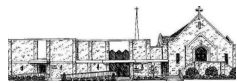


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# The Duncan Christian

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## ALL SAINTS RECOGNITION November 4, 2018

At all three worship services (8:30 & 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary, and 10:45 AM @ the Well), we'll be remembering church family members who've passed during this year. It's a time to celebrate the good times we've shared with them, and reflect on our loss. It's also a time to strengthen our faith by the reflection of the faithfulness of those who've walked this way before us. In worship, each name will be read and a candle will be lit in remembrance of their faithful Christian witness. Come in honor of a family member, or friend, gone before.

Norma Baker      Ryan Benton      Cynthia Corley      Sylvia (Colleen) Gwaltney  
Oletta Hicks      Glenn Koonce      Gene Lynch      Roger Notley  
Patrick Sullivan      Frank Vaughn      Raymond Waldron

### Stewardship Campaign 2019

## *"Growing In Faith Together"*



The Stewardship Team requests, once again, everyone complete their Pledge Form for the 2019 Budget Year. If possible, please turn it in to the Church Office by the deadline, **Thursday, November 1**. It'll be extremely difficult for the Stewardship Team to complete the 2019 Budget if we don't have a firm grasp on the amount of funds we have to work with. The team plans to meet on Tuesday, November 6, to start the process of allocating funds to the Ministry Teams. The Ministry Teams carry out all of the important duties our church requires. Our duty as a congregation is to insure First Christian Church remains a strong and vibrant place of worship within our community for, not only our congregation, but all others seeking help in times of need.

**Stewardship Budget Review Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 6**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Gathering Hall**

*The Stewardship Ministry Team*

*Ron Corley, Trent Cronk, Max Daughtrey, Janie Fitzgerald, A.L. Hutson, David Moore, Kelly Nelson, Paula Pace, Ron Savage, Terry Snider, Jimmy Tilley, Kimberly Tilley, & Joe Vermedahl*

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

This Sunday, November 4  
10:15 AM  
Gathering Hall



*Hosted by the Men's Bible Class*

## Daylight Savings Time Ends

### This Sunday, November 4

*Fall Back. Sleep In. Still Be On Time!*



## The Amen Corner

"Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength." Found in Deuteronomy 6:5, the verses just cited are referred to as the Shema. They've been the principle law of Israel from the start and up to the present. The Shema offers a radical declaration that devotion to God comes first. The Shema has guided Jews along the path of radical monotheism, that is, a fundamental belief that only God is god of any of us. No other gods. Period. Paragraph. This is hard. For most any of us, making some intellectual declaration of God being the only god is easy as pie. We'd look funny at anyone who didn't. But we also look funny at anyone who takes it seriously.

From the dawn of humanity, the inclination has been to worship anything that impresses, delights, frightens or comforts us. In ancient Egypt, Ra was the god of the sun, Horus was god of vengeance. In Greece, Zeus was god of the sky and Athens was god of wisdom. Maybe some Indians somewhere called the wind Maria. We're more advanced than that, right? Sometimes. Sometimes not. In fact, it's always taken an act of conscious will to hold fast to the one God idea. How do we know where we stand? We can listen to our prayers. Have you ever found yourself professing love for God because he gave you something? In fairness, all good things come from God so this can be tricky. Still, do we love God because he gave us something?

Life in America is pretty great. So are people we value. So is good health. Likewise, intelligence, beauty and a way with words. All true and all products of God's creation. The danger? Jesus once had an encounter with a wealthy young man who was as Bible-reading and pious as the day is long. The man had a gnawing sense something was missing in his life. Jesus told him he was doing pretty well, "but one thing you lack; go and give away all you have." The man went away sad because, "He was very wealthy." Money turned out to be the one thing he'd have a hard time parting with on behalf of God.

Suppose you were asked, "What would you give up for God?" I'm not talking chocolate for a few weeks, but freedom, nation, cherished possessions, valued opinions, stuff like that. If we go through a litany like this and get to a "Wait a minute, I'm not giving up that" moment, we'll have found what competes with God for our heart and mind and soul and strength. I have to work on this. Let's all work on it.

Glad to be your Pastor,  
*Arnold*

## FCC People & Happenings



*Coming Up...*



### Birthdays and Anniversaries November 4–10

- 4 – David Hammond
- 5 – James Shipman
- 6 – Riley Robinson  
Kaylee Wisdom
- 7 – Steve Beebe  
Jonarch Jones
- 8 – Jim Holland  
Dale Jennings  
Conner Kinnaird  
Gaylon Russell  
Robynn Spice
- 9 – Tracy Campbell  
Paula Jones  
David Pack
- 10 – Carl Slifer

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- 5 – Richard & Donna Marks
  - 7 – Van & Nova Snodgrass

### *Thank You Notes*

Thank you to all of the members of First Christian Church who so lovingly provided for our needs during our convalescent period. Thank you for your prayers, food prep teams, and all the meals delivered to our home. The warm blanket was so comforting and each prayer knot meant so much, as well as the many cards of encouragement from our friends. It means so much to be remembered during the long days of confinement. Our love and prayers go out to you all.

May God Bless all of you,  
*Charles & Bettye Hunt*

Dear Church Family,

We extend a huge thank you to every person involved in helping with John Watkins' memorial service on October 11. The food, prepared and served with love, was beyond delicious! It was so nice not having to worry with feeding our crew lunch that day. The care provided and music delivered by Patty, Marilyn, and Frank was perfect for the service honoring a man known to many as "Big John". Arnold, although you were more than a bit under the weather at the time, you led a memorial service that was splendid in every way for our family. We appreciate each and every individual involved in making this difficult day very special for our family. We are truly blessed.

Our sincere thanks,  
*Jay & Chris Watkins and Family*

## College Corner *by Marisa Moore*

When choosing the devotional for this upcoming week, my heart weighed heavy on this specific devotional. As midterms have approached us, projects are in full swing, and deadlines are approaching, it's hard to not think of what the future holds for us. It's also hard to stop and find peace within the chaotic world we live in as college students. For me, I think I can find peace by trying the new "essential oils" kit I found on sale at Walmart, or even reading in my free time (which rarely ever happens because who has time to read when we already have chapters upon chapters to read for our classes!) All these ideas are great, but do we really follow through with them? When we try to find a quick solution to finding our peace, we never fully find it. By entrusting ourselves in Him through prayer or even a few quiet moments in our chaotic days, we find a peace that is way more than what we ever bargained for.

### Wish Wells (Prayer Requests):

- Elementary students that are impacted by hardships at home. Please pray that we as teachers can guide them, and show them the light of our faith through our actions!
- Upcoming Midterms
- Job interviews
- Our health and well-being
- Mental health problems that impact all of our universities

Be reminded of this devotional, as you go throughout your week of trials and joys! Find peace in a way you have never found it before.

"YOU WILL NOT FIND MY PEACE by engaging in excessive planning, attempting to control what will happen to you in the future. That's a commonly practiced form of unbelief. When your mind spins with multiple plans, Peace may sometimes seem to be within your grasp; yet it always eludes you. Just when you think you have prepared for all possibilities, something unexpected pops up and throws things into confusion.

I did not design the human mind to figure out the future. That's beyond your capability. I crafted your mind for continual communication with Me. Bring Me all your needs, your hopes and fears. Commit everything into My care. Turn from the path of planning to the path of Peace."



# FCC News & Activities

**Wednesday UNite**  
November 7

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

**DINNER COST:**

Kids through 5th Grade = FREE

Middle/High School & Adults = \$7

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

**Dinner Reservation Deadline:**

**Noon on Monday, November 5**

**Please sign up on the attendance sheets, call (255-6116),**

**or email: erica@fccduncan.com**

**MENU:** Shredded BBQ Beef, Cheesy Potatoes & Green Beans

Cook Team – Craig

**Kids UNite** (Kindergarten–5th Grade) led by Shasta Smith

Video Series: "SuperBook–Time Travel Through the Bible"

**Youth UNite** (Middle & High School) led by Holly Bailey

**Adults UNite** – "Being Disciples of Christ" led by Arnold Nelson

***LAST WEDNESDAY UNITE IS NOVEMBER 14!***

***RESUMES JANUARY 9, 2019.***

**RADA CUTLERY ON SALE  
UNTIL NOVEMBER 18!**

*Catalogs & Order Forms available in the  
Gathering Hall, Well, & Church Office.*

**Do not pay until order arrives!**

**PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR**

**Thursday, November 8**

**6:00 PM**

**Duncan Chamber of Commerce**

Learn how to pre-plan and pay for your funeral in just a few short years. You can be young or old, healthy or sick!

*Hosted by Bailes-Polk Funeral Home*

**RSVP to Rachel Bayless at 736-4717.**

**CWF #3**

**Friday, November 9**

**2:00 PM**

**Norma Thomson's Home**

**BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH**

**Thursday, November 8**

**12:00 PM – Parlor**

**Study: *The Gospel of Mark***

**Led by Arnold Nelson**

**Lunch: \$7.00**

*Please call the Church Office by Noon on*

*Monday, November 5, to sign up!*



**CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER**

**Sunday, November 4**

**Leader: Paula Toler**

**Story: *The Promise Land***

**FIRST TUESDAY LUNCH & BRIDGE**

**Tuesday, November 6**

**11:30 AM – Gathering Hall**



**Delicious Lunch by Elizabeth Collins**

**Cost \$7**

**COMING EVENTS**

**November 4–10**

**Sunday, November 4 – *All Saints Day***

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary 8:30 AM

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Fellowship Time, Gathering Hall 10:15 AM

*Hosted by the Men's Bible Class*

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary 10:45 AM

Contemporary Worship @ the Well 10:45 AM

**Monday, November 5**

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM

Property Team Meeting, Gathering Hall 7:00 PM

**Tuesday, November 6**

Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing 9:30 AM

*"The Believer's Authority" led by Kimberly Tilley*

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM

First Tuesday Lunch & Bridge, Gathering Hall 11:30 AM

Stewardship Committee Meeting, Gathering Hall 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 7**

*Wednesday UNite*

Dinner, Gathering Hall 5:30 PM

Kids UNite, led by Shasta Smith 6:00 PM

*Video Series: "SuperBook–Time Travel Through the Bible"*

Youth UNite @ the Well, led by Holly Bailey 6:00 PM

Adults UNite, led by Arnold Nelson 6:00 PM

*Study: "Being Disciples of Christ"*

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

**Thursday, November 8**

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall 10:00 AM

Bible Study/Lunch in the Parlor 12:00 PM

*"The Gospel of Mark" led by Arnold Nelson*

Duncan Cancer Support Group Meeting, Parlor 5:30 PM

**Friday, November 9**

CWF #3, at the home of Norma Thomson 2:00 PM

**LOCAL BENEVOLENT OFFERING  
TO BE RECEIVED  
THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**


**8:30—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**  
**Sunday, November 4, 2018**  
**Sanctuary**  
**Sermon**  
 Arnold Nelson  
*This and Then Some*  
 Mark 12:28-34  
**Scripture Reader**  
 Linda Hutson  
**Communion Prayer**  
 Delyn Cronk  
**Greeters Narthex**  
 Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer  
**Assistant Treasurer**  
 Herb Lang  
**Communion Preparation**  
 Delyn Cronk  
**Sunday School Superintendent**  
 Rod Smith

**God's Love...it's Cookin'!**  
 November 3 – Team Pace

Ministers of First Christian Church  
 Pastor Arnold Nelson, Jr.  
 Staff Secretary Erica Hancock  
 Business Secretary Reba Ford  
 Organist Patty Jennings  
 Sanctuary Choir Director Kevin Zinn  
 Praise Leader @ the Well Jared Smith  
 Head Custodian Frank Timmins  
 Custodian Stephen Stapp  
 Kitchen Hostess Elizabeth Collins  
 Daycare Director Gwyn Gamblin  
 Nursery Director Lacey Myers

**10:45—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**  
**Sunday, November 4, 2018**  
**Sanctuary**  
**Sermon**  
 Arnold Nelson  
*This and Then Some*  
 Mark 12:28-34  
**Scripture Reader:**  
 Mary Frances Cox  
**Serving Elders**  
 Communion Prayer:  
 Karl Jacobs  
 Invocation & Lord's Prayer &  
 Dedication of Offering:  
 Darryl Ross  
**Serving Deacons**  
 Dana Askins (Head)  
 Beth Cowan  
 Robert Cowan  
 Koree Goldsmith  
 Glynis Johns  
 Cecilia Richey  
 Donna Shaw  
 Randy Shaw  
 Jonathan Williams  
**Greeters Narthex:**  
 Glynis & Sharleen Johns  
**Sanctuary Doors from G.H.**  
 North: Jeanna Russell  
 South: Julie & Alyssa Wisdom  
**Assistant Treasurer:**  
 Guy Harlow  
**Communion Preparation**  
 Delyn Cronk  
**Communion Clean Up**  
 Dana Askins

**10:45—WORSHIP  
SERVING SCHEDULE**  
**Sunday, November 4, 2018**  
**Well**  
**Message**  
 Larry Culbertson  
**Serving Elder:** Robert O'Kelley  
**Hostess:** Holly Bailey  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Trent Cronk

  
**HOSPITAL NOTES**  
*There are no members in the  
Hospital at this time.*  
**RECENTLY RELEASED**  
 Sally Anderson – Elk Crossing  
 Charlie Hays  
 Sophie Lopez

October 28, 2018

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	37
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	75
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	41
Children's Worship & Wonder	6
Total Worship Attendance	159
Sunday School	36
General Budget	\$ 2,860.30



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