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# The Duncan Christian

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A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## October is Pastor Appreciation Month



To honor our Pastor, Arnold Nelson, we'll be having a

### CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK

This Sunday, October 11

following both 10:45 AM services

Gathering Hall

Bring your favorite dish to share!

(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.*

**NO WEDNESDAY UNITE DURING FALL BREAK – OCTOBER 14**

**(Youth UNite & Adults UNite included)**

**RESUMES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21**

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2021

*“Generosity is Contagious”*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Stewardship Committee has decided to extend the 2021 Stewardship Campaign. After reviewing the 2021 pledges, we have 40 fewer pledges and are \$150,558 short as compared to the 2020 campaign. In order for the Stewardship Committee to prepare and present a 2021 Budget to the congregation, it would be helpful to have as many forms turned in as possible. We realize this year has been different in many ways. Many of you have not returned to church in person because of COVID-19. If requested, we will mail you a commitment form that you can return by mail. Forms are also available in the Narthex, Church Office, and at the Well. You can mail or bring it to the Church Office (912 W. Walnut) or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. You also can fill out an online form at [www.FCCDuncan.com/Stewardship-Commitment](http://www.FCCDuncan.com/Stewardship-Commitment). Thank you for supporting our church!

Sincerely,  
Cyndy Spears

Stewardship Team

Bruce Bailey, Trent Cronk, Kassie Gilmore, Richard Herndon, A.L. Hutson (co-chair),  
Kelly Nelson, Darryl Ross, Terry Snider (co-chair), Cyndy Spears, & Joe Vermedahl

# The Amen Corner

## Columbus Day

*"New occasions teach new duties,  
Time makes ancient good uncouth;  
They must ever up and onward  
Who would keep abreast of truth."*

These are from the beautiful hymn, "Once to Every Man and Nation" by James Russell Lowell. It addresses a hard reality: things change.

Several years ago, there was much anxiety because a timely celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. would overlap with Robert E. Lee's birthday, a state holiday throughout most of the South. Lots of heartburn over this. I knew some things about Gen. Lee. I knew he directed his army to "furl the flag," a way of saying "let's move on." Early in that war, he was asked by some ladies what he most looked forward to when peace came. He replied "All the fried chicken, butter, and milk I can eat." Many ex-Confederates turned to politics afterward. The only elective office he would accept was President of the Lexington (VA) Bible Society. He'd be embarrassed any statue of him ever went up in the first place. So it was, I imagined the brouhaha over his birthday. In a sphere where earthly cares and values fall away, I saw Lee and King having a toast. Lee, the Episcopalian with wine, and King, the Baptist with iced tea. Lee would congratulate King on the well-deserved recognition, happy to give way. Now, there's a new one.

On October 12, we're scheduled to celebrate the 528th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. That's a sticky one. In fact, it initiated the European explorations and settlement in the Western Hemisphere, even though he had no idea it was here. In fact, Scandinavians had been here many centuries before. In fact, the native population already here considered it already discovered by their ancestors. In biggest fact, Columbus and those who followed inflicted all manner of evil on those they found here. They were exploited, enslaved and eliminated. Thus, we have a movement to Indigenous Peoples' Day. This creates conflict with Italian Americans because Columbus Day is more fitting a celebration of their contribution to our country than some sort of Chef Boyardee Day or something. It's also a conflict for that in us that simply hates change because we see some loss. Let's not. What's the big loss vs the chance to appreciate those who got here first. Either way it's a federal holiday!

Glad to be your pastor,  
Arnold

# FCC People & Happenings



## Coming Up...



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

October 11-17

- 11 Joe Kyle Jones  
Kanyon Neighbor  
Bonnie Ross
  - 12 Whitney Cox  
Riley Peters
  - 13 Mark Galloway  
Madison Young
  - 14 Sunny Chastain  
Cotton Liles  
Paul Tilley
  - 15 Baylor Budowsky  
Carol Eubanks
  - 16 Herb Lang  
Kayla Watkins
  - 17 Beth Cowan  
Tosha Matheny  
Robert O'Kelley
- 
- 16 Ross & Andrea Hutson

## HELP WANTED

Cook team members for Wednesday UNite are needed! If you'd like to be part of a cook team, please call the Church Office (255-6116). Even if you're already on a cook team and would like to be a helpful part of another, let the office know!

**CWF #2**  
**Thursday, October 15**  
**9:30 AM**  
**Parlor**  
**Hostess: Jeanne O'Neill Losurdo**  
**Study: Kathy Snider**

## TOY DONATIONS NEEDED

The FCC Daycare is in need of new or gently used toys. If you have any to donate, please call the Daycare at 255-6808 or bring them to the Church Office. If you don't have any toys, monetary donations are appreciated as well!

**ELDER MEETING**  
**Tuesday, October 13**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Gathering Hall**

## In Christian Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Adam & Kassie Gilmore and family upon the death of Adam's cousin, **Marcie McWatters Haynes**, of New Mexico. Ms. Haynes died unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 30, only 2 days following her 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday. No services have been announced at this time.

**F.O.C.U.S.**  
**Monday, October 12**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Gathering Hall**  
*Bring your own brown bag/dinner!*

## CHRISTIANS CONCERNED HAS MOVED!

Our new address is 1005 S. 9th, Duncan. Our mailing address is the same: P.O. Box 811, Duncan 73534. Please note, our email address has also changed: [cconcerned1969@gmail.com](mailto:cconcerned1969@gmail.com).

Thank you!  
Penny Gardner

## Congrats on Your Pregnancy



Congrats to **Rylan Brammer & Maddie Bacon** who are expecting a new baby in May of 2021! Congratulations also to big brother, **Waylon!** We pray for a 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-



**SALES TO BEGIN**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**WATCH FOR MORE INFO!**

# FCC News & Activities

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

★ Last Friday, **Anthony Scott** was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for his expertise in Entomology, the study of insects. It's well deserved! Pictured: **Robert O'Kelley** (right) presenting the certificate to **Anthony Scott** (left).



- ★ Congratulations to **Emma Wilkerson** on her election this week to the Duncan High School Chapter of the National Honor Society!
- ★ All the best to Airman, **Jenny Evans**, as she's deployed to Afghanistan this week. We're grateful for her service!
- ★ Last Sunday, 14-year-old **Alyssa Wisdom** ran the Audio Visual Room by herself, and without a hitch. When asked if she could handle the job she said, "I got this." Great job, **Alyssa**!
- ★ A big thanks to **Koree Goldsmith**, **Becky Minson**, **Robert O'Kelley**, and **Kathy Snider** for representing First Christian Church of Duncan at the 2020 Virtual Regional Assembly Business Meeting!



## HELP SUPPORT THE DUNCAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM!

### **\*\*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\*\***

First Christian Church will be providing a meal to the Duncan High School Football Team in just a couple of weeks! (**Thursday, October 22**) **Prepping will begin at Noon.** If you'd like to show your support by helping with this dinner, please call the Church Office at 255-6116.

## **NURSERY WORKERS STILL NEEDED**

Applications are available  
in the Church Office.

*Typical workdays are Sunday mornings  
during Worship and Wednesday  
evenings during Wednesday UNite.*



## CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

*Cancelled until further notice.*

## COMING EVENTS

### October 11–17

#### Sunday, October 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 @ the Well	10:45 AM
Pastor Appreciation Potluck, Gathering Hall	12:00 PM

#### Monday, October 12 — *Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day*

Church Office Closed	
F.O.C.U.S., Gathering Hall	5:30 PM

#### Tuesday, October 13

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

#### Wednesday, October 14

NO Wednesday UNite due to Fall Break  
Youth UNite & Adults UNite included

#### Thursday, October 15

CWF #2, Parlor	9:30 AM
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## **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Monday, October 12**

**in Observance of**

**Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day**

8:30—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE  
Sunday, October 11, 2020  
Sanctuary  
Sermon  
Arnold Nelson  
*The Wedding Invitation*  
Matthew 22:1-14  
Scripture Reader  
Linda Hutson  
Communion Prep & Prayer  
A.L. Hutson  
Serving Deacons  
Cyndy Spears  
David Spears  
Assistant Treasurer  
A.L. Hutson  
Sunday School Superintendent  
Trent Cronk

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Scripture Reader  
Emma Wilkerson  
Serving Elders  
Communion Prayer:  
Rita O'Kelley  
Invocation & Lord's Prayer &  
Dedication of Offering:  
Beth Cowan  
Serving Deacons  
Head Deacon: Donna Shaw  
Robert Cowan  
David Herndon  
Randy Shaw  
Assistant Treasurer  
David Herndon  
Communion Preparation  
A.L. Hutson  
Communion Clean-Up  
Donna Shaw

10:45—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE  
Sunday, October 11, 2020  
Well  
Message  
Larry Culberson  
*Having Faith*  
Matthew 9:20-22  
Serving Elder: Rebecca Minson  
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***  
J.J. Bell  
Steve Bolt (battling cancer)  
Son of Gene & Jo Fuller  
Charlotte Campbell  
Cousin of Gloria Hetherington  
Carol Eubanks  
Morris Fuller (battling cancer)  
Son of Gene & Jo Fuller  
Jay Griffin (pneumonia & COVID-19)  
Brother of Kay Herndon  
Eva Jane Harris (on hospice)  
Mother of Lanna Harris  
Paula Sue Hightower  
Mother of Joy Galloway  
Jim James (COVID-19)  
Step-Father of Cyndy Spears  
Perle Lindley (COVID-19)  
Tommy Martindale (starting Chemo)  
Friend of Kim & Nan Kimberley  
Clement Mpofo  
Cynthia Peters  
Ronnie & Kathy Thompson  
Paul Tilley (COVID-19)

*God's Love...it's Cookin'!*  
October 14 – Team O'Kelley

**STAFF OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Minister Arnold Nelson, Jr.  
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 Interim Director Audrea Clark  
Daycare Co-Director Meranda McClennen  
Daycare Assistant Director Maddie Bacon  
Daycare Programs Manager Tosha Matheny  
Nursery Director Lacey Myers

October 4, 2020  
8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 29  
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary 31  
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well 42  
Online Sanctuary Worship 270  
Online Well Worship 200  
Total Worship Attendance 572  
General Budget \$ 10,952.85  
Local Benevolent Offering \$ 380.00  
Reconciliation Offering \$ 100.00



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