



Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share

The Duncan Christian

THE WELL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Thursday, December 12, 2019

Christmas Time's A-Comin'!

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 15

10:45 AM Service in the Sanctuary

Performing *"Bethlehem Joy"* by Stan Pethel

Church-Wide Christmas Extravaganza

Sunday, December 15

6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Includes:

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

Christmas Reading by Sharon Burum

Reception, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee

Special Appearance by St. Nicholas

He'll have treats for the children!

Children's Christmas Program

Christmas Sunday, December 22

10:45 AM in the Sanctuary

10:45 AM at the Well (at the end of the Service)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 PM & 11:00 PM

Sanctuary

This Sunday, December 15, please join us at the 8:30 AM service to hear a message from Arnold on *"The Wisdom & Patience of God"*. Then, stick around for the Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata, *"Bethlehem Joy"*, at the 10:45 AM service in the Sanctuary. You'll be glad you did!

GOD ADDED AND WE WELCOMED!

On Sunday, December 8, John & Jeanne Losurdo came forward to place their membership and were welcomed with open arms. We're blessed to have them as a part of our church family!

The Amen Corner

In the story of Adam and Eve, we're presented with a couple who had it all: life in a lush garden, but no heavy lifting! They had no sense of shame, or fear of death. They felt as though they were just made for each other. With all that bliss, there just had to be something go wrong, right? So it came to pass, the devil planted in them the terrible idea that equality with God was a thing to be grasped, and Katie bar the door after that! This was the worst thing that could have happened. This one "worst thing" overruled all else. There followed stupid mistakes, and devastation. Real problems began with hard work in the hot sun, painful childbirth and the eventuality of death.

It stands to reason, every life has to have some worst thing. Cain was jealous of his brother and Abel had a jealous brother and Adam and Eve had children who couldn't get along. Everyone has something. Tiger has a bad back. Meghan has a rat for a dad. Taylor can't keep a boyfriend. Of course, Tiger is among the winningest golfers ever. Meghan is the Duchess of Sussex. Taylor turns her crashed romances into hit songs. Despite real negatives in their lives, they don't let those define them. They don't let what's bad in their lives overwhelm what's good. Each of us has cause for pain, fear, anxiety, anger and all the rest. The fact of that can't be denied. Still, these issues can be denied ownership of us.

Most of us have had regrettable occasions we let the worst have too much control of our lives and it's cost us dearly. Today let's not. Let's appreciate this day, cold or hot. Let's love who we love, scars and all. Let's enjoy the food we have, even when on a terrible diet. Whatever is best in our lives? Let's let that be our focus.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 15–21

- 17 John Holden
Ross Hutson
Gail Loafman
- 18 Kimberley Jennings
- 19 Cyndy Spears
- 20 Rita Trostle
Charles Whitfield

- 16 Jeff & Lea Henricks
- 19 Stephen & Sara Brown
- 20 Kent & Socorro Pinson

In Christian Sympathy



Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Miller and Goldsmith families upon the death of **Traci Ann Tarwater Miller**, who passed away on Saturday, November 30, from a long and courageous fight with cancer. Traci was the daughter-in-law of Darlene Miller. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, December 4, at Nichols Hills United Methodist Church.

**NO ELDER MEETINGS FOR
THE REMAINDER OF 2019**

Next Meeting: January 14

RADA Cutlery: Anthem Wave Orders

If you ordered any of the new Anthem Wave products from RADA Cutlery, they will not be here in time for Christmas. RADA is not taking orders for these products until January 2020. They're working to fulfill all backorders at this time. They will be ordered after the first of the year. Sorry for any inconvenience!

Rita O'Kelley

CWF #2

Thursday, December 19

9:30 AM

Parlor

Hosted by Dianna Morgan

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to my friends at First Christian Church!

Kimber Painton

Thank You Notes

Dear Koinonia Class,

Thank you for your kind and generous gift of \$630.00 to the Toy Shop of Duncan. The Toy Shop exists because of caring hearts like yours. Thank you from all of us!

"What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal."

– Albert Pike

Toy Shop of Duncan

Dear First Christian Ladies,

Thank you so much for providing a wonderful lunch last month. The food was delicious and all of you were very respectful and kind toward our clients!

Many Thanks,

Betty, Ann, & Danny

Break Bread Together

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Would you join us in celebrating the season by giving to others, following the Reverse Advent Calendar? Just grab a box and start collecting! There are a few boxes available in the Gathering Hall & @ the Well. Add the listed item to the box each day, thanking God for his gift of Jesus. When your box is full, you may donate it to the charity (or family) of your choice, or drop it off at the Gathering Hall or the Well. Boxes and items collected at the church will be given to families in need in our community.

- 12/01 – Box of Cereal
- 12/02 – Peanut Butter
- 12/03 – Stuffing Mix
- 12/04 – Boxed Potatoes
- 12/05 – Macaroni and Cheese
- 12/06 – Canned Fruit
- 12/07 – Canned Tomatoes
- 12/08 – Canned Tuna
- 12/09 – Dessert Mix
- 12/10 – Jar of Applesauce
- 12/11 – Canned Sweet Potatoes
- 12/12 – Cranberry Sauce
- 12/13 – Canned Beans
- 12/14 – Box of Crackers
- 12/15 – Package of Rice
- 12/16 – Package of Oatmeal
- 12/17 – Package of Pasta
- 12/18 – Spaghetti Sauce
- 12/19 – Chicken Noodle Soup
- 12/20 – Tomato Soup
- 12/21 – Canned Corn
- 12/22 – Canned Mixed Veggies
- 12/23 – Canned Carrots
- 12/24 – Canned Green Beans

FCC News & Activities

MIDNIGHT GLADNESS

YOUTH LOCK-IN

GIFT WRAPPING

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13
9:30 PM TO 6:00 AM

GAMES

TONS OF FUN!

SHOPPING FOR KIDS
@ WALMART

BRING A SNACK TO SHARE!

J.O.H.N. 6:35

JOINING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OFFERING A FREE DINNER TO
HELP PROVIDE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT.

COMMUNITY FREE DINNER ♥

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27
6:35 TO 8:00 PM @ THE WELL

MENU: PANCAKES & BACON

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THIS MONTH'S MEAL PROVIDED BY
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH & THE WELL.

*"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER GO
HUNGRY AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER BE THIRSTY."*
-JOHN 6:35

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

From now until Christmas, including our Christmas Eve services, we'll have the opportunity to contribute to the Christmas Offering. This year, it'll be divided between 3 wonderful ministries. For starters, 1/3 will go to the Christian Church in Oklahoma to undergird such vital things as camps and conferences for our youth, and helping congregations seeking new leadership. The next 1/3 goes to support the Disciples' KCV Children's Village in Zimbabwe, making a lifetime of differences in a troubled land. Finally, the last 1/3 will help support our mission closest to home, the FCC Daycare. This long-term ministry of our church helps children in the first 5 critical years of life. Let's be generous. All are worthy of our best efforts, but, as always, a gift will be divided equally unless the donor specifies otherwise.

World Outreach

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Practice:
Every Wednesday
5:30-6:30 PM

Food will be provided!

Please contact the Church Office
if your child needs a ride.

Program:
Sunday, December 22
@ both 10:45 AM Services
We hope to see you there!



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Sunday, December 15

Leader: Melanie Smith

Leaders needed for spring 2020!
Contact Shasta (656-7884) to volunteer.

COMING EVENTS

December 15-21

Sunday, December 15

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Christmas Cantata, Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship @ the Well	10:45 AM
Christmas Extravaganza	6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 18

Children's Christmas Program Practice	5:30 PM
Youth Christmas Party @ the Well	6:00 PM
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Thursday, December 19

CWF #2 hosted by Dianna Morgan, Parlor	9:30 AM
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Friday, December 20

Daycare Christmas Potluck	12:00 PM
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Saturday, December 21

Men's Net Group @ the Well	8:30 AM
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Poinsettias for Our Worship

To provide Poinsettias for our worship during Advent @ \$30.00, please turn in the following information to the church office no later than, Monday, December 16.

Number of Poinsettias: _____

Where would you like the Poinsettia placed?

- ☐ Sanctuary
☐ Well

Given by: _____
Name(s) as you'd wish to be listed in the bulletin.

- ☐ In Honor of _____
☐ In Memory of _____
☐ To the Glory of God

You may take your Poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve Services.



8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 15, 2019
Sanctuary
Sermon
 Arnold Nelson
The Wisdom & Patience of God
 Matthew 11:2-11
Scripture Reader
 Linda Hutson
Communion Prayer
 Becky Minson
Greeters
Narthex
 Janie Fitzgerald & Bob Jones
Assistant Treasurer
 A.L. Hutson
Communion Preparation
 Becky Minson
Sunday School Superintendent
 Rod Smith

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
 December 14 — 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
Daycare Executive Director	Tosha Matheny
Daycare Program Director	Stephanie Wiggins
Nursery Director	Lacey Myers



10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 15, 2019
Sanctuary
Christmas Cantata
"Bethlehem Joy"
 by Stan Pethel
 Performed by the Chancel Choir
Scripture Reader
 Koree Goldsmith
Serving Elders
Communion Prayer:
 John Minson
Invocation & Lord's Prayer &
Dedication of Offering:
 Marty Askins
Serving Deacons
 Max Daughtrey
 Tom Freeman
 Marcia Harlow
 Kelly Nelson (Head)
 Cecilia Richey
 Anthony Scott
 Gary Scott
 Karen Scott
 Charles Young
Greeters
Narthex
 Gaylon & Joyce Russell
Sanctuary Doors from G.H.
North: Kassie Gilmore
South: Debbie Savage
Assistant Treasurer
 David Herndon
Communion Preparation
 Becky Minson
Communion Clean Up
 Kelly Nelson

10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 15, 2019
Well
Message
 Trevor Evans
Serving Elder: Rod Smith
Hostess: Leigh Tetlow & Esther Wylie
Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

In Our Prayers

Hospital

Mary Eastin — Oklahoma Heart Hospital
Nursing Home / Assisted Living
 Jane Aldridge — Canoe Brook
 Sally Anderson — Elk Crossing
 Esther Coker — Canoe Brook
 Betty Eby — Gregston's
 Pat Elam — Canoe Brook
 Lynda Galloway — Chisholm Trail
 Billie Phagans — Elk Crossing
 Marvene & Louie Schumacher — Wilkins

Others

Herb Lang
 Phil Pace
 Ronnie & Kathy Thompson
 Honor Vaughn
 Vicki Vermedahl
 Colleen Whitfield

December 8, 2019

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	46
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	70
10:45 AM Worship at the Well	52
Children's Worship & Wonder	4
Total Worship Attendance	172
Sunday School	38
General Budget	\$ 9,900.23
Benevolent Fund	\$80.00

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