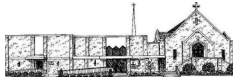


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The Duncan Christian



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Congregational Assembly to Follow Worship This Sunday, December 2

2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

On Sunday, December 2, 2018, at each worship service, there'll be a Congregational Meeting to present the 2019 Budget. All church members are encouraged to attend.

Presented below is the Anticipated Income and Budgeted Expenses. It was unanimously approved at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

<u>2019 Anticipated Income</u>		<u>2019 Budgeted Expenses</u>	
2019 Pledges	\$ 286,546.00 *	Care	\$ 560.00
Unpledged ACH Giving	32,760.00**	Education	5,870.00
Unpledged Anticipated Giving	71,054.00	Fellowship	2,000.00
2018 Unpledged Not Received	58,060.00	Finance/Admin.	20,300.00
Sunday School Offering	360.00	New Member Development	225.00
Daycare Support	24,000.00	Outreach	4,900.00
Anticipated Oil & Gas Royalty	16,500.00	Personnel	341,246.00
Anticipated Youth Trust Fund	15,000.00	Property	120,925.00
Interest & Misc. Income	175.00	Well	19,030.00
2018 Carryover	25,491.00	Worship	9,840.00
		Youth	5,050.00
2019 Anticipated Income	\$ 529,946.00	2019 Anticipated Expenses	\$ 529,946.00

*Based on 60 pledges received (81 received in 2018)

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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 ♡

NOTE: DATE CHANGE DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:35 TO 8:00 PM @ THE WELL

MENU: TBA

THIS MONTH'S MEAL PROVIDED BY FCC/THE WELL.

****DESSERTS ARE NEEDED****

**"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

RADA CUTLERY ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED!!

You may pay for and pick up your order
any time after Thursday, November 29.

FIRST TUESDAY LUNCH & BRIDGE

Tuesday, December 4

11:30 AM — Gathering Hall

Delicious Lunch by Elizabeth Collins

Cost \$7



The Amen Corner

Yesterday I interrupted the regular stuff I had to do with 3 business items of Advent and Christmas. For one, I put up the little TCU Christmas Tree in my office before Jean Arnold has a chance to fuss because I'd forgotten. I'm glad she loves driving by and seeing it. For another, I seized on it being Cyber Monday and made sure someone's Christmas wish would be granted. Kerry gave great assistance with this and I'll remember that come Christmas too! Then I discovered the locating of families to light the Advent Wreath in the Sanctuary services hadn't been attended to so I got busy attending. As to that, I have a couple of observations.

Observation 1: Families are what we say they are. There are those family members nature gave us but there are others too. They might just look like in-laws, friends or sweethearts but, on occasions like this, they seem as much family as anyone might want. This reminds me I love my wife, kids, grand kids, brothers and sisters but I love some other folks too and you, Gentle Reader, are among them. Observation 2: This time of year brings out the best in us. For the Sundays of Advent and Christmas Eve, there was needed 10 of those above noted family configurations. That meant speaking, or texting, enough people to get 10 "yeses." That dance card was filled in a hurry. Not only did people answer in the affirmative, but kindly and graciously. I offered money to one sister and she told me, "You better be joking." (I was, Missy, I swear.)

Come Sunday, families of their own configuration will come forward, read some scripture, light the appropriate candle and lead us in a brief prayer. This includes people who don't do a lot of public speaking, especially expressing their faiths, and it includes some folks making a special effort to be here at the appointed time. Thought of like that, I'm impressed some of the deepest worship to be experienced on those Sundays will be around the Advent Wreath. I'm so glad these people are part of my family in Christ. That includes some of you too!

Through the coming days, the little business items of the season will become a larger part of the stuff of my days but they'll have a hard time topping yesterday.

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries December 2-8

- 2 – Wyatt Williams
- 4 – Evan Gibbs
 Danny Talley
 Colleen Whitfield
- 5 – Angelita Gill
 Gary Scott
- 7 – Bella Jennings
 Carson Kinnaird
- 8 – Loren Adkins
 Linda Hutson

In Christian Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Kathy Monkress, Bama White**, and family on the passing of their father, **Don Adkins**. Don passed away on Tuesday, November 20, after a long, well-hid illness. He was a faithful member of our church for 61 years. Memorial services will be held on Friday, November 30, at 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

F.O.C.U.S. (of CWF) News

Christmas Gathering
Monday, December 10 – 5:30 PM
Cedar Cove Art Studio
1001 W. Cedar Ave.
(There will be appetizers!)

Jennifer Steil has invited us to take part in a creative and spiritually reflective evening. Cost – \$25 (pay to Cedar Cove Art Studio on the night of the gathering)

You'll need to bring:

- (1) **Ceramic item** you can part with, as we'll be crushing them, (2) a **small hammer** (if you don't have one, we can share), and (3) a **shoe box**.

RSVP to Katherine at 252-0444 (text or voicemail) by Tuesday, December 4!

Jennifer assures us it'll be a fun form of expressive painting and mosaic so NO pressure!

As always: "Be a Friend...Invite a Friend"

(P.S. This is Paula Paces's Birthday so let's surprise her! Please bring a card – a basket will be provided.)

Katherine Rogers

**LOCAL BENEVOLENT OFFERING
TO BE RECEIVED
THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**

Thank You

Thank you for your cards, letters, phone calls, and prayers in support of Bob Hicks. He has relocated to Maryland to live with his sister, June Larkin, and me. He's completed his first round of chemo pills. He can be reached by phone at 410-991-7862, email at ctjblarkin@gmail.com, or mail at 154 Prince George St., Annapolis, MD 21401.

Blessings to you and all of Duncan!

Carl Larkin

GOODIES NEEDED FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES!

It's that time again! The Care Committee will be assembling care packages to send to our college students on Sunday morning, December 2. We are in need of individually wrapped / packaged cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, etc., for at least 30 students. There is a drop off box across from the kitchen in the Gathering Hall or you can bring them to the Church Office. Please drop off your treats prior to Sunday!

Thank you!

Katherine Rogers

Midnight Gladness & Youth Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8
7:00 PM @ the Well

Bring a white elephant gift and be ready to shop! Pizza will be provided but feel free to bring a snack to share!

Invite a friend or two!

Announcements from the Toy Shop

The Toy Shop of Duncan will be having its annual Christmas Blitz on Monday, December 3, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM at 111 S. 9th. This is an opportunity for friends of the Toy Shop to bring their gifts and donations, have refreshments, and tour our facility. The annual Blitz is held to encourage donations to be made at the beginning of the Toy Shop season. Boxes will be filled for the children registered with the Toy Shop from December 1-12. Deliveries will be made on December 13 and the Toy Shop will close for the season on December 14. Volunteers at the Toy Shop will be available Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, December 3-13 to accept donations. We are hopeful many people will help kick off the Toy Shop Season by coming the day of the Blitz!

Kathy Snider

FCC News & Activities



ATTENTION LADIES!!!

On Sunday evening, December 16th, our church will hold a "Christmas Extravaganza" like none other. It will begin at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary with a glorious array of seasonal music performances.

ALL interested ladies are invited and encouraged to join a Women's Ensemble that will perform "What Child is This?" during the Extravaganza. Beginning November 14, we'll rehearse every Wednesday evening at 6:45 PM in the Choir room. Please join us!

Kevin & Patty

!! ATTENTION KIDS !!

If you're interested in participating in this year's Christmas Program:

Practice:

Wednesday Nights @ 6:00 PM

Program:

Sunday, December 16 @ 6:00 PM



Please contact Shasta Smith (656-7884) if you'd like to help with costumes, set design, or if you have a child or grandchild who wants to be involved. We'll try to work with all schedules!

Transportation available! RSVP to Shasta.

All are welcome!

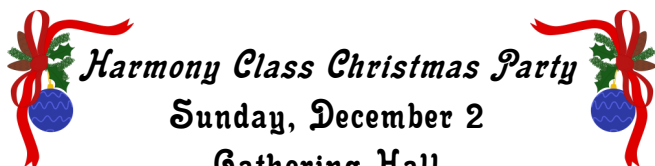
It's going to be super fun this year!!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE
CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Thursday, November 29

Gathering Hall

4:30 PM



Harmony Class Christmas Party

Sunday, December 2

Gathering Hall

6:00 PM

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

BOY SCOUT TROOP #4434

This Saturday, December 1

6:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Gathering Hall



Advanced tickets (\$6) available in the Church Office or from your friendly neighborhood Boy Scout! (Door Tickets are \$8.)

Fundraiser to help the Boy Scouts earn their way to Camp!

For questions, call Eric Davis (656-1758).



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Sunday, December 2

Leader: Glynis Johns

Story: *Advent II*

COMING EVENTS

December 2-8

Sunday, December 2 — *First Sunday of Advent*

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
Harmony Class Christmas Party, Gathering Hall	6:00 PM
Women of the Word Bible Study	6:00 PM
"Unashamed" led by Kimberly Tilley — New Providence Church	

Monday, December 3

Toy Shop Annual Christmas Blitz, 111 S. 9th	9:00 AM-6:00 PM
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
Daycare Board Meeting, Koinonia Room	5:30 PM
Property Team Meeting, Gathering Hall	7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 4

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
First Tuesday Lunch & Bridge, Gathering Hall	11:30 AM

Wednesday, December 5

Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Women's Ensemble Rehearsal	6:45 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Thursday, December 6

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
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Saturday, December 8

Midnight Gladness/Youth Christmas Party @ the Well	7:00 PM
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Poinsettias for Our Worship

To provide Poinsettias for our worship during Advent @ \$28.00, please turn in the following information to the church office no later than, Monday, December 17.

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 2, 2018**

Sanctuary
Sermon
 Ron Savage
What Are We Looking For?
 Luke 21:25-36
Scripture Reader
 Jason Smith
Communion Prayer
 Jason Smith
Greeters Narthex
 Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer
Assistant Treasurer
 John Eubanks
Communion Preparation
 Jason Smith
Sunday School Superintendent
 Rod Smith

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
 December 1 — 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, December 2, 2018**

Sanctuary
Sermon
 Ron Savage
What Are We Looking For?
 Luke 21:25-36
Scripture Reader:
 Rita O'Kelley
Serving Elders
 Communion Prayer:
 Becky Minson
 Invocation & Lord's Prayer &
 Dedication of Offering:
 Robert O'Kelley
Serving Deacons
 Dana Askins
 John Galloway
 Joy Galloway
 Allie Garrett
 Tyler Garrett
 Linda Guest
 David Hammond
 Marcia Harlow (Head)
 Rachel Morales
Greeters Narthex:
 Glynis & Sharleen Johns
Sanctuary Doors from G.H.
 North: Billie Phagans
 South: Jeanna Russell
Assistant Treasurer:
 Gaylon Russell
Communion Preparation
 Jason Smith
Communion Clean Up
 Marcia Harlow

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 2, 2018**

Well
Message
 Delyn Cronk
SHINE: The Light of Hope
 Mark 1:1-8
Serving Elder: Rod Smith
Hostess: Pat Notley
Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk



HOSPITAL
RECENTLY RELEASED
 Kim Kimberley
REHABILITATION
 Sally Anderson — Elk Crossing
 Pastor Terry Schlein — Jim Thorpe
UNWELL AT HOME
 Socorro Pinson

November 25, 2018

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	32
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	62
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	42
Children's Worship & Wonder	3
Total Worship Attendance	139
Sunday School	38
General Budget	\$ 11,144.22
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 50.00
Capital	\$ 20.00



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