



Our friends in Zimbabwe, BJ and his pastors ministering to an impoverished area, struggle with the most basic of life's necessities. The church and some of our members recently contributed to an effort to provide food to these ministers and their families. The following letter was received from BJ:

Dear Friends,

I do not think you know what you have done for my Pastors. The situation in my country is extremely bad. We have a serious shortage of water in the cities. Our staple diet (sadza) maize meal is there in the shops but with 95% of unemployment, very few can afford to buy any. I have not seen a situation as bad as this one in my life.

So what you have done for my Pastors, I cannot thank you more. You have made it possible for them to provide basic food requirements for their families.

A very big 'Thank You' to all who have contributed.

BJ



LOCAL BENEVOLENT OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Life throws curveballs sometimes, making it hard to keep food on the table, the lights turned on, the rent paid, etc. Every week, people in our community struggle with these things and reach out to our church for help. Our Local Benevolent Fund is how we help those less fortunate. Please generously give to the Local Benevolent Offering this Sunday to enable us to continue providing assistance to our community in need.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- Elder Meeting**
6:00 PM – Koinonia Room
- Board Meeting**
7:00 PM – Gathering Hall

The Church Office will be CLOSED Friday, September 4 & Monday, September 7 in Observance of Labor Day.

“And people should eat and drink, and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God.”
- Ecclesiastes 3:13

The Amen Corner

Despite sound evidence, the Authorized Version of the Bible was published in 1611 under authority of "the most dread Sovereign," King James I of Great Britain, with the intention of scripture untainted with "popish" prejudices, there exist today people convinced this King James Version is the only English translation to be used because it was the very one used by Jesus.

A community of faithful claim heaven can only hold 144,000. That community now numbers more than 8 million. There are some who feel a duty to a kingdom not of this world such they won't pledge allegiance to a flag, serve in the military, hold public office, or vote. The majority of Christians claim belief in a Triune God because they were taught to and never gave it much thought. A minority have a hard time with "one God in Three persons." In the Age Reformation, a man fled his home for fear of his life over this. He sought safe haven elsewhere. Elsewhere they burned him at the stake.

People came to America to escape that but here, they developed groups that believed God, cursed slavery and others believing it was God's idea. They would shun members and family over dancing, smoking, taking a drink, and voting "wrong." A group I knew, shunned a sister community because the latter had a kitchen.

These issues are gravely important in their quarters but silly to others. All have caused grief. What do you believe is important? I know what I do. I believe Jesus is the Christ and son of God. I believe all who accept Him are to follow Him as each is led. I believe that apart from the Good Confession, there should be no test of fellowship between disciples of Christ. I believe "no" means "no." I hope you believe much the same.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

September 6 – 12

- 6 Cali LaFee
Beth Phillippi
- 7 Karen Jennings
Layla Mitchell
Arnold Nelson
- 8 Carol Goldsmith
Sharon Herndon
- 9 Jean Arnold
Maddie Bacon
- 10 Fran Boon
Max Daughtrey
- 11 Paula Gary
Ron Savage
- 12 Andrea Arrington
Koree Goldsmith
Addie Minson

In Christian Sympathy

✝ Our deepest sympathy is extended to Charles & Fran Ketchum and family upon the passing of their son, **Jerald Ketchum**, who passed away on Tuesday, September 1. Jerald's parents were former members of our church. Funeral services will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church on Friday, September 4, at 10:00 AM. There will be No Visitation.

Congrats on Your Pregnancy

👶 Congratulations to **Trevor & Shannon Evans** who are expecting their first baby! We pray for a happy, healthy pregnancy and a happy, healthy baby.

*"For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted what I asked of him."
—1 Samuel 1:27—*

**SUNDAY BULLETINS FOR
SANCTUARY WORSHIP ARE
NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!**

Just go to

fccduncan.com/Sunday-Bulletins

You can use it while viewing the service online, or print your own to bring to Worship with you!
Paper copies are now available in the Sanctuary.

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



We love our Day Care children and we want to provide the best we can for our kids and other young kids in our community!

The renovation work is almost complete at the FCC Day Care Nursery and Teachers' Lounge. These were being done in memory of Sue Snider and Honor Vaughn, two dedicated directors of the day care.

The Owl Room is completely tiled and trim work is being done this week as well.

There will be a dedication of the completed work on Thursday, September 4 at 9:30 AM.

Everyone that helped with this project and the Day Care Board Members are invited to attend. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!

We appreciate your hard work and the funds provided to complete the necessary work to update our Day Care!

FCC News & Activities

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

- ★ The FCC Day Care Owl Room is now painted and the floor is completely tiled. The trim work is being installed this week and will be ready for the dedication. Thanks again to **John Losurdo, Robert O'Kelley, Anthony Scott, Eva & Lance Spaulding, Alan Toler and others who helped by monetary donations!** We appreciate all who have contributed their time and monetary donations!
- ★ Last week, the Well freezer stopped working unexpectedly. It has been repaired and is ready for use for all the groups that we support and participate in throughout the year. As you know it is not only used to store food for church events, it's also used by Gabriel's House, One True Light, and the Boy Scouts. Along with the repair funds that were spent getting it back up and running, **United Way and Impact580** have also offered to pitch in. We're fortunate to have such a helpful community!



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Cancelled until further notice.

COMING EVENTS

September 6 – 12

Sunday, September 6

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 September 7

Church Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room	10:00 AM
Elder Meeting, Koinonia Room	6:00 PM
Board Meeting, Gathering Hall	7:00PM

Wednesday, September 9

Youth UNite @ the Well	6:00 PM
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Thursday, September 10

Boy Scout Troop Committee @ the Well	7:00 PM
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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.

GOD'S LOVE...IT'S COOKIN'!

G.L.I.C. will be starting back up after Labor Day. Delivery day will now be on Wednesday evening around 5:30(ish). If you're recovering from a hospital stay or illness and need a meal or two (or anything else), please let the Church Office know. To keep everyone safe, G.L.I.C. team members will prepare and deliver food in masks and gloves. We're looking forward to seeing you again...from a distance.

Anyone interested in serving on a "God's Love – It's Cookin" Team (deliveries on Wednesday evenings) or serving as the "Email Liaison" to contact teams weekly on emails about names of folks requesting or needing meals to please contact Katherine Cox Rogers at 580-252-0441.

The Care Ministry

HOW TO JOIN THE FCC FACEBOOK GROUP

Search for First Christian Church of Duncan (Disciples of Christ) on Facebook and click on 'Join Group'. If you're unable to find us, let the Church Office know and someone will send you an invite. If you don't have a Facebook, creating an account is simple and easy! Go to www.facebook.com, click on 'Create an Account' and follow the directions. Joining the church's Facebook group is the easiest way to view the Sunday sermons online. Sermons are also available on our public Facebook pages and our website:

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www.FCCDuncan.com

WAYS TO GIVE DURING THE PANDEMIC

◆ ACH (Automatic Deposits)

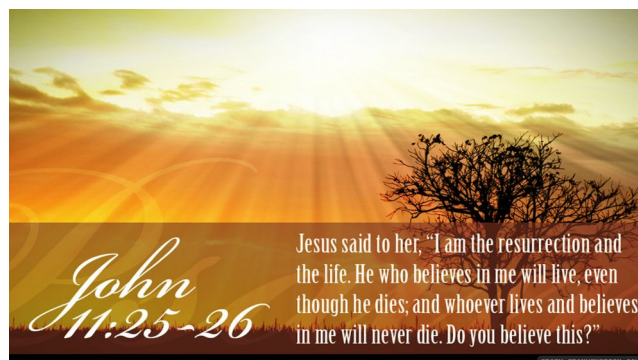
- ◇ Contact Reba in the Church Office and she can send you a form to fill out and return with a voided check.

◆ Text-to-Give

- ◇ Text the word "GIVE" to 833-868-2068 and follow the instructions.

◆ Mail-In

- ◇ 912 W. Walnut Ave. Duncan, OK 73533 (Attention: Reba Ford)



8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, September 6, 2020
Sanctuary

Sermon
Arnold Nelson
God's Mysterious Ways
Matthew 18:15 – 20
Scripture Reader
Linda Hutson
Communion Prayer
A. L. Hutson
Serving Deacons
Max Daughtrey
Susan Elliott
Attendance Recorder
Susan Elliott
Assistant Treasurer
Marty Askins

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
September 9 – TBD

10:45—WORSHIP
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Sermon
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God's Mysterious Ways
Matthew 18:15 – 20
Scripture Reader
Glynis Johns
Serving Elders
Communion Prayer:
Becky Minson
Invocation & Lord's Prayer &
Dedication of Offering:
John Minson
Serving Deacons
Head Deacon: Linda Guest
Sharon Burum
Dale Jennings
Rachel Morales
Attendance Recorder
Paula Toler
Assistant Treasurer
Brent Russell

10:45—WORSHIP
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Sunday, September 6, 2020
Well

Message
Trevor Evans
Serving Elder: Marty Askins
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 (battling cancer)
Son of Gene & Jo Fuller
Charlotte Campbell
Cousin of Gloria Hetherington
Morris Fuller (battling cancer)
Son of Gene & Jo Fuller
Lacey Gray (prayers for a healthy pregnancy)
Doylene Grimm (on Hospice Care)
Sister of Rita O'Kelley
Paula Sue Hightower
Mother of Joy Galloway
Tommy Martindale (starting Chemo)
Friend of Kim & Nan Kimberley
Clement Mpofo
Helen Sullivan (recovering from hip surgery)

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 30, 2020

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	23
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	47
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	37
Nursery	5
Online Sanctuary Worship	552
Online Well Worship	64
Total Worship Attendance	728
General Budget	\$3,495.09
5th Qtr. Blessing, FCC Daycare	\$ 179.95



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