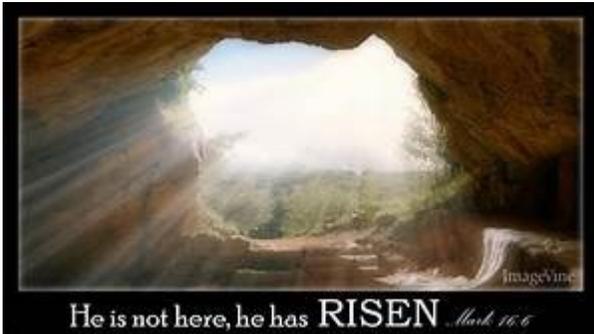


THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

April

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2022



Pastor Don Warren



We are an Easter People

Easter is quickly drawing upon us and we look to celebrate God's saving activity in the gift of the Resurrection. Jesus is risen, He is risen indeed - just as He foretold! What a blessing, what a gift! We should continue to be drawn deeply into the mysteries of our faith and the miracle of Easter as we prepare our hearts and minds this season.



During these final days of Lent, be sure to take the opportunity to spend some quality time with our Lord; walk with Jesus through Holy Week and fully embrace the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus; the mystery of Palm Sunday

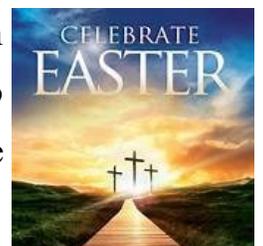
reminds us of the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the city where He gave His life for us; Holy Thursday, which recalls the institution of the Eucharist; Good



Friday, which asks us to follow the path of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross and embrace the redemptive value that the cross holds out to us; and

Easter, the culmination of these days of grace and strength. Please join us during Holy Week, Easter and well beyond.

How important it is to gather as a faith community to remember and celebrate what God has done for us. All are welcomed and encouraged. You are an Easter People! You live in the light and the love of the Lord and inspire us greatly! May we continue to work together in building God's Kingdom and extending Easter joy to all those we meet. May the grace of the Risen Christ be with you and your loved ones.



God bless and keep you!

Just Don

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Roger Collins	Galen Cooper
Vetha Cormier	
Alice Jackson	Lonnie Kerr
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Sharon Mann	Marie Marsh
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



4/4	Alisha Coad
4/5	Donald Warren Abel Ontiveroz Keith Bowman
4/7	Weston Toplikar
4/9	Dylan Hageman Sherri Knitig
4/10	Tanner Jones Tina Gleason
4/11	Kenny Grieve
4/13	Megan Sheldon Kemp
4/17	Jagger Topliff
4/19	Roger Collins Gil Taylor
4/20	Amanda Coon Joan Reid
4/21	Tammy Neal
4/23	Darrick Ihrig Lindsay Biernacki
4/26	Daryl Barber

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
3/6	\$2,249.70	\$1736.00	-\$513.70	43
3/13	\$2,249.70	\$2320.00	+\$70.30	43
3/20	\$2,249.70	\$1934.00	-\$315.70	42
3/27	\$2,249.70	\$615.00	-\$1634.70	50

Can you help with these projects?



Even though it is hard to imagine some days, the hot weather is fast approaching. We are in need of cases of water bottles. New labels will be made with our church's information on them & they will be handed out where they are wanted or needed.

Also needed are small pieces of candy that will fit in the plastic easter eggs. They will be used for the Easter egg hunt on Easter morning. Even though the tomb was found to be empty, we think the children wouldn't want empty eggs to find. Please leave the treats in the church office.



NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:



Pinesol
Toilet Bowl cleaner

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

4/7	Darrick & Valerie Ihrig
4/13	Terry & Cara Daise
4/21	Mark & Emily Luckert

Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ◆ **Worship & Music Committee:** Planning for the upcoming services—Palm Sunday & Maundy Thursday. Easter Services will be discussed soon at the next meeting. The 24 hr Prayer Vigil will be held this year on April 8 & 9.
- ◆ **Property Committee:** Lawn care will begin in April. The old air conditioner was removed from the pastor's office with some repair.
- ◆ **Membership & Evangelism Committee:** The guest bags are being replenished thanks to Marie Marsh. A graduation celebration is being planned for May. Updated church business cards are needed and will be coordinated with Kim Smades and ordered. 
- ◆ Due to a recent fall at the church, blankets will be given to the church and put in a known location for future need. This also called attention to the need to have an AED device on site. This will be looked in to.
- ◆ Pastor is planning to work on a Men's Prayer Group, establish a plan for jail visitation, and a relationship with other area churches.

USDA Commodities Distribution

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

April 25 @ 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 April, the CWF plans to meet Wed., the 13th at 2:00 p.m.

The devotions will be given by Emma Van Vleet and the refreshments by Donna Ruddell.



An Easter Egg Hunt will be held after services April 17th for the young children. Make plans to stay and watch this event. It always adds joy and excitement to the day!!

Have you ever considered being a guardian for someone who needs your help? You came to the right place to find out about it!

Become a volunteer in the Kansas Guardianship Program and serve as a court appointed guardian or conservator. This helps those persons who are in need of assistance with decision making and signing legal consents.

Call 1-800-672-0086 or visit their website at www.ksgprog.org for more information. Their poster conveys this message:

“A friend is to the lonely what sunshine is to a flower.”



For Sale

Baby Blanket - \$65.00

Proceeds support the Nifty Needler projects!

Thank You...

...to Marie Marsh for making the bags that are filled and given to our visitors. She does such a nice job and they are even seasonal!

...to the Property Committee for all the hard work moving things in and out for the carpet laying. Kenny Grieve had connections that made it so much easier with moving devices and teen help. Still much effort & time used for sure!

WHO AM I?

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

1. What do you look forward to the most on Easter? Spending time with my friends & family.
2. What is your favorite item on the table for Easter dinner? Mashed potatoes and gravy
3. What is your favorite sport? basketball
4. What do you like to do in your spare time? Play games
5. What is your favorite app, movie, or series? Die Hard, The Office
6. What person do you aspire to be like? Russel Wilson
7. How long have you worshiped at First Christian Church? All my life.



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~AWESOME WONDER~

In ALL seasons, consider this:

The hymn writer famously wrote, "O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee. How great thou art, how great thou art." Have we lost a sense of awe and wonder in this world? For most of us, a normal day of life doesn't leave us in awesome wonder. We pass by trees & grass, see the sun & moon every day, but they are altogether ordinary, not awesome to us.

The natural world is not merely the result of random, unguided processes, but is the masterpiece of God. The Bible tells us that every created thing reveals the glory of God. It is a sort of language by which God communicates with people that He exists and that He is glorious. We ought to be moved to worship, seeing God's goodness, grace, power and creativity in the things around us. Nothing is ordinary in God's world.

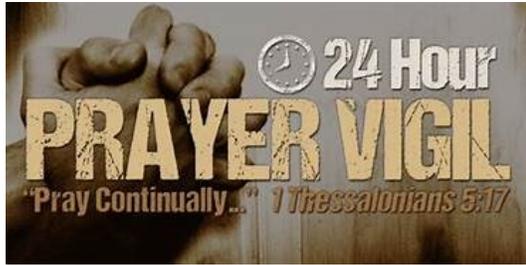
"How Great Thou Art!"



Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- **Jesus is God's "selfie"
- **Come in and get prepared for your finals!!
- **Is prayer your steering wheel or spare tire?



Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

A 24 hr Prayer Vigil will be held 12:00 noon, April 8th, to 12:00 noon, April 9th here at the church. As in the past, it will be set up in the sanctuary. Resources will be available for your use or you may bring your own.

Remember that prayer can be manifested in many ways. Be sure to investigate the literature available and be open to something new!

An elder will be in the building as a companion (in the Prayer Room) with those who have chosen an evening/nighttime slot. They will respect your privacy, but will be available for anything you might need.

We pray that you will feel the closeness of God and be blessed by your faithfulness!

The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on April 10 & 17, 2022, supports several of the general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more.



Sunday April 10 and 17, 2022
A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
supporting general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Nifty Needlers

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



Joan Reid having fun showing us her beautiful Noah's Ark quilt top.



Donna Swager accepting a donation of baby blankets for Hope's Place courtesy of Pastor Warren and the Stuttgart CWF. He can tell you more about this ☺

Virginia W. with her Route 66 wall hanging.



A big thank you to Gwen Jenner for her donation of baby yarn. It was much appreciated by our crocheters!

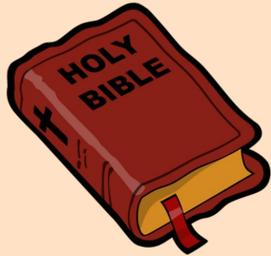
Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

- John Wesley

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

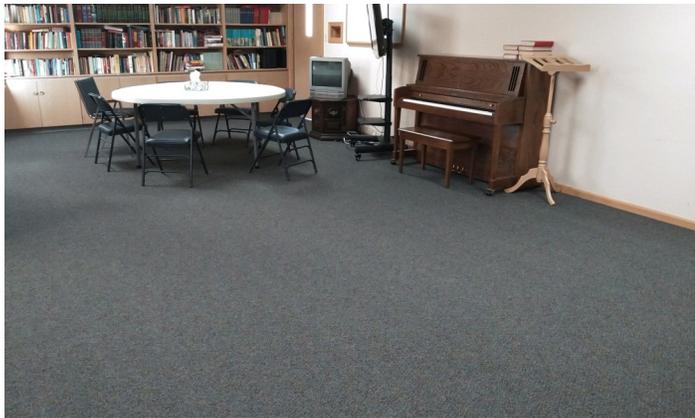
Bible Study

Looking for a study of God's word? Look no further. Pastor Don will be teaching two classes on Tuesdays—one at 10:30 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. We will be starting with the book of Ruth.



It doesn't matter if this is your first Bible study or you are a bit seasoned, you will be met where you are and encouraged to grow!

The new carpet has been installed in the parlor (below) and the offices. Be sure to stop in and check it out!!



FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

“Follow”

April—The Mark You Make
& The Steps You Take

(The Spiritual Practice of Self-Examination)

April 3 ~ Right on Time

April 10 ~ Off Target

April 17 ~ Stirring Up Emotions

April 24 ~ Creation Meditation
& Creator Worship



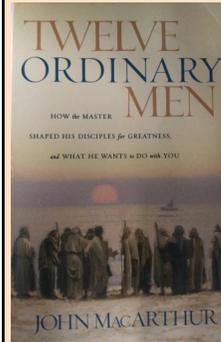
Each Wednesday evening, Disciple Zone 2.0 will meet.



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.

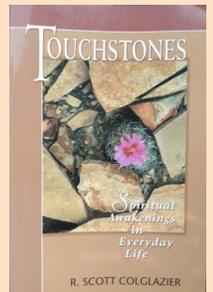
Every Thursday @ 12:30 p.m.
Church Parlor

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 !!



April 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. 9:00am Exercise	2.
3. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	4. 9:00am Exercise	5. 10:30am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	6. 9:00am Exercise 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	7. 12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	8. 9:00am Exercise 12:00pm———— 24 hr Prayer	9. —————12:00pm Vigil
10. Palm Sunday 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	11. 9:00am Exercise	12. 10:30am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	13. 9:00am Exercise 2:00pm CWF Mtg. 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	14. Maundy Thursday 12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study 6:00pm Maundy Thursday meal & service	15. Good Friday 9:00am Exercise	16.
17. Easter Sunday 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	18. 9:00am Exercise	19. 10:30am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	20. 9:00am Exercise 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	21. 12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	22. 9:00am Exercise	23.
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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.
(classes for children and adults!)

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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)

April 2022

	3	10	17	24		
Elders	Tim Armknecht, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Dick Hayden, Off Kim Cole, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Debbie Griffith, Off Tracy Hillmer, Com		
Worship Leader	Joan Reid	Lois Cossman	Jessica Vignery	Birkley Barnes		
Greeter(s):	Gil & Bernie Taylor	Jake & Tricia Meier	Nona Mason	Dick & LaDona Frerichs		
Servers	<i>The steadfast love of the Lord</i>	<i>never ceases,</i>	<i>His mercies</i>	<i>never come to an end;</i>		<i>They are new</i>
Candlelighters	<i>every morning;</i>	<i>Great is</i>	<i>thy faithfulness.</i>	<i>"The Lord</i>		<i>is my portion,"</i>
Nursery	<i>says my soul,</i>	<i>"therefore</i>	<i>I will</i>	<i>hope</i>	<i>in him."</i>	
A/V Tech-Closer	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Andrew Luna	Lam. 3: 22-24	