Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month

To honor our Pastors, Arnold Nelson & Trevor Evans, we'll be having a CHURCH—WIDE POTLUCK

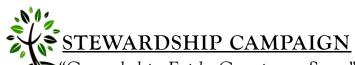


This Sunday, October 6 following both 10:45 AM services Gathering Hall <u>Bring your favorite dish to share!</u> (Main or side dishes, Casseroles, Vegetables, Salads, Desserts, etc.) The Church will provide chicken & drinks. *There will be a basket for cards.* *Hosted by the Fellowship Committee*





Thank you for the time you give, the work you do, and the care you offer.



"Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve" The 2020 Stewardship Campaign is officially over. To those who've turned in their commitment form, we thank you! The deadline to have forms turned in was Monday, September 30, but if you haven't turned yours in yet, please know we'll still gladly accept it! You can mail or bring it to the Church Office (912 W. Walnut) or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you for supporting our church!

> Sincerely, Darryl Ross

Stewardship Committee

Bruce Bailey, Trent Cronk, Koree Goldsmith, Richard Herndon, A.L. Hutson, Darryl Ross, Ron Savage, Rod Smith, Terry Snider, Joe Vermedahl, Bama White

SAVE YOUR QUARTERS! This Sunday, October 6th at the 10:45 AM service in the Sanctuary We'll receive our 5TH SUNDAY QUARTER BLESSING OFFERING to benefit the TOY SHOP LOCAL BENEVOLENT OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Wednesday UNite



October 9

Dinner for Everyone begins at 5:30 PM in the Gathering Hall. DINNER COST:

Kids through 5th Grade = FREE Middle/High School = \$5 Adults = \$7

A "Feed a Friend" Fund has been established to cover the cost of dinner when needed.

Dinner Reservation Deadline: Noon on Monday, October 7! ***Please sign up on the attendance sheets, call (255–6116), or email: erica@fccduncan.com***

> <u>MENU</u>: Mexican Lasagna <u>Cook Team</u>: *All Star Men*

<u>Kids UNite–6:00 PM</u> (Pre-K–5th Grade) led by Shasta Smith <u>Youth UNite–6:00 PM</u> (Middle/High School) led by Trevor Evans <u>Adults UNite (begins October 16)</u> led by Arnold Nelson

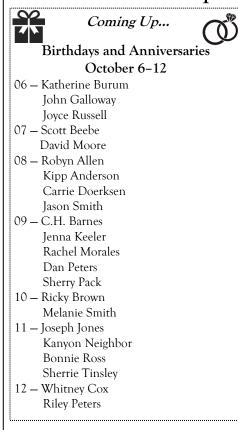
The Amen Corner

Today, I was surprised to read I've over 1,200 friends. Of course, those are Facebook friends so I'm not buying it. Lots of those are strangers to me and friends of other friends of other friends. Most of these are of the same Facebook variety, so they asked me to befriend them because of something they read and then unfriended me as soon as I wrote something they didn't like. I'm not looking for any of them to have my back. However, this made me think and I've decided I have more than 1,200, and a whole lot fewer.

This word we all know, "Friend", comes from the Middle English "Freond," a collection of letters so odd my spellchecker is going nuts. It comes from "Freon" and it means "Love." The Spanish points us to the Romans. As the Spanish have "Amigos," the Romans had "Amicus" and both stem from "Ami" which means "Love." Before them, the Greeks had "Philio" which comes from "Philos" and I bet you know what that means; "Love" like Philadelphia, the "City of Brotherly Love." So, a Friend is one joined to another in mutual kindness, generosity and intimacy. Jesus was onto this when he commanded us to love one another and said as we do so, we are his friends. So...if we could count up all the people on the planet who proclaim Jesus as Christ and Lord, I'll figure that many are my friends, working on the hard job of being kind and generous and intimate (as in close and personal and trustworthy). That's a lot of friends!

At the other end of things, sit the four stages of friendship. They are: Acquaintance, Casual Friend, Close Friend and Intimate Friend. We collect thousands of the Acquaintances and that's fine. Casual Friends are better than fine but don't count on them much. Close Friends are precious to us. Keep them. Intimate Friends are so rare, a person may have one in a lifetime. We might call them "Best Friends." I've been blessed to have a fistful. They've entered my life as long ago as college, and as recently as coming to Duncan. They're different but have things in common. I love them with no reservations and they love me too. If I do something right, they say so, even if I hadn't noticed. If I do something wrong, they'll tell me, but the friendship isn't in jeopardy. These friendships are nonnegotiable and unconditional. They're open to inconvenience without counting time and cost. I celebrate these Intimate Friends, and hope you do yours as well. Last week I spent time with some of mine and it was grand.

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If this column has a point, it's that we pay more attention to these people in our lives and let them know their place in our hearts. Let God know too; they didn't just fall off a tree. Finally, if you have a Very Best Friend, don't tell the others; it only annoys.

Glad to be your pastor, Arnold

ELDER MEETING Tuesday, October 8 6:00 PM Koinonia Room

Christmas Cantata

The Choir will be singing a Christmas Cantata this year. If you've seen us, you may have noticed our numbers have dwindled. Anyone is invited to sing the Cantata with us. If you'd like to, please let someone in the Choir know so we can plan accordingly. Even if you don't let someone know, you're still invited and welcome to join us for practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. We'll work on the Cantata first, then you'll be dismissed so the Choir can practice their upcoming songs.

Thank you, Kevin & Patty

FCC People & Happenings

Thank you to everyone — youth and adults — who helped move merchandise for the Toy Shop Rummage Sale. It was a very hot, muggy day and we had more stuff than ever before! Your time and effort is appreciated more than you'll ever know. I cannot thank you enough!

Kathy Snider

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways to provide the 270 meals at J.O.H.N. 6:35 on Friday. Set-up, donations, shopping, cooking, serving, preparing & delivering to-go's, washing dishes, providing desserts, passing out tickets, serving drinks, operating sound system, and clean-up. Also a shout-out to Holly, Dawn, and Kaylyn who combined to bless 20 people with a new, fresh haircut! Food insecurity is a real issue in many homes in Duncan. On the last Friday of each month, we're given the opportunity to make a small difference by providing 1 meal. What a blessing it is to serve our community this way. This month, our scout troop #4434 will provide the meal. So thankful for the scouts and their leadership!

Delyn Cronk

Thanks to David Spears, Alan Toler and Paul Toler for spending their Sunday afternoon cleaning flower beds around the church. Thanks also to Delyn & Trent Cronk for planting the new flowers in front of the Well!

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Robert O'Kelley

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING Monday, October 7 6:00 PM Office Conference Room

Wednesday UNite Reservations

If you make a dinner reservation for Wednesday UNite by calling/emailing the Church Office or signing up on the attendance sheets on Sunday or reservation list from the Wednesday prior, please cancel if you're unable to attend. There have been several no-shows which means wasted food. Also, if you're planning on attending but you're not planning to eat, please do not sign up. Reservations are for dinner only! Thank you for understanding.

LaDonna & Cook Teams

FCC News & Activities

First Christian Church continually strives to find ways to benefit and bless others needing our support. This year, our Outreach Ministry Team, headed by Wes Sullivan, is asking the church to support the Disciples Mission Fund. In today's world, this is a much needed organization. We're always looking for ways to find resources to support these types of organizations. One way you can help is by receiving the Duncan Christian electronically. It can be sent to your E-mail, or you can view it on our Facebook page or Website (fccduncan.com). Of course, if this isn't an option, we're pleased to mail it you. Please give this some thought and let the Church Office know if you'd like to receive the newsletter electronically.

<u>Newsletter Mailings</u>

Postage	\$ 0.22
Paper	\$ 0.05
Seals	\$ 0.01
Ink	\$ 0.06
Total per copy mailed	\$ 0.34
Copies mailed per week	370
Weeks mailed per year	50
Amount spent per year	\$6,290.00

If the total copies mailed per week were reduced by a quarter, we'd save \$1,564.00 a year. By a half, \$3,145.00 a year and by three quarters, \$4,675.00.

CWF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING Thursday, October 10 9:30 AM Parlor

Couples Bible Study

"You & Me Forever – Marriage in Light of Eternity"

by Francis Chan & Lisa Chan Bi-weekly on Sundays Starting this Sunday, October 6 5:00 PM Harmony Classroom



(Download the FREE app "You & Me Forever")

Jared & I are very excited to start a new Couples Bible Study! Listen or read on your own time via the app and every two weeks, we'll have a 1-hour group study together. Free childcare and refreshments provided! It doesn't matter if you belong to our church or no church, if you're marriage is struggling or perfect, engaged or dating. 5 years ago, Jared & I did this study and it had a huge impact on our relationship with each other and God. Even if your spouse can't do it, you're more than welcome to! Call 656-7884 for more info or questions.

Shasta Smith

<u>NO BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH</u>

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Thursday, October 10 *Resumes Thursday, October 17*



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Sunday, October 6 Leader: Melissa Weathers

2019 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

November 5–9 Sign up to get your portraits made! www.ArtisanLife.com/SignUp (918) 955-7993 <u>Included</u>: Portrait Session 8x10 Photo Directory



COMING EVENTS October 6–12

Sunday, October 6 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 Pastor Appreciation Potluck, Gathering Hall 12:00 PM Couples Bible Study, Harmony Classroom 5:00 PM "You and Me Forever", led by Jared & Shasta Smith Women of the Word Bible Study 6:00 PM at the home of Kimberly Tilley (2211 Twin Dr., Duncan) Monday, October 7 Women of the Word Bible Study 9:30 AM Elk Crossing Rehabilitation Café Worship Team Meeting, Office Conference Room 6:00 PM Tuesday, October 8 Staff Meeting, Office Conference Room 10:00 AM Elder Meeting, Koinonia Room 6:00 PM Wednesday, October 9 Wednesday UNite Dinner, Gathering Hall 5:30 PM Kids UNite, led by Shasta Smith 6:00 PM Youth UNite, led by Trevor Evans 6:00 PM Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Thursday, October 10 CWF Executive Committee Meeting, Parlor 9:30 AM NO Bible Study/Lunch Saturday, October 12 8:30 AM Men's Net Group @ the Well

8:30–WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, October 6, 2019

Sanctuary

Sermon Arnold Nelson They'd Messed Up Completely Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26 Scripture Reader Dianna Morgan **Communion Prayer** Marty Askins **Greeters Narthex** Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer Assistant Treasurer Joyce Frechette **Communion** Preparation Marty Askins Sunday School Superintendent Trent Cronk

God's Love...it's Cookin'! October 5 – Team Pace

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Staff Secretary Business Secretary Organist Sanctuary Choir Director A.V. Manager, Sanctuary A.V. Manager, Well Praise Leader @ the Well Kitchen Hostess Head Custodian Custodian Custodian to the Well Daycare Director Nursery Director Arnold Nelson, Jr. Trevor Evans Erica Hancock Reba Ford Patty Jennings Kevin Zinn Richard Herndon Bruce Bailey Jared Smith LaDonna Brown Frank Timmins Stephen Stapp Paul Toler Tosha Matheny Lacey Myers

10:45–WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, October 6, 2019 Sanctuary

Sermon Arnold Nelson They'd Messed Up Completely Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26 Scripture Reader Vicki Vermedahl Serving Elders Communion Praver & Invitation to Table & Offering: Vicki Vermedahl Invocation & Lord's Prayer & **Dedication of Offering:** Rita O'Kelley Serving Deacons Beth Cowan Robert Cowan Koree Goldsmith David Hammond **Glynis** Johns Tana Latham Kelly Nelson Karen Scott (Head) Emma Wilkerson Greeters Narthex Randy & Donna Shaw Sanctuary Doors from G.H. North: Glynis Johns South: Sharleen Johns Assistant Treasurer Gaylon Russell **Communion Preparation** Marty Askins Communion Clean Up Karen Scott

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Well Message Trevor Evans Acts 6 Serving Elder: Delyn Cronk Hostess: Delyn Cronk Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk



September 29, 2019

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8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuar	y 38
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctua	ry 70
10:45 AM Worship at the Well	55
Children Worship & Wonder	5
Total Worship Attendance	168
Sunday School	33
General Budget	\$ 9,974.09
Quarter Blessings Offering	\$ 127.87
to benefit the Toy Shop	
Reconciliation Special Offering	\$ 63.00

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