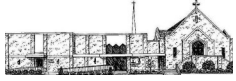


*Here to Worship, Nurture, and Share*



# The Duncan Christian

THE WELL  
A MINISTRY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## Wednesday UNite January 16

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 14**

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

**MENU: Hot Dogs, Chili, Veggie Tray, & Cobbler**

**Cook Team: *Nelson***

**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



### TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

Elders Meeting—6:00 PM

Koinonia Room

Board Meeting—7:00 PM

Gathering Hall

### BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH

Thursday, January 17

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 14, to sign up!***

## The Amen Corner

Several years ago at a preacher's meeting in Nashville, I encountered a couple of remarkable phrases on a building that have never left me. On one side of an archway I read, "Expect great things from God." On the other side was written, "Attempt great things for God." It took very little investigation to learn this was a statement spoken by William Carey, one of the founders of the foreign missionary movement. He was a Brit and he had been a shoemaker. As a young man he became a cobbler but also an ardent Christian. He took the Great Commission to heart, thinking Jesus was as interested in people in his time bringing others to Christ as he had the first disciples. It wasn't a popular idea at the time. Still, Carey prayed about it. Seems he had a map and every day he would pray for the people in one country or another, then another and another. He helped organize mission work among a fire-breathing sect called Particular Baptists. It was at such a meeting in 1792 he spoke the words I've shared.

In short order, he was on a slow boat to India with his new wife, their children and a missionary partner. He was 31. Indians then had never encountered a Christian and they weren't too impressed. It was lonely work and they were poor. The partner wised up and went home. The first Mrs. Carey died. William Carey felt alone and anxious except for his struggled conviction, "I have God and his word is sure." It proved to be so. William Carey spent over 40 years attempting great things for God and his influence far surpassed the confines of Particular Baptists. He inspired David Livingston, who inspired Royal Dye, the Disciple missionary to the Congo, and Albert Schweitzer. A dominant thought of William Carey was that there were people without knowledge of the love of God and Jesus Christ and that was an unacceptable fact for those with such knowledge. Knowledge begets accountability.

Years later this congregation's pastor, Spencer Austin, expressed a similar conviction. In this newsletter he wrote, "Every child in Duncan has a right to know Jesus Christ." Carey was right. Austin was right. We're wrong if we respond with indifference and pretended ignorance. It's a new year, let's pray about this, say "Amen" and do something. "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God."

Glad to be your pastor,  
Arnold

F.O.C.U.S.  
Monday, January 14  
DRH Atrium Café  
5:30 PM

## FCC People & Happenings



Coming Up...



### Birthdays and Anniversaries January 13–19

14 – Clay Hutson  
15 – Mary Smith  
Dawn Wood  
16 – Brandon Craig  
Jenny Evans  
John Holden  
17 – Colton Meek  
18 – Dianne Young  
19 – Bob Bruner  
Casey Halligan  
Jacob Riley

13 – Charles & Dianne Young  
16 – Mike & Angie Evans  
Lou & Susan Frantz  
17 – Dale & Patty Jennings

### 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 were held at Central Christian Church in Enid on Friday, January 4.



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. A memorial service was held at West Side Christian Church on Saturday, January 5.

### ANNUAL FLOWER CALENDAR



The flower calendar is still available for those who'd like to donate flowers in honor or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. 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 email [erica@fccduncan.com](mailto: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.

## Welcome Babies!



Congratulations to Chris & Jessica (Hooker) Meyers on the birth of their son, Juston John Meyers on Monday, December 10, at 11:11 AM weighing 7 pounds and 9.3 ounces. We also extend our congratulations to the grandparents, Justin & Kristy Hooker, and great grandmothers, Carol Goldsmith and Linda Hooker.



Congratulations to Gabe & Emily Loftin of Shreveport, LA on the birth of their son, Wylie Fisher Loftin on Monday, January 7, weighing 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Congratulations to Wylie's great grandmother, Ann Loftin, as well!

### Our U.S. Airforce Honor Graduate



Jenny Evans, daughter of Mike and Angie Evans, graduated from basic training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, Texas. She has earned 4 credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force and earned distinction as an honor graduate. Way to go, Jenny!

### TOY SHOP NEWS

The Toy Shop had another successful year. We filled requests for 1,083 children representing 495 families. The Duncan fire department delivered bikes donated by Byford Chevrolet. It was a wonderful year, with wonderful volunteers who accomplished so much working not just in December, but all year long. In addition to all the elves that worked so much in December, there were many who worked at fundraisers throughout the year, shopped and stocked our shelves as well as the group of ladies who leveled and packaged books so every child could receive one. Also, the many people who donate to the Toy Shop are so important to us! A huge thank you to everyone that makes the Toy Shop what it is to help put smiles on children's faces at Christmastime and show families the love of God this special time of year. May we all remember the reason for the season and be grateful. Thank you and may God bless each of you this year!

Kathy & Lynn

# FCC News & Activities



## 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

*“Prayer”*

Elk Crossing  
811 W. Elk, Duncan  
Mondays at 9:30 AM

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**  
Early Bird Registration ends March 31, 2019.  
You'll experience:  
**Worship** that lifts your soul.  
**Stories** that touch your heart.  
**Educational resources** to assist your congregation in ministry.  
**Conversations** that stretch your mind.  
**Messages** that call you to action.  
**Connections** that remind you that God's family is bigger than a local congregation.

For more info, visit [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org)

## YOU'RE INVITED!

The Dedication of Don Grantham  
Funeral Home's Newly Renovated Chapel  
This Sunday, January 13  
Dedication: 1:30 PM  
Open House: 1:00–3:00 PM

Please join us for:

- Refreshments, including Viridian Coffee
  - Drawings for Door Prizes
  - A viewing of our new Chapel



Manager, B. Edward Jackson Jr.,  
& Staff of Don Grantham's  
3032 N. Hwy 81, Duncan

A donation box will be available for Stephens County Honor Guard.

## CHILDREN WORSHIP & WONDER

Sunday, January 13

Leader: Nursery

Story: Boy Jesus in the Temple



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

CWF #2

Thursday, January 17  
Dianna Morgan's Home  
9:30 AM

## COMING EVENTS

January 13–19

### Sunday, January 13

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, FUMC House	6:00 PM
“Lessons from David: How to Be a Giant Killer” led by Kimberly Tilley	

### Monday, January 14

Women of the Word Bible Study, Elk Crossing	9:30 AM
“Prayer” led by Kimberly Tilley	
Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
F.O.C.U.S., DRH Atrium Café	5:30 PM

### Tuesday, January 15

Tai Chi, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM
Elder Meeting, Koinonia Room	6:00 PM
Board Meeting, Gathering Hall	7:00 PM

### Wednesday, January 16

Wednesday UNite	
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 17

CWF #2 at the home of Dianna Morgan	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	

**8:30—WORSHIP**  
**SERVING SCHEDULE**  
**Sunday, January 13, 2019**  
**Sanctuary**  
**Sermon**  
 Arnold Nelson  
*When Seldom is Heard,*  
*An Encouraging Word*  
 Luke 3:15-22  
**Scripture Reader**  
 Becky Minson  
**Communion Prayer**  
 Becky Minson  
**Greeters Narthex**  
 Janie Fitzgerald & Carl Slifer  
**Assistant Treasurer**  
 Charlie Hays  
**Communion Preparation**  
 Becky Minson  
**Sunday School Superintendent**  
 Trent Cronk

**God's Love...it's Cookin'!**  
 January 12 – 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  
 Daycare Director Gwyn Gamblin  
 Nursery Director Lacey Myers

**10:45—WORSHIP**  
**SERVING SCHEDULE**  
**Sunday, January 13, 2019**  
**Sanctuary**  
**Sermon**  
 Arnold Nelson  
*When Seldom is Heard,*  
*An Encouraging Word*  
 Luke 3:15-22  
**Scripture Reader:**  
 Kathy Snider  
**Serving Elders**  
 Communion Prayer:  
 Debbie Savage  
 Invocation & Lord's Prayer &  
 Dedication of Offering:  
 Rod Smith  
**Serving Deacons**  
 Dana Askins  
 Susan Elliott  
 Allie Garrett  
 Tyler Garrett (Head)  
 Donna Marks  
 Richard Marks  
 Bill Spice  
 Robynn Spice  
 Jonathon Williams  
**Greeters Narthex:**  
 Melinda Burk & Linda Guest  
**Sanctuary Doors from G.H.**  
 North: Bonnie Ross  
 South: Darryl Ross  
**Assistant Treasurer:**  
 Rita O'Kelley  
**Communion Preparation**  
 Becky Minson  
**Communion Clean Up**  
 Tyler Garrett

**10:45—WORSHIP**  
**SERVING SCHEDULE**  
**Sunday, January 13, 2019**  
**Well**  
**Message**  
 Delyn Cronk  
*Patient & Faithful*  
 Luke 2:22-40  
**Serving Elder:** Darryl Ross  
**Hostess:** Shannon Riley  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Trent Cronk

**In Our Prayers** 

Hospital  
 Pat Elam – DRH  
 (Elder Group #7)  
 Syble Gilbert

Rehabilitation  
 Sally Anderson – Elk Crossing

Others  
 Kim Kimberley  
 Herb Lang

**January 6, 2019**

8:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	45
10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary	69
10:45 AM Worship @ the Well	38
Children's Worship & Wonder	3
Total Worship Attendance	155
Sunday School	40
General Budget	\$ 10,012.50
Capital	\$ 20.00
Local Benevolent Offering	\$ 461.00



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