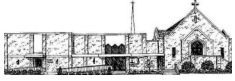


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The Duncan Christian

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Thursday, January 3, 2019

Wednesday UNite Begins!! January 9

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, January 7

Please sign up on the attendance sheets, call (255-6116), or email: erica@fccduncan.com

MENU: Baked Potato Bar, Salad, Brownies

Cook Team: *Loftin*

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

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

Adults UNite – "*The Epistle of James: The Book of Straw?*" led by Arnold Nelson



Women of the Word

led by Kimberly Tilley (580-606-0043)

New Winter/Spring Bible Studies

"Lessons from David: How to Be a Giant Killer"

FUMC House

411 Oak Main, Comanche

Sundays at 6:00 PM

About the Study:

David's life is full of lessons for us today. In this book, we'll be exploring the differences between David, Saul, and Absalom. We'll see the importance of David's heart and relationship with God and reflect on the decisions that led to his downfall and restoration. It doesn't matter if you're succeeding in your calling, just starting out, or failed miserably. David's life will encourage and inspire you to avoid temptation, trust God, and keep your heart sensitive to Him.



"Prayer"

Elk Crossing

811 W. Elk, Duncan

Mondays at 9:30 AM

About the Study:

Learning how to pray effectively is one of the most important things a believer can ever do in his/her Christian walk. Really, a believer cannot be a success in fulfilling God's purpose in their life if they don't know how to pray according to Biblical principles.



The Amen Corner

In the great hymn, *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*, Isaac Watts wrote, "Time like an ever rolling stream." Watts knew how to speak the truth and turn a phrase and this hymn does a good job of helping we who live on earth in a small space of time, better reckon with a God who lives in eternity, and, through Christ, invites us to join in that adventure.

I'm very aware that so far in 2019, I've not wounded anyone's pride or ignored a neighbor in need or spoken TOO ill of any politicians. I celebrate that the Frogs have no "Ls" in this infant year. I've remembered to write the new date correctly and that's a big deal. Others might automatically put down an 8 at the end of the date, even for several weeks. I've caught myself starting off with a 19, (Happy 192019!) and this pretty deep into this century! Also, I'm keenly aware I've not missed a Sunday in church this whole year. I've not missed Sunday school, a board meeting, an elders meeting or an evening meeting of any kind! This trip around the sun is off to a good beginning.

Yep, so far 2019 is a pretty clean slate and I long to fill it with kindness, patience, generosity and being places I'm supposed to be, and on time. Pray for me. While you're at it, join me. Where this year will go we don't know. Odds are if we did know every event coming our way, it would frighten and upset us. Better we take it like a Twelve Stepper, "one day at a time." Essential we remember the God who led us to today is eager to lead us to what lies ahead, whatever it may be. Critical to remember we can wander off, forget ourselves and who's we are. Let's not. Even so, wonderful to know we can turn around and come to where we belong. Delighted to be in this adventure with you, and,

Glad to be your pastor,
Arnold

FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 6–12

- 7 – Gerald Riley
- 9 – Evan Roberts
- 10 – Ryan Chastain
Charles Hunt
James Smith
- 11 – Darryl Ross
- 12 – Carroll Eastin

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- 6 – Kirk & Connie Schreiner
 - 8 – Tom & Sue Ellis

In Christian Sympathy



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sandra Emery and family on the passing of her husband, **Robert "Bob" Emery**, on Friday, December 28. Bob was a lifelong member of the Disciples of Christ and a dedicated member of our church for 3 years. Funeral services will be held at Central Christian Church in Enid on Friday, January 4, at 2:00 PM.



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Terry Schlein**, pastor of West Side Christian Church. Pastor Schlein passed away on New Year's Eve, December 31. Visitation with the family will be on Friday, January 4, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Whitt Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at West Side Christian Church on Saturday, January 5, at 9:30 AM.

CWF Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 10
Parlor
9:30 AM

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

Christmas was different this year for Bill and me. None of our families were able to visit and we couldn't go see them. I was feeling a little sad that morning, like I'd been cheated out of Christmas. Then I began remembering all I'd done over the past few weeks: there was working at the Toy Shop, registering and delivering presents, singing beautiful Christmas music in the church choir, and the fun party we had at Patty's! All of that was Christmas! So were so many other things and it came to me I'd been having a wonderful Christmas all along. All this led me to stop and observe, I'd put too much emphasis in the wrong places. Christmas isn't just about presents and food and being with family, as great as all that is. It's more about the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Again, don't get me wrong, all that mentioned before is wonderful and fun, but maybe I'd put too much stock in those things. So for Christmas in 2019, I'll still decorate my home, and buy presents. I'll watch Christmas movies. I look forward to time with family and friends. What I won't do is let myself forget the reason we celebrate in the first place. Every Sunday I take Communion, and reflect on Jesus' death and all that means. This year I'm also going to reflect on his birth too, not only during the Christmas season, but every Sunday, and all year long.

Robynn Spice

(Note: Thank you for this, Robynn.)

CWF #3
Friday, January 11
Norma Thomson's Home
2:00 PM

To my Church Family & Friends:
Thinking of You

May God always grant you
a sunbeam to warm you,
a moonbeam to charm you,
and a sheltering angel so nothing will
harm you.

Laughter to cheer you,
Faithful friends near you,
and wherever you pray,
Heaven will hear you.

God's Blessings,
Valenne Neel

LOCAL BENEVOLENT OFFERING
to be received
this Sunday, January 6

As everyone knows, we've been having some very cold weather! This will, no doubt, increase the amount due for those with heat in their homes. There are, of course, those without any heat in their homes – or maybe even no homes. Please generously give to the Local Benevolent Offering as a way to help those less fortunate in our community.

FCC News & Activities

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.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

This Sunday, January 6
 10:15 AM
 Gathering Hall



Hosted by the FCC Choir

BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH



Thursday, January 10
 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
 Gathering Hall

Study: *The Gospel of Mark*
 Led by Arnold Nelson

Light Lunch: \$5.00

*Please call the Church Office by Noon
 on Monday, January 7, to sign up!*

Sanctuary Flowers 2019 Date Availability

January	6, 20, 27
February	3
March	3, 10, 31
April	28
May	5, 26
June	23
July	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.

CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Sunday, January 6

Leader: Shasta Smith

Story: Baby Jesus Presented
 in the Temple



****IF YOU'D LIKE TO SIGN UP TO LEAD
 CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER DURING SPRING,
 PLEASE CONTACT SHASTA AT 656-7884****

COMING EVENTS

January 6–12

Sunday, January 6

Good Morning Service in the Sanctuary	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Fellowship Time, Gathering Hall	10:15 AM
<i>Hosted by FCC Choir</i>	
Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary	10:45 AM
Contemporary Worship @ the Well	10:45 AM
Women of the Word Bible Study, FUMC House	6:00 PM
"Lessons from David: How to Be a Giant Killer" led by Kimberly Tilley	
DSF Holiday Party at the Watkins' Home	6:30 PM

Monday, January 7

Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing	9:30 AM
"Prayer" led by Kimberly Tilley	
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
Property Team Meeting, Gathering Hall	7:00 PM

Tuesday, January 8

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
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Wednesday, January 9

<i>Wednesday UNite</i>	
Dinner, Gathering Hall	5:30 PM
Kids UNite, led by Shasta Smith	6:00 PM
Youth UNite @ the Well, led by Holly Bailey	6:00 PM
Adults UNite, led by Arnold Nelson	6:00 PM
Study: "The Epistle of James: The Book of Straw?"	
Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Thursday, January 10

CWF Executive Committee Meeting, Parlor	9:30 AM
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
Bible Study/Lunch, Gathering Hall	12:00 PM
"The Gospel of Mark" led by Arnold Nelson	
Duncan Cancer Support Group Meeting, Parlor	5:30 PM

Friday, January 11

CWF #3 at the home of Norma Thomson	2:00 PM
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8:30—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, January 6, 2019
Sanctuary

Sermon
Arnold Nelson
Schemes, Dreams, and Means
Matthew 2:1-12
Scripture Reader
John Minson
Communion Prayer
Delyn Cronk
Greeters Narthex
Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer
Assistant Treasurer
Charlie Hays
Communion Preparation
Delyn Cronk
Sunday School Superintendent
Rod Smith

God's Love...it's Cookin'!
January 5 — 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
Daycare Director Gwyn Gamblin
Nursery Director Lacey Myers

10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, January 6, 2019
Sanctuary

Sermon
Arnold Nelson
Schemes, Dreams, and Means
Matthew 2:1-12
Scripture Reader:
Marisa Moore
Serving Elders
Communion Prayer:
Darryl Ross
Invocation & Lord's Prayer &
Dedication of Offering:
Wes Sullivan
Serving Deacons
Dana Askins
Susan Elliott
Allie Garrett
Tyler Garrett (Head)
Donna Marks
Richard Marks
Bill Spice
Robynn Spice
Jonathon Williams
Greeters Narthex:
John & Carol Eubanks
Sanctuary Doors from G.H.
North: Fran Boyd
South: Joyce Frechette
Assistant Treasurer:
Rita O'Kelley
Communion Preparation
Delyn Cronk
Communion Clean Up
Tyler Garrett

10:45—WORSHIP
SERVING SCHEDULE
Sunday, January 6, 2019
Well

Message
Larry Culberson
Proverbs 22:6
Serving Elder: Marty Askins
Hostess: Shannon Riley
Assistant Treasurer: Trent Cronk

In Our Prayers 

Hospital
Currently no members in the Hospital

Rehabilitation
Sally Anderson — Elk Crossing

Others
Kim Kimberley
Herb Lang

December 23, 2018

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	54
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	90
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	40
Total Worship Attendance	184
Sunday School	41
General Budget	\$ 19,443.93
Capital	\$ 12,000.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 1,572.00

December 30, 2018

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	32
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	59
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	42
Children's Worship & Wonder	7
Total Worship Attendance	140
Sunday School	32
General Budget	\$ 3,337.00
World Outreach	\$ 10.00



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