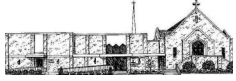


Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share



The Duncan Christian

THE WELL
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Thursday, December 20, 2018



This Sunday, December 23 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 & 10:45 AM
Sanctuary
Pastor Arnold Nelson
"I Am Blessed"
Luke 1:39-55

10:45 AM – the Well
Delyn Cronk
SHINE: The Light of Peace
"The World Became Flesh"
John 1:1-18

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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

Pastor Arnold Nelson
"Would I Be Afraid?"
Luke 1:1–20



NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED:
FRIDAY 12/21 – TUESDAY 12/25
MONDAY 12/31 & TUESDAY 01/01



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Thank you for everything you do for us and for our church throughout the year! We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God bless all of you!

The Staff of First Christian Church

SAVE YOUR QUARTERS!

Sunday, December 30

We'll receive our
5TH SUNDAY QUARTER BLESSING OFFERING
to benefit
GABRIEL'S HOUSE



The Amen Corner

The Beatles had barely made it across the water and I was barely a teenager, but I'd learned the cool kids stayed up till 10 to listen to Dick Biondi on WLS in Chicago when he devoted a half hour to the Fab 4. The Windy City was only about 450 miles north and it didn't take much of a radio to pick them up after sunset. Still, it took a radio and I had none. So it was I who lobbied for a little transistor to do the job of making me a cool kid. My parents had no investment in my coolness. My dad had the boneheaded idea if we got what we asked for at Christmas we wouldn't be surprised, thus unhappy. My mom didn't want me staying up late. Instead of a Realtone portable transistor radio, I got a camera; a gray plastic Kodak I figure cost about the same \$15. Add film and processing and it cost lots more. I'm only presuming the latter since I never took it out of the box. I said, "Thank you," set it down, and never picked it up again.

I thought of this yesterday when I showed Wes Sullivan a picture I'd taken of his granddaughters, Charlee and Alexandria LaFee, with Santa Claus. He was pleased, but made note, "Hey, I see your reflection in the window!" Now see, if I'd developed any photographic talents starting back to that Kodak, I'd have known better Sunday night. Uncultivated talents and unused gifts are pretty much the same sorry thing: opportunities lost. I got my own radio, with ample time to learn every Beatle song, still failing to become a cool kid. At least I could have been uncool in the Camera Club, on the Purple and Gold yearbook staff, with an eye for light and timing and all such mysteries.

Sunday evening we experienced people using many talents, mostly thanks to Patty Jennings. Her own talents include musicianship, imagining, cajoling and begging and she worked them all. Consequently we received so many gifts God had first given people to sing and play and draw! I'm grateful none of you performers set down your opportunities with an unenthusiastic, "thank you," while whining about the gifts not given. I thank Patty and All Y'all who shared Sunday night. I thank God for you. Right now, "I Wanna Hold Your Hand."

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries December 23—January 5

- 23 – Peyton Greening
Rann Hutson
25 – Charlie Hays
26 – Sarah Anderson
27 – Joshua McAllister
28 – Margaux Menand
Nancy Roop
Kerry Stark
Kimberly Weaks
29 – Kristy Hooker
Marcia Menand
Kealey Neighbor
30 – Jane Francis
Suzanne Parnell
Leonard Villalon
31 – Kelsie Brown
Rick Gwaltney
1 – Hollie Stutes
2 – Preston Weaks
4 – Jerry Campbell
A.L. Hutson
Emily Matthews

- 23 – Jerry & Gail Loafman
27 – David & Marilyn Herndon
29 – Jay & Chris Watkins
31 – Randy & Sharon Burum
3 – Michael & Jennifer Steil
4 – Kevin & Tammy Faulkner

In Christian Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jan Shipman and family, as her husband and dear member of our church, Jim Shipman, passed away on Tuesday, December 18. Memorial services will be planned at a later date.

Attention Former DHS Students of the Zinn's

At the conclusion of the Christmas Eve services, the Choir and Congregation will be singing "Peace, Peace". I hope you'll join us! —Arnold



Congratulations to Charlie & Shelby Hall of College Station, TX on the birth of their baby girl, Ella



Claire Hall, on Friday, December 7. Ella joins two sisters: Brooklyn,



4, and Kinsley, 2. We also congratulate the grandparents, Bob & Suzy Bruner, and great



grandparents, Charles & Fran Boyd.

Dear Arnold & First Christian Church,

A little over 7 years ago, I was given the opportunity to do what I love the most and that is cooking and serving others at First Christian Church, the Well, and in the community. I feel over this time I brought the joy of cooking and unity back in the kitchen where friendships were made and/or rekindled, a place to come for fellowship, fun, and always remembering "what happens in the kitchen stays in the kitchen".

Eight months ago I was diagnosed with an inflammatory disorder and as a result, I can't do everything I love and want to do. In order to get this illness under control, I feel at this time, it's best for me to resign my position as Kitchen Hostess at First Christian Church/the Well as of December 31, 2018. I've enjoyed my time here doing what I love to do; cooking and serving others.

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." —1 Peter 4:10

In Christ,
Elizabeth Collins

Thank You

To my First Christian Church Family:

Thank you so much for the Finals Goodie Package! Everything was delicious and I basically survived off of it this week so it was very much appreciated.

Thank you, again!
Kennedy Villalon

CHRISTMAS OFFERING
to be received on
Sunday, December 23 &
Monday, December 24
*to benefit the Christian Churches of
Oklahoma and Women's Haven.*

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

On Thursday, January 3, at 4:00 PM the Fellowship Committee will be taking down the Christmas Tree in the Gathering Hall. Anyone is welcome to come help!

Thank you,
Ann Loftin

CWU Board Meeting
Thursday, January 3
Parlor
1:30 PM

Save the Date

Wednesday UNite returns January 9!
More info coming soon...

FCC News & Activities



New Member Development Ministry Team (Evangelism) encourages each of you to invite a friend, neighbor or relative to attend one of our Christmas Eve Candlelight services this Monday. The vast majority of church growth comes from a simple invitation and our quality Christmas Eve services are a good opportunity.

Steve Beebe
Evangelism Ministry Team

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Saturday, December 29
8:00 AM
Gathering Hall



ATTENTION DEACONS

If you're willing to serve at either of the Christmas Eve services (5:00 PM or 11:00 PM), please contact the Church Office (255-6116) or email Allie Garrett at allisongarrett@gmail.com.

ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!

**Disciple Student Fellowship (DSF)
Holiday Party**
Sunday, January 6, 2019
6:30 PM
Jay, Chris, & Addie Watkins' Home
(2510 Copper Cove Dr.)
Finger foods & drinks will be provided
Contact Marisa Moore at 656-6068 for more info.

Sanctuary Flowers 2019 Date Availability

January	6, 13, 20, 27
February	3
March	3, 10, 31
April	14, 28
May	5, 26
June	23
July	7, 14, 21, 28
August	4, 11, 18
September	1, 22
October	27
November	10, 17, 24
December	1, 8, 15, 29



These are the available dates for flowers in the Sanctuary for 2019. Arrangements are \$60.00. You may take your arrangement home after the 10:45 AM service or allow the Care Team to distribute them to church members who are home-bound, hospitalized, or in a nursing home. If you'd like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary in 2019, please call or come by the Church Office, or you may email erica@fccduncan.com.
Note: The memorial candle is still available if you would like to have a candle lit in honor or in memory of someone special.

NO CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER Sunday, December 23



Sunday, December 30
Leader: Nursery
End of Year Party & Movie Day

If you'd like to sign up to help with Children worship & wonder during the spring, please contact Shasta at 656-7884

COMING EVENTS

December 23 – January 5

Sunday, December 23 – Fourth 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 24 – Christmas Eve

Church Office Closed
Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing 9:30 AM
"The Believer's Authority" led by Kimberly Tilley
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services 5:00 PM & 11:00 PM

Tuesday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Saturday, December 29

Men's Breakfast, Gathering Hall	8:00 PM
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Monday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

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"The Believer's Authority" led by Kimberly Tilley

Tuesday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Thursday, January 3

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
CWU Board Meeting, Parlor	1:30 PM

8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 23, 2018

Sanctuary
Sermon
Arnold Nelson
I Am Blessed
Luke 1:39-55
Scripture Reader
Darryl Ross
Communion Prayer
Darryl Ross
Greeters Narthex
Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer
Assistant Treasurer
John Eubanks
Communion Preparation
Darryl Ross
Sunday School Superintendent
Trent Cronk
Advent Wreath Lighters
The Faulkner Family

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
December 22 — Team Elliott
December 29 — F.O.C.U.S.

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 23, 2018

Sanctuary
Sermon
Arnold Nelson
I Am Blessed
Luke 1:39-55
Scripture Reader:
Joe Vermedahl
Serving Elders
Communion Prayer:
Robert O'Kelley
Invocation & Lord's Prayer &
Dedication of Offering:
Rita 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:
Joe Vermedahl
Sanctuary Doors from G.H.
North: Melinda Burk
South: Jan Shipman
Assistant Treasurer:
Gaylon Russell
Communion Preparation
Darryl Ross
Communion Clean Up
Marcia Harlow
Advent Wreath Lighters
The Askins Family

10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, December 23, 2018

Well
Message
Delyn Cronk
SHINE: The Light of Peace
"The World Became Flesh"
John 1:1-18
Serving Elder: Debbie Savage
Hostess: Pat Notley
Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

In Our Prayers

Hospital
Kris Schreckengost — Elder Group #3

Rehabilitation
Sally Anderson — Elk Crossing
Pastor Terry Schlein — West Wind

Others
Kim Kimberley — Elder Group #12
Herb Lang
Socorro Pinson
Karen Scott
(2nd Cataract Surgery 12/27/18)

December 16, 2018

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	46
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	89
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	67
Children's Worship & Wonder	9
Total Worship Attendance	211
Sunday School	43
General Budget	\$ 15,270.17
Christmas Offering	\$ 606.00

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