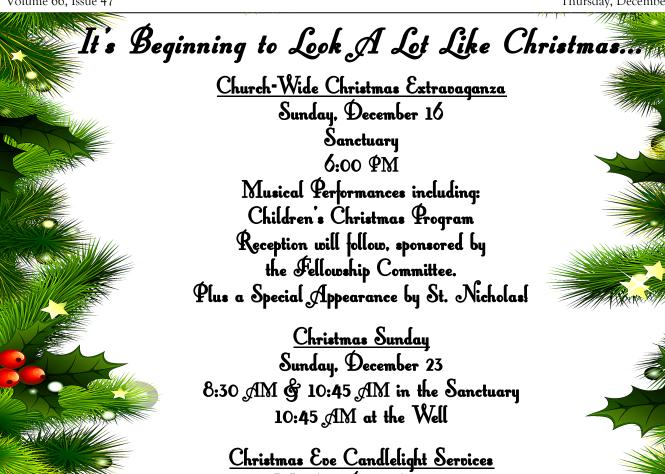


## The Duncan Christian THEWEL



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### 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.

FRIDAX 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 Iesus 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



### 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!



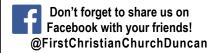
To My Church Family:

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





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

### The Fight

by Marisa Moore

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" L
 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 <u>Leader:</u> Kathy Snider <u>Story:</u> *Advent III*

#### **COMING EVENTS**

December 9-15

| Sunday, December 9 — Second Sunday of Advent Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary Sunday School Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary Contemporary Worship @ the Well Women of the Word Bible Study "Unashamed" led by Kimberly Tilley — New Providen | 8:30 AM<br>9:30 AM<br>10:45 AM<br>10:45 AM<br>6:00 PM<br>ce Church |
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| Monday, December 10 Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing "The Believer's Authority" led by Kimberly Tilley F.O.C.U.S. Christmas Party, Cedar Cove Art Studio   | 9:30 AM<br>5:30 PM   |
| Tuesday, December 11<br>Elder Meeting, Koinonia Room  | 6:00 PM  |
| Wednesday, December 12<br>Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal<br>Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal<br>Women's Ensemble Rehearsal<br>Chancel Choir Rehearsal  | 6:00 PM<br>6:00 PM<br>6:45 PM<br>7:00 PM                           |
| Friday, December 14 CWF #3 Christmas Luncheon, Rib Crib Staff Christmas Party at the home of Patty Jennings J.O.H.N. 6:35 Free Meal @ the Well Open to the Community  | 11:30 AM<br>6:00 PM<br>6:35 PM                                     |

# 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**

Ianie 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.

Lacey Myers

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 Gwyn Gamblin Daycare Director

#### 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'Kellev

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:**

Gavlon 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**

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#### December 2, 2018

| 8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctua | ary 59       |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 10:45 AM Worship in the Sancto | uary 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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