a best interest. That's why churches stick with the King James Version of the Bible because that's what Jesus used. Maybe lots of dearly held values need to get an annual audit.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 23—29


- 23 Allen Passmore
Cale Schreiner
Jay Watkins
- 25 Angie Evans
- 26 Jo Fuller
Cooper Majure
Courtney Watkins
- 27 Adam Gilmore
Katherine Rogers
- 28 London Calhoun
- 29 Charlene Sullivan

Missed Birthday Last Week:

- 19 Frank Timmins

- 25 Richard & Kay Heelan
- 26 Kent & Liz Collins
- 29 Jonathan & Jo Williams

In Christian Sympathy

 Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Marvene Schumacher**, who passed away on Sunday, August 16. Marvene was a member of our church for 64 years. Funeral services will be held at Whitt's Funeral Home on Thursday, August 20, at 10:00 AM.

COOK TEAMS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY UNITE

We currently only have 3 (possible) Cook Teams for Wednesday UNite. Our goal is to have at least 5 Cook Teams when we start back up. If you are willing to lead a cook team, please call the Church Office. If you're a leader and already have your team picked out, please let the Church Office know.

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGE

Pat (Holloway) Dixon
129 Summer Place Circle
Pottsboro, TX 75076

Thank You Notes

The Safe Center thanks you for your generous donation to our agency! Monetary donations allow us to better serve our community and help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Your support is so appreciated!

Safe Center Staff

CWF NEEDS YOUR HELP

Did you know that after every funeral held at our church, CWF prepares a condolence meal for the family? We also do all of the serving and cleanup, which is sometimes a difficult task with just a few people.

If anyone is willing to dedicate their time to help cook, serve, clean up, or even make desserts for CWF Condolence Meals, please call Ann Loftin (255-0048) or the Church Office (255-6116). We'd be so grateful for your help!

CWF Condolence

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!

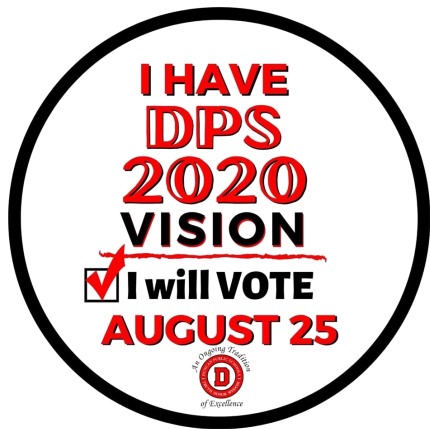
This is still an ongoing project and if you know how to tile, we NEED your help!

FCC News & Activities



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Cancelled until further notice.



Dear First Christian Friends,

The 2020 Vision voting day is finally arriving on Tuesday, August 25. Remember, this won't raise our taxes but it will put roofs on our schools, replace aging HVAC systems, put safer fences around our playgrounds, provide for our special needs kiddos, replace long worn out buses, provide text books, and improve technology. It'll do all this and much more, but not if we don't approve it! I'd be so grateful for your support! Did I mention it won't increase our taxes?

Sincerely,
Koree K. Goldsmith, Principal
Emerson Elementary School

COMING EVENTS

August 23–29

Sunday, August 23

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 24

Daycare Board Meeting, Koinonia Room	5:30 PM
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Wednesday, August 26

Youth UNite @ the Well	6:00 PM
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Saturday, August 29

Men's Breakfast, Gathering Hall	9:00 AM
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PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

"Good people have good things in their hearts."

—Matthew 12:35—

From Max Lucado's book,
And the Angels Were Silent

- Name the 10 wealthiest people in the world.
- Name 8 people who've won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.

How did you do? I didn't do well either. With the exception of you trivia hounds, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday too well. Surprising how quickly we forget isn't it? And what I've mentioned above are no second-rate achievements. These are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one.

- Name 10 people who've taught you something worthwhile.
- Name 5 friends who've helped you in a difficult time.

Easier? It was for me too. The lesson? The people who make a difference aren't the ones with the credentials, but the ones with the concern.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 29

9:00 AM

Gathering Hall



Menu: Pancakes, Sausage & Egg Casserole,
Bacon, Hash Browns

Speaker: TBD

8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, August 23, 2020
Sanctuary

Sermon
Arnold Nelson
The Sermon You Can Preach
Matthew 16:13-20
Scripture Reader
Kathy Snider
Communion Prayer
Marty Askins
Serving Deacons
Linda Guest
Tana Latham
Attendance Recorder
Linda Guest
Assistant Treasurer
Charlie Hays

10:45—WORSHIP
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Cyndy Spears
Serving Elders
Communion Prayer:
John Galloway
Invocation & Lord's Prayer & Dedication of Offering:
Bama White
Serving Deacons
Head Deacon: Lanna Harris
Glynis Johns
Jeanna Russell
Emma Wilkerson
Attendance Recorder
Paula Toler
Assistant Treasurer
Gaylon Russell

10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, August 23, 2020
Well

Message
Trevor Evans
Serving Elder: A.L. Hutson
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 Mpofo
Evelyn Slifer (recovering from shingles)
Stephen Stapp (recovering from kidney surgery)
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
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	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 16, 2020

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	31
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	42
Worship @ the Well	41
Online Sanctuary Worship	957
Online Well Worship	66
Total Worship Attendance	1,137
General Budget	\$ 10,231.42
Toy Shop of Duncan	\$ 200.00
Zimbabwe Outreach	\$ 200.00



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