



Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share

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Thursday, December 6, 2018

It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas...

Church-Wide Christmas Extravaganza

Sunday, December 16

Sanctuary

6:00 PM

Musical Performances including:

Children's Christmas Program

Reception will follow, sponsored by
the Fellowship Committee.

Plus a Special Appearance by St. Nicholas!

Christmas Sunday

Sunday, December 23

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM in the Sanctuary

10:45 AM at the Well

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Monday, December 24

5:00 PM & 11:00 PM in the Sanctuary

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: SOUP, GRILLED CHEESE, & DESSERT

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

****DESSERTS ARE NEEDED****

PREPPING WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 PM ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13.

"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



The Amen Corner

In recent years one will hear about "The War on Christmas", a secret, elaborate, scheme to take Christ out of Christmas. It's been a plot by Godless Communists, secular liberals and Muslims, depending on who's selling the idea. I don't buy it, at least not as a plot by any of the aforementioned people. I'll grant you, in a pluralistic society, there's been an awareness not everyone is a declared Christian and they don't want their kids taught to sing about sweet little Jesus child, born in a manger. I wish they did, but I recognize they don't. And since they don't, and since they pay taxes, serve in the military and stand up for the National Anthem, I contend they've got rights too. How I keep Christmas is none of their business, in the confines of my home and our church. How they do, or don't, is, likewise, none of my beeswax.

I remind myself that the Christianization of this mid-winter holiday is fairly new. Our Pilgrim Fathers banned Christmas in the New World, as did Cromwell & Co. in England. They banned it because there was entirely too much decking the halls with boughs of holly, too much jolliness by people in gay apparel, toasting one another with something too good to drink. Too many ruffians extorting honest people for figgy pudding. For many years, in many places—ostensibly Christian places—this holiday wasn't a silent or holy night but a wild time. Ergo, it was 86ed by the righteous. So here come the irreligious to pagan it up again? I don't think so. And embedding our religion in law doesn't do much to spread the Gospel.

Now, it doesn't follow from this I don't believe there isn't a war on Christmas, or on Christ. I do so believe. Its army is the host of declared Christians who want the Gospel to have no bearing on their lives, or their worlds. When it comes to forgiving people, overcoming evil with good, practicing kindness to strangers, feeding the hungry, offering liberation to the captive or anything that actually reflects anything Jesus actually said or did: phooey.

"Merry Christmas" is a wonderful phrase. The Brits say, "Happy Christmas" and the French say, "Bon Noel". I like them all. But in no language do phrases like these translate into anything but gibberish when separated from our Teacher, Lord and Savior. What was it God said to those 3 dim-bulbed apostles, "This is my beloved son; listen to him." Lets.

Glad to be your pastor and Feliz Navidad!
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings

College Corner
by Marisa Moore



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries December 9–15

9 – Aubree Chastain
Jessica Hooker
Cole Talley
10 – Paula Pace
11 – Andrea Daughtrey
Susan Frantzis
Karen Scott
12 – Donna Marks
13 – Richard Heelan
Kory Wisdom
14 – Shannon Riley

11 – Larry & Donna Siess

Thank You Notes

Thank you to all who contributed goodies for the College Care Packages. The boxes were stuffed to the brim! Special thanks to Dianna Morgan and Delyn Cronk for organizing this "because we care" gift for our college students. Keep them in your prayers during exam time and for safe travels as they return home!

Katherine Rogers

To My Church Family:

Thank you so much for the prayers, food, cards, and calls. You've helped me get through a very sad time losing my daughter, Carolyn.

Thank you again,
Ginger Day

CWF #3
Christmas Luncheon
Friday, December 14
Rib Crib
11:30 AM



Don't forget to share us on
Facebook with your friends!
@FirstChristianChurchDuncan

Also, check out our new website,
www.fccduncan.com

The Fight

One of my favorite Christian authors, Lysa Terkeurst, wrote this beautiful passage I couldn't help but share! In college, we run into many different struggles on an everyday basis. Sometimes we get so caught up in these struggles, we forget who we should be turning to. His words are of sweet serenity and once we read them, we cannot help but feel a connection with our own struggles. Once we let go of the anxiety and fear our burdens bring, He replenishes us in ways we cannot even fathom. Let the Lord fight for you this week, and lay your toughest battles upon him.

The battle? The one for which you've run out of solutions and answers...the one that makes you weary and worried and worn out? God's got it. I don't know who else needs this truth, but I sure do. Let the Lord fight for you. Save your emotional energy trying to figure things out and instead, use it to dig into His word like never before. Our job is to be obedient to God. God's job is winning this battle.

*"The Lord will fight for you;
you need only to be still."*

—Exodus 14:14

Wish Wells (Prayer Requests):

- Those who may be sick
- Those who've lost dear family and friends
- Those who suffer from anxiety and depression

RADA CUTLERY IS HERE!

If you placed an order for RADA Cutlery, you may pick up your order in the Church Office. You can also pay for your order at that time.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser, as proceeds go toward CWF Missions and organizations they support.

Note: There is an extra order in the office without a name. It includes a Daisy PanMate Scraper, Peeling Paring Knife, 4 pc Steak Knife Set, and 6 pc Knife Set with Peeler. If you ordered this, please contact the Church Office.

Ann Loftin

FCC News & Activities

BC Clark Jewelers in OKC has been contributing to Women's Church Organizations in Oklahoma and beyond for over 70 years!

If you're looking to buy a gift for a special someone, or yourself, and want to contribute to the Women's Ministry of FCC:



- Visit 1 of the 3 **BC Clark** locations in OKC
- Request a "Church Coupon" & fill it out at the time of purchase.

A portion of your purchase will be donated to Christian Women's Fellowship.

!! 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!!

ELDER MEETING
Tuesday, December 11
Koinonia Room
6:00 PM



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



CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Sunday, December 9

Leader: Kathy Snider

Story: Advent III

COMING EVENTS

December 9-15

Sunday, December 9 — Second 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
Women of the Word Bible Study	6:00 PM
"Unashamed" led by Kimberly Tilley — New Providence Church	

Monday, December 10

Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing	9:30 AM
"The Believer's Authority" led by Kimberly Tilley	
F.O.C.U.S. Christmas Party, Cedar Cove Art Studio	5:30 PM

Tuesday, December 11

Elder Meeting, Koinonia Room	6:00 PM
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Wednesday, December 12

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

Friday, December 14

CWF #3 Christmas Luncheon, Rib Crib	11:30 AM
Staff Christmas Party at the home of Patty Jennings	6:00 PM
J.O.H.N. 6:35 Free Meal @ the Well	6:35 PM
Open to the Community	

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 9, 2018**

Sanctuary
Sermon
Arnold Nelson
*The Peace of Rome Was
the Best They Could Do*
Luke 3:1-6
Scripture Reader
Paul Craig
Communion Prayer
Paul Craig
Greeters Narthex
Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer
Assistant Treasurer
John Eubanks
Communion Preparation
Paul Craig
Sunday School Superintendent
Rod Smith

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
December 8 — Team O'Kelley

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 9, 2018**

Sanctuary
Sermon
Arnold Nelson
*The Peace of Rome Was
the Best They Could Do*
Luke 3:1-6
Scripture Reader:
Mary Frances Cox
Serving Elders
Communion Prayer:
Rita O'Kelley
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:
Terry & Kathy Snider
Sanctuary Doors from G.H.
North: Mary Frances Cox
South: Joyce Frechette
Assistant Treasurer:
Gaylon Russell
Communion Preparation
Paul Craig
Communion Clean Up
Marcia Harlow

**10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 9, 2018**

Well
Message
Jared Smith
SHINE: Why Joseph?
Serving Elder: Delyn Cronk
Hostess: Pat Notley
Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk



HOSPITAL
*There are currently no
members in the Hospital.*

REHABILITATION
Sally Anderson — Elk Crossing
Pastor Terry Schlein — Jim Thorpe

UNWELL AT HOME
Socorro Pinson

December 2, 2018

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	59
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	79
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	42
Children's Worship & Wonder	7
Total Worship Attendance	187
Sunday School	44
General Budget	\$ 19,357.41
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 83.00
World Outreach	\$ 100.00

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