

**FEBRUARY,
2018**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
301 North Third Avenue, Durant, Ok 74701

A NOTE FROM PASTOR ANDY...

Dear Friends,

I'd like to thank you all for the prayers you have offered for my mom and dad and our family while she was in the hospital and now that she's home. We all appreciate your concern and the freedom you have given me to be with them when needed. Your support has sustained us. Mom is stable and home, and we are all thankful that it was nothing too serious that took her to the emergency room. We ask a continued interest in your prayers.

It was about a year ago that I first visited First Christian Church. I've been reminiscing about that morning the past couple of weeks, remembering everything from Dr. Corbett's warm welcome when I walked through the door, the amazing music ministry we are blessed by with Dr. Stubbs and the chancel choir, the fellowship at lunch, and Dell's tour of the building, ending in the Thunder Alley room upstairs. The longer I was with you that day, the more I prayed that God was calling me to be your pastor so that I could come back!

That's what I think happens when people visit a friendly, open, welcoming, and affirming church like ours: they want to come back. We probably all know at least one person who would be blessed to be a part of a family like the First Christian Church family. So let's make it a matter of prayer: ask God to help you be aware of who would be graced by your invitation to be part of a community like ours.

Even though it seems like Christmas is just behind us, February brings with it our annual observance of the holy season of Lent— five Sundays, Palm Sunday, and Holy Week, a period of preparation for Easter. It is not too early to be thinking about what kind of spiritual discipline you might adopt to make Lent a rich experience. Fasting, almsgiving, and daily prayer are among several common practices. Like Jesus' 40 day journey in the desert, Lent gives us an opportunity to spend intentional time with the Holy, to focus on our utter dependence on God, and to go about works of reconciliation and healing.

I pray God's richest blessings on each of you, and give God thanks for you and your witness of Christ's love.

Andy



MOMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

Maudie Anderson...remains in Calera Manor, #408. She welcomes your visits and cards. Her smiling face is missed in the choir.

Gordon and Glenna... Gordon has discovered another skin cancer on his chin and is seeing his dermatologist tomorrow. Glenna's Parkinsons is getting more aggressive and her short term memory seems to be failing more. They still have their caregiver through the week, but they are alone on the weekends. This might be a good time for us to take them a plate of food or go over for a short visit. They miss their friends and their church. Just call them to make sure they're up to a visit before you go.

Ann Flanagan...tells us she is doing so much better. She was able to attend Christmas Eve services here with her kids, Kelli, Chris, and Regina. She misses her church family and maybe, with a little prodding, she might consent to let some of us pick her up and bring her some Sunday mornings. Keep those prayers coming!!!

Rosemary Riddle is now at home following still another back surgery. Please keep her in your daily prayers that she might have a speedy and comfortable recovery. We miss them both so much in worship!

Ken Elder...last 2 scans have shown that the tumor in his lung has actually gotten a bit smaller, however, not gone completely. He has finished all his chemo and radiation and no more is currently scheduled. He did catch a cold a few weeks ago which caused a flare up of his COPD, but lots of meds, breathing treatments and a trip to the ER took care of it and he is recovering nicely. We aren't getting out much with the cold weather and so much flu. Thanks to all of you for your continued prayers and concerns. Love to all , Jane

Liz Drew...is moving to North Carolina to be closer to her daughter, Allison and family. The thought just came to her and suddenly she had sold her home here in Durant and purchased a home there. She plans to leave around the 22nd of this month. We will certainly miss her at FCC.

Tripp Leland

New grandson of LaWana/Brad Nelson

Born December 12, 2017



This picture was not available when we published new grandbabies at FCC last month. Isn't he a doll?

All grandparents have "bragging rights" in the Disciple Newsletter! Please forward all pics to mecyk05@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Tried to get some of the guys to get some pics of the Thunder group but they were having so much fun themselves, didn't find the time. I think Mike and Steve did the snack supper for them last Tuesday night—they were going to fix "leftovers" for the kids. Anxious to hear how that turned out! They have been feeding about 18-20 for those of you that are pre-paring suppers for them.

Supper Schedule

Feb. 6th—

Feb. 13th—Erica/Billie

Feb. 20th—Emily

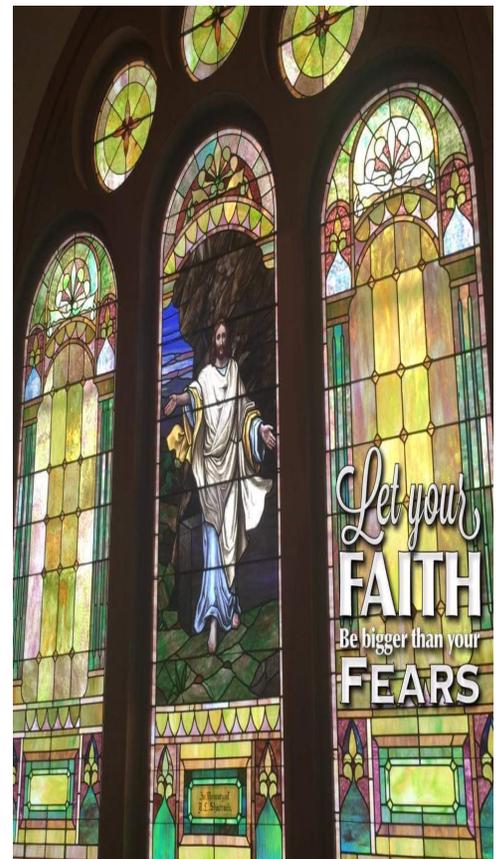
Feb. 27th—Lowrances'

March 6th—Mecy/Judy

If you would like to help prepare a snack supper, sign up sheet is in front vestibule.

KIDS' FOR CHRIST!

Meet once a month for a fun get together and a local outing! This month we have a fun ice cream social at FCC planned for our February event. Date and time to be announced. Contact Leslie Nowles for more information.



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will be delivered by FCC volunteers Tuesday thru Friday, 22-23. No deliveries will be made on Monday, 21st, due to holiday, President's Day. If you can give

some time on all or part of this week, please contact Charlene, 924-6428.

NEW VOLUNTEER FOR CHURCH WEBSITE...

Crystal Bully has taken on the job of Administrator for our FCC website. If you have things or announcements you would like posted, please let her know.

**GROUNDHOG
DAY**
February 2nd

That little furry animal DID see his shadow so get ready, we will have 6 more weeks of BAD weather!!

**Sunshine School class enjoys "story book time"
with favorite teacher, Ms. Dessie!**



WORDS WE LIVE BY

LOVE NEVER FAILETH!



ELDERS SERVING AT THE TABLE

02-04 Erica, Emily

02-11 Helen, Cindy

02-18 Dell, John R.

02-25 Janet, Cindy

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Modra and Helen

HEAD USHER FOR FEBRUARY

Bud Lowrance

IN OUR SHARED PRAYERS

Maudie Anderson

Calera Manor, #408, P. O. Box 367, Calera 74730

Joyce Bennett

Dr. Ken Elder

5023 W. 2nd, Stillwater 74074

Ann Flanagan

Dr. J. M. Gaskin

G.P. Gentry

Edith Peratta

Rosemary Riddle

Brian Silver

Jean Sims

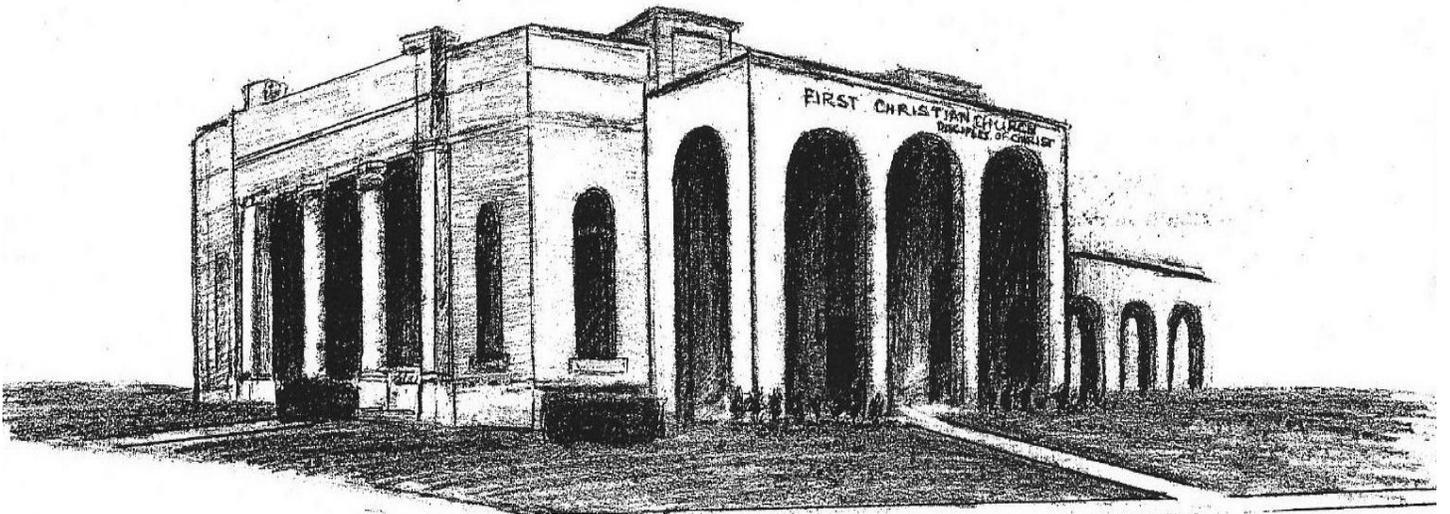
Gordon and Glenna Wright





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**HAPPY VALENTINE'S
DAY!**