

THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

March

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2022



Pastor Don Warren



I want to thank everyone for such a warm welcome into the First Christian Church Congregation and family. I thank you for the hours given in readying for my arrival in Goodland. I appreciate the hours of service by the Search Committee and for their extended service as the new Pastoral Committee; your dedication is immeasurable. Thank you for the Sunday night dinner and the wonderful meals that have been prepared as well. I would also like to extend my thanks to those men and women who served as pulpit supply; your service to this congregation has not gone unnoticed nor unappreciated, thank you for your time!

In just a short time, I have been welcomed into our family-sized church with the mega church heart. We have enormous potential, and I can feel the energy of enthusiasm. The Sunday service the first week was awesome. With enormous potential, we also have great responsibility to keep rooted and based in Scripture as our written guide, and in listening to God's living message, active today. The difference between who we are in the world, and who we are in the world with faith in Christ, is God. God has a work for us and has chosen this place and this time to accomplish it. So, as we begin this journey together, just know that He has started laying the groundwork for us!

Let us allow our faith to grow towards the brilliance of God's Holy Light. Let us consider ourselves and our community's togetherness to "press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:14) Let us be aware that we are more than merely surviving and what we achieve in society still needs to be connected with the Living Christ.

It is, however, going to take some time. There were approximately 15 years between the time David was anointed and the time he took the throne. Moses spent forty years on a mountain before God called him to lead his people. The Apostle Paul spent 3 years studying before he preached his first sermon and Jesus spent thirty years living among the people before he began his ministry. The point is that it takes time to grow into the ministry that God calls us to. We must be careful that we don't get ahead of God; remember He has a plan for this church, His church, and we have to trust in the process.

Just Don



FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

George Adelgren	Roger Collins
Galen Cooper	Vetha Cormier
Alice Jackson	Lonnie Kerr
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Sharon Mann	Marie Marsh
Malissa Frerichs Sloan	Mike Stamm
Bernie Taylor	

Wheat Ridge (main building)

Etta Mae Keirns

Please pray for our Active Military:

Tyson Reed, Chris Elliott, Nathan Craig, D J Glassman



3/2	Ken Davis
3/4	Treson Clark
3/5	George Adelgren
3/7	Nona Mason
3/9	Morgan Hagerman
3/12	Tricia Meier
3/16	Stan Kibel
3/21	Gorda Adelgren
3/23	Jerome Ontiveroz
3/24	Janet Schrieber
3/26	Jenifer Charles Helen Vignery
3/29	Darla Brock Will Griffith

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
2/6	\$2,249.70	\$1751.00	-\$498.70	39
2/13	\$2,249.70	\$2260.00	+\$10.30	40
2/20	\$2,249.70	\$1326.00	-\$923.70	50
2/27	\$2,249.70	\$575.00	-\$1674.70	45 (?)

Needs for our Church Camp

2022 Greatest needs:

Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet Paper
13, 33 & 55 gal trash bags
Toilet cleaner
Flour sack dish towels
Dish Clothes
Crock pot liners
Soft scrub Comet
Zip-lock bags—qt & gal

(Debbie G is going on March 10th and could take them down.)



Covid-19 Safety needs:

Disinfectant wipes
Masks, both adult and child sized
Hand sanitizer



NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

8oz coffee cups
Paper towels
39 gal trash bags

A big THANK YOU to those who are so generously giving in this way!!



3/9	Kendall & Jacque Cooper
3/20	Jeremy & Megan Kemp



One of the calmer moments of Disciple Zone 2.0 captured.

They are a joy and are learning so much in the process!!

Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ◆ Commodity Distribution will not happen in Feb., but will resume monthly in March. This will be the schedule until June when USDA will re-evaluate.
- ◆ Joy Hayden is working on her Master Gardener Certification and has asked if she can be caretaker of the labyrinth roses as a project.
- ◆ Property Committee: Discussion and purchase of a security camera system was approved. Carpet replacement for the parlor and church offices was also approved.
- ◆ Tricia Meier expressed interest in the leadership of the youth group. Sean Davis would be willing to be a co-leader.
- ◆ Guidance for the procedure of weather closure of the offices was referred to the HR comm.



USDA Commodities Distribution

The commodities distributions will be on a monthly basis for the time being. The next distribution will be:

March 28 @ 1:30 pm



If you have time and would like to help, please let **Tracy Hillmer** know. Our Lord asked us to feed the hungry, and so we shall!!

CWF EVENTS



In March, the CWF plans to meet Wed., the 9th at 2:00 p.m.

The devotions will be given by Mary Smith and the refreshments by Jo Simmons.



We hold in prayer the family of Catherine Parisi, who passed away on Sunday, Feb. 20th. We have missed her among us since her move to Missouri, but we know it was a better living situation for all of the family. Among other family members, she leaves daughter Kim Barenthin, and Jonathan & Savannah Brown to remember her in love.

Another precious life...

A daughter born to Jonathan & Emily (Biernacki) Hutchinson on Jan 18, 2022. The sweet little miss weighed 6lbs 13oz and is quite a blessing! Her grandparents, Jason & Erin (Snider) Biernacki, and great grandparents, Glenn & Verna Snider, also think so!

Thank God for who she is and who she is to become!!



For Sale

Baby Blanket - \$65.00

Proceeds support the Nifty Needler projects!

Thank You...

...**Ruth & Abel Ontiveroz and Mary Bess** for helping Cameron Pittman with his move. That was very kind of you and I know that he appreciates your help!! He will certainly be blessed by this new living environment.

Debbie Griffith

...to **Pastor Warren** for helping in the office while I was away for Kenny's surgery. It was very much appreciated!!

Debbie Griffith

WHO AM I?

Last month's "*Who am I?*" was **Pastor Don Warren**.
This month can you guess who our congregational family member is?



1. What TV shows did you watch growing up? Bandstand, Gunsmoke, Western, War
2. What was your first job and at what age? 12 1/2yo—Helping a paraplegic in the Nursing Home with feeding, writing letters, & reading.
3. Are you a morning person or a night person? An afternoon person
4. What three words describes your life right now? Very content & happy!
5. Are you willing to share an accomplishment that you are proud of? Working in hospital for 15 yrs
6. What U.S. state have you always wanted to visit? Florida
7. What movie could you watch over and over? Gone With the Wind; Green Beret (John Wayne)
8. How long have you attended First Christian Church? Since 2001



This from the *Chalice Worship* resource:

O God, make the **doorway** of this house of worship...

...wide enough to receive all who need human love & fellowship, but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife.

Make its **threshold**...

...smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, or barrier to the elderly & disabled.

Let its **door**...

...be rugged & strong to turn back the tempter's power, but open and inviting to those who are Your guests.

God, make this house the doorway to your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Tired of stock-piling or disposing of your used spiritual reading materials? Why not share them?

Love Packages organization gives us that opportunity! Love Packages collects bible donations—as well as donations of Christian books, Sunday School materials, and more—from people and publishers across the U.S. and ship it to our network of distributors all over the world.

Even though this organization is based out of Butler, Ill., there is a collection place in Hutchinson, Ks for this entity.

If any of you are interested in checking into this further, or would be interested in taking this on as a project, please go to love-packages.org or see Debbie Grif-fith for more information. Many people pass through Hutchinson and could drop off a box or two!



Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

**ATM inside—Atonement, Truth, Mercy

**Prayer—the original wireless connection

**They were not meant to be 10 suggestions - God

**Too cold to change sign, message inside!!



(I wish you) **health** enough to make work a pleasure.

Wealth enough to support your needs.

Strength to battle with difficulties and overcome them.

Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them.

Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished.

Charity enough to see some good in your neighbour.

Love enough to move you to be useful & helpful to others.

Faith enough to make real the things of God.

Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

- Johann von Goethe



Ash Wednesday

Instead of the traditional Ash Wednesday Service, this year we will have a time of meditation & prayer.

This will be held on Wed., March 2, from 12-1:00pm.

To begin with, there will be a few words of explanation, then there will be a “come and go” time of reflection in the sanctuary. Pastor will be available for your needs of prayer, conversation, etc.

Come and be blessed!

~Retreat Opportunity~

Annual Regional Spiritual Retreat

Yes! It's back! The annual Spiritual Retreat will be March 10-12, 2022. Due to on-going COVID concerns, the retreat will be held in a new place, at our own Disciples Center at Tawakoni.

Dr. Paul Koch, Co-Regional Minister for the Christian Church in Mid-America will be this year's retreat facilitator.

The theme is based on the Beatitudes.

Cost will remain @ \$135.

Registration now open!

(You could ride with Debbie Griffith on this one!)



Nifty Needlers

Meeting every Tuesday @ 2 p.m. in the Church's Sewing Room (north west corner of the building).



Thanks to some very generous Nifty Needlers, we have some new things in the sewing room! Thanks to Sharon Finley for the cute sign, which describes us perfectly! And, thanks to Joan Reid



for the rotating cutting mat! What a blessing for those of us who are challenged with getting things going in the right direction!



Also, thanks to everyone who has dropped off sewing supplies from time to time, including most recently Joni Guyer. We put all donations to good use! Thank you all for being a blessing to both the Nifty Needlers and those we serve with the things we make!

This picture of Sharon's handiwork was in the newsletter last month, but how precious it is to see it modeled by this sweet little baby girl.



A Grandma's love always fits 'juuust right', doesn't it!!

2022 Lenten Resource



This is a free publication offering from Disciples Home Missions for your use during the Lenten period.

It includes daily affirmations, readings, and reflection questions as well as a finger labyrinth—all of which are sure to enhance your journey.

Be sure to check it out at:
www.discipleshomemissions.org

It may be downloaded or printed as well.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sermon Schedule

Just so you know, it looks like the sermon schedule portion of the newsletter will go away. Our pastor feels as though he gets what he is to deliver each week and for the most part will not be outlining the month's sermons here. God works differently through each of us and you will have to come each Sunday to hear what He is saying to us through Pastor Don. See you in worship!!

!!ATTENTION!!

Pastor Don will be starting a Bible Study soon. Please let him or the church office know if you are interested.

Many thanks to those who delivered messages in February. God speaks to each of us through willing vessels like YOU!!



Many thanks to those who have been offering themselves to God in service of our congregation over the past 8 months. We have learned many things in many different styles of delivery and it has been a time of growth for all of us!



FRIENDSHIP CLASS **Every Sunday at 9 a.m.** **"Follow"**

March—The Mark You Make
(The Spiritual Practice of Self-Examination)

Mar. 6 ~ Titles Matter
Mar. 13 ~ An Authentic Faith
Mar. 20 ~ A Topsy-Turvy Kingdom
Mar. 27 ~ Faith to Move Mountains

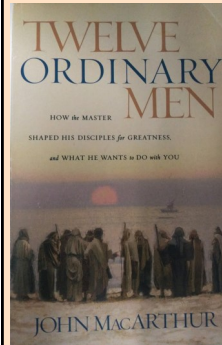
Each Wednesday evening, Disciple Zone 2.0 will meet.



It will start with a light dinner at 5:45 p.m. Following dinner, the children will begin their classes on the east end of the building and the adults will begin their class in the parlor. (See information below) As always, Disciple Zone will end at 7:00pm.

Come join in on a time of food, fellowship, and fun!!

NOON-THIRTY BOOK STUDY



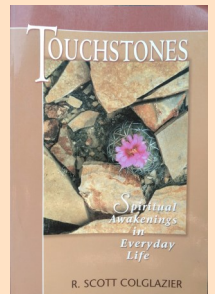
Come and be a part of this book study, prayer & fellowship. The book is "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. The subtitle describes it well: How the Master shaped His disciples for greatness, and what He wants to do with you.

Every Thursday @ 12:30 p.m.
Church Parlor

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BOOK STUDY

Wed. nights at 6:15 p.m.
(following the Disciple Zone meal)

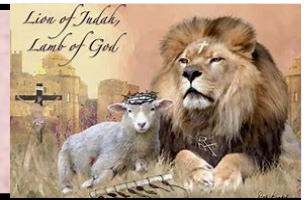
In the book Touchstones, by R. Scott Colglazier, we will be led with a blend of theology, philosophy, and psychology, in showing us how we can find precious encounters of spiritual awareness in our everyday relationships, art, work, play, community and more. Be sure to join us for great reading and meaningful discussion!!



!! Available by Zoom as well !!



March 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1.	2. Ash Wednesday 9:00am Exercise 12-1:00pm Ash Wed. Reflection 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	3. 12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	4. 9:00am Exercise	5.
6. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 6:00pm Fed. Music Club	7. 9:00am Exercise	8. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	9. 9:00am Exercise 2:00pm CWF Mtg. 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	10. 12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	11. 9:00am Exercise	12.
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Friendship Class	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:00 a.m. (Refreshments served)
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Disciple Zone 2.0 on Wednesday nights at 5:45 p.m.	
<i>(classes for children and adults!)</i>	
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Vision Statement

To be a faithful, growing church,
that demonstrates true community,
deep Christian Spirituality,
and a passion for justice.
(Micah 6:8)

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Mission Statement

To be and to share the Good News
of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving,
and serving from our doorsteps
"to the ends of the earth."
(Acts 1:8)

March 2022

	6	13	20	27	
Elders	Debbie Martin, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Kim Cole, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Tracy Hillmer, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Kenny Griffith, Com	
Worship Leader	Kara Smith	Connie Grieve	TBA	Joy Hayden	
Greeter(s): Membership/ Evangelism	Debbie Martin	Emma Van Vleet	Tracy Hillmer	Debbie Martin	
Servers	<i>...he who sows sparingly</i>	<i>will also reap sparingly,</i>	<i>And he who sows bountifully</i>	<i>will also reap bountifully.</i>	
Candlelighters	<i>not reluctantly</i>	<i>or under compulsion,</i>	<i>for God loves a cheerful giver.</i>	<i>And God is able to provide you</i>	
Nursery	<i>So that you may always have</i>	<i>enough of every-thing</i>	<i>and may provide</i>	<i>in abundance</i>	<i>for every good work.</i>
A/V Tech-Closer	Terry Smith	Terry Smith	Terry Smith	Andrew Luna	2 Cor 9: 6-8