

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

April

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2021



*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Ephesians 4:1-3 (NRSV)

It has been a long year, and though the pandemic is not over, conditions here in Sherman County warrant that we as a congregation can begin to add more and more to our time of worship and fellowship. With the following recommendations from the Elders, we are not all the way open, but we are getting there.

At the last Elder's meeting, the following recommendations were made:

The serving Elders for that Sunday will serve as greeters.

There will be a half sheet bulletin. On the front side will be the order of worship while on the back side will be the events of the week and prayer concerns.

More people will be a part of the worship service as the worship leader will once again be a part of the service.

During greeting time, members will be free to greet one another as they feel comfortable. That may mean a hug, a handshake, a fist bump, or a socially distanced wave. Please respect each other's choice as to how one wants to be greeted.

The song of gathering will be included in the order of worship, indicating the greeting time is over and it is time to focus on worship.

During the children's chat, children will be invited to come forward to sit on the steps with Kara (or whoever might be subbing if Kara is gone).

As we close the service, the last song will serve as both a hymn of invitation and the recessional.

That means the closing song may be more than just a chorus or single verse of a song.

With certain parameters, the choir will begin rehearsing on April 7 at 7:00 p.m.

As I shared this list, you may have noticed what has not yet changed. For in person worship, we will still have the offering plates located at the back of the sanctuary for you to share your tithes and offerings. For communion, we will still use the all-in-one communion cups and share communion together as we have been doing for the past several months. And there is still no fellowship time before worship and no shared meals. These will be addressed again at the April Elders meeting.

As we make these changes, I know that for some, they would like to do more. As I said at the beginning, the pandemic is not yet over and health officials are still recommending a sense of caution. And even as we add more to the in person worship, the online worship will continue to be a viable option for many people.

As I have said throughout this pandemic, I look forward to worshipping with you, whether we are together in the sanctuary or together via the internet. And whether we are in person or online, we are one in Christ Jesus.

Until next we meet, PEACE!

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Dwight Briney	Kelli Chidester
Roger Collins	Galen Cooper
Vetha Cormier	Alice Jackson
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Etta Mae Keirns	Carolyn Kerr
Lonnie Kerr	Sharon Mann
Marie Marsh	Catherine Parisi
Wanda Schneider	Mike Stamm
Ione Todd	Todd Trzcinski
Emma VanVleet	

### Wheat Ridge (main building)

Dwight "Bud" Perrey

### Please pray for our Active Military:

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



4/4	Alisha Coad
4/5	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
3/7	\$1994.75	\$1999.00	+\$4.25	25
3/14	\$1994.75	\$1807.00	-\$187.75	17
3/21	\$1994.75	\$2188.00	-\$193.25	28
3/28	\$1994.75	\$995.00	-\$999.75	28

Belinda Amend posted on Facebook these needs for **Camp Tawakoni**. They can be dropped off at our church. I'm sure a monetary offering would also be well received & could help fill the gaps of the donations. Pastor Doug & Belinda will be making a couple trips that way - April 17 & in June/July - and could take them. Thanks for keeping us informed, Belinda, & thanks to those who donate as well!!

Paper towels, paper napkins, toilet paper  
 Trash bags - 13 & 33 gallon  
 Toilet cleaner  
 Dish cloths, Flour sack dish towels  
 Soft Scrub Comet  
 Zip-lock bags - quart & gallon size  
 Crock pot liners



## NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:



Pinesol

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

## CWF EVENTS



The CWF ladies are anticipating a meeting soon, possibly mid-late April. It was thought that by then most would have gotten both of their immunizations. Watch for the date!!

Thank you to the Dighton Disciple newsletter for this thought provoking article!

As the events of the church begin to start back up, you may be asked to take a role in their function. Remember, first of all, how you longed for their existence to reappear. Secondly, be ready with a cheerful "yes" in helping them become reality.

### ~ Obituary of Someone Else ~

I know that all of you were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our church's most valuable members - *Someone Else*. *Someone's* passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

*Else* has been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, *Someone* did far more than the normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results - "*Someone Else* can work with that group." Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips, "Let *Someone Else* do it."

It was common knowledge that *Someone Else* was among the largest givers in the church. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone just assumed that *Someone Else* would make up the difference.

*Someone Else* was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of *Someone Else*. Now *Someone Else* is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. *Someone Else* left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things *Someone Else* did? Remember, we can't depend on *Someone Else* anymore.

-Author Unknown-



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www.familygroup.com  
"How many 'Talk to God' minutes does our family plan allow?"

## USDA Commodities Distribution

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

**Monday, May 3 @ 1:30-2:30pm**



If you have time and would like to help, either that day or with the preparations ahead of time, please let **Tracy Hillmer** know. We are always in need of more plastic grocery bags, so if you have some, please bring them to the church!!



Share your gifts by giving to the Easter Offering.

It glorifies God when you give to special offerings. Who knows, that may be the part God has given you to do so that others can do what they are called to do!

### Meals on Wheels...



Mark your calendar - May 1<sup>st</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> is our time to deliver Meals on Wheels. Call or email Kara Smith or Debbie Martin at the contact information below to reserve your *preferred* time because they go quickly!!! Thank you for participating.

Kara Smith: 728-7395 [kara.smith@usd352.org](mailto:kara.smith@usd352.org)  
Debbie Martin: 899-6937 [debmartin2@hotmail.com](mailto:debmartin2@hotmail.com)

## Snippets from the Board Meeting

- ◆ There is no change in the Covid-19 Church Policy for March. Discussion will continue as we see how the post-vaccination opening and relaxing affects the community. Plans for potential changes in the near future are being considered.
- ◆ The Worship & Music committee reports that the "Chalice Chimers" will be playing in the Easter Service. The woodwind group has been practicing and will be playing in the near future. Worship Leaders in services and choir was also discussed.
- ◆ The Property Committee reported that on routine inspection of the fire extinguishers, one of the extinguishers was found to be outdated. This was replaced to keep us current and safe.
- ◆ Since we seem to be using and moving the equipment/screen from room to room for Zoom meetings, it was decided to purchase a cart type cabinet that will make this easier. Memorial monies will be used for this.



## WHO AM I?

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



1. Do you have a favorite Easter tradition? Attending church and easter egg hunts.
2. Were you baptized at FCC Goodland, Ks? Yes
3. What is your favorite item on the table for Easter dinner? spiral ham & deviled eggs
4. What is your all time favorite movie? Sandlot
5. If you had to live somewhere else besides Goodland, where would you choose to live? Maybe Colorado??
6. Do you prefer hot or cold weather? In the middle
7. What three words describe you? Friendly, Helpful, Compassionate (try to be ;-))
8. Can you name one thing that makes our church special? Friendly to guests *(Editor's note: other things were written, but the question said "one". This person considered these additional answers - praying for each other, and fellowship time. Just thought you would appreciate knowing.)*
9. How long have you worshipped at First Christian Church? Since 1986



### CAMP SCHEDULE AS IT STANDS NOW...

(Enrollment limited - forms in the entry way or office!)

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Grade Completed:</b>	<b>Max Enroll:</b>	<b>Begin/end Time:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>**Reduced:</b>
CYF Conf - Alpha	June 21-25 (Mon-Fri)	9-12	50	1:00pm -10am	\$350	\$245
CYF Conf - Omega	July 6-10 (Tues-Sat)	9-12	50	1:00pm -10am	\$350	\$245
Pre-High	July 12-16 (Mon-Fri)	8 Only	25	1:00pm -10am	\$350	\$245
Chi Rho	July 12-16 (Mon-Fri)	6-7	25	1:00pm -10am	\$350	\$245
Junior	June 14-18 (Mon-Fri)	4-5	50	1:00pm -10am	\$350	\$245
Primary 1	June 30-July 2 (Wed-Fri)	2-3	50	1:00pm -10am	\$255	\$180
Discovery	July 1-2 (Thurs-Fri)	K-1	45	1:00pm -10am	\$145	\$100

### SPECIALTY CAMPS

KCYF Mission Week: June 6-11 (Sun-Fri) Grades 8-12 Tawakoni, Augusta \$ 350 (max. 20)

Grand Camp 1: June 18-20 (Fri-Sun) All Ages (max. 40) 1:00 pm-10:00 am Adult \$ 150/ \$105 Child \$ 90 / \$63 reduced

Grand Camp 2: June 22-24 (Tues-Thurs) as above... (max. enrollment 40)

**\*\*Scholarship fund will reduce each fee by about 30% COVID-19 Reminder: We plan to meet in-person at Disciples Center. Face masks and social distancing precautions will be expected of all participants. If health authorities indicate it is not wise to hold camps we will move events online and refund registration fees.**

## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

\*\*Sign broken!! Come inside for message.

\*\*Can't sleep? Don't count sheep, talk to the Shepherd

\*\*God wants soul custody! Not weekend visitation

\*\*What if God asks "you" for a sign?

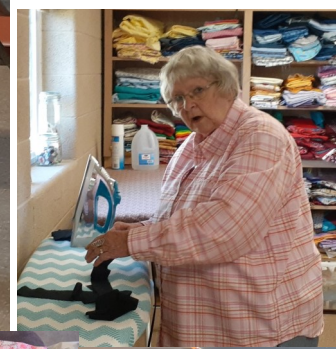


## Nifty Needlers

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



Look at that smile (Left)!! Remember, smiles are contagious. Having spent time with this group, I don't know how you can leave with anything less, on your face and in your heart. We share much more than a gift of 'needles' here...



These masks were made to put on the school bus for those who need them or forgot them!

## Thank You...

...To everyone there who remembers Lowell & Thelma Chatfield, I want to say "Hello". It meant SO much to me to be on your prayer list (in the newsletter). Whoever put us on - Thank You! We are having a hard time. Charley has become bedridden. My heart is filled with memories of 1st Christian.

Love Always, Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson

...to all who served in added roles while Pastor Doug was on vacation: **Kenny Griffith, Ron Vignery, & Tracy Hillmer**. You did a great job and are very much appreciated!!

FCC

...to **Serendipity Flower Shop** for donating the palms this year for Palm Sunday's service. It came with a hug and a cheerful "Happy Easter" - all of which was especially heart warming. Thanks again!

FCC

...My daughter, Leigh Ann, survived Covid and I believe that your prayers, fellow believers, were key to her healing. My sincere thank you to you all.

Joan Reid

...to **Jesus Christ** for being the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6), and for Your sacrificial love.

Your Church Body

## Lily donations

**Kenny & Janet Davis** - for Jim & Mildred Shaver, and John & Doris Jean Davis

**Sam Rethmann** - for Betty Rethmann

**Lois Cossman** - for Bob Cossman

**Donna Ruddell** - for Randy and Richard Ruddell

**Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson** - with love, in memory of Lowell & Thelma Chatfield, and in honor of Jeannie Pyles, Emma VanVleet, & Wanda Schneider

**Debbie Martin & family** - for Bud & Linda Fogo and Buford & Helen Hevner

**Ron & Judi Vignery** - for Glenn & Florence Vignery, Lowella Stiles, Watson & Annabelle Hevner, Tonya Armstrong Cook

**Doug & Belinda Amend, Derrick, Sara, Amanda, Cory, Rex, Althea** - for Don & Evelyn Amend, Pat Clothier, Cortney Weeks, and in honor of Rex Clothier's 91st birthday

**Emma VanVleet** - for Harold VanVleet and Geo. & Margaret VanVleet, Roy & Julia Everett

**Jeannie Pyles** - for Hal Pyles, Edgar & Ella Jackson, Lyle Jackson, Betty (Hay) Jackson



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## April 2021 Sermon Schedule

- April 4**                    **Easter**  
*Signs of the Covenant:*  
*Let Us Rejoice in His Salvation*  
 Isaiah 25: 6 – 9, Old Testament, Pg 568  
 (John 20: 1 – 18)
- April 11**                *Unless I See ... I Won't Believe*  
 John 20: 24 – 29, New Testament, Pg 883
- April 18**                *Do Whatever He Tells You*  
 John 2: 1 – 11, New Testament, Pg 862
- April 25**                *God is Love*  
 1 John 4: 7 – 12, New Testament, Pg 991
- May 2**                    *The True Wealth*  
 Proverbs 3:13 – 18, Old Testament, Pg 511



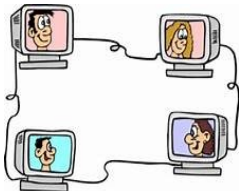
Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday. -Dale Carnegie

### Tuesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

Be sure to sign in for Pastor Doug's Zoom Bible study every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Discussion each week will be on the scripture that is to be used for the next Sunday's sermon.

Connect with others as we share our experiences, questions, and insights, and learn together!!



Adult Bible Studies



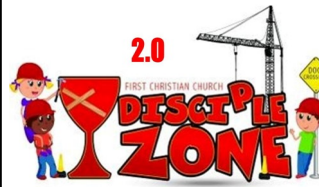
Encounter

### FRIENDSHIP CLASS Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

#### “Encounter”

We will be catching up on the material that was not used in this time of being apart.

Come check it out!!



Watch for the kick-off to the 2020-2021 season coming our way as decisions are made!!

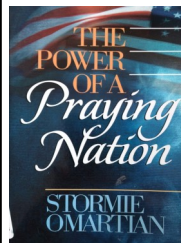
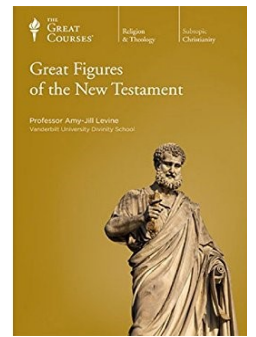
### BOAT CLASS

Sunday mornings

@ 9:15 a.m.

!!Now available on Zoom as well as in-person!!

With the interruption of class due to Covid-19, we are continuing with the book “Great Figures of the New Testament” written by Amy-Jill Levine.



### NOON PRAYER CLASS

!!Now Available On Zoom as well as in person!!

This newly obtained book, “The Power of a Praying Nation” by Stormie Omartian is a great reminder that we DO need to pray for our nation, esp. now with so much going on!

**On hold at this time.**

**Watch for the resume date.**

*Every Thursday @ 12:30 p.m.*

*Church Parlor*

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ZOOM CLASS (Sept-April)

Wed. nights at 7:00 p.m.

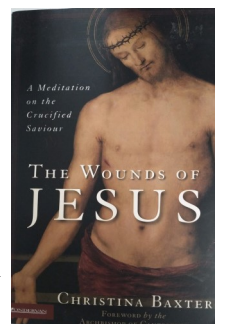
Through April 7th

~with Pastor Doug Amend~

#### *The Wounds of Jesus*

By Christina Baxter

Be sure to join us for this Lenten journey of learning.





# April 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1. Maundy Thurs</b> Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	<b>2. Good Friday</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>3.</b>
				 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service		
<b>4. EASTER</b> 9:00am Labyrinth Serv. 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15 a.m. Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 	<b>5.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>6.</b> 8:30am CWF General @ church parlor 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Property Comm. Meeting	<b>7.</b> 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Zoom book Study 7:00pm Choir practice	<b>8.</b> Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	<b>9.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>10.</b>
<b>11.</b> 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15am Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	<b>12.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>13.</b> 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 1:30pm Martha's Goldenrod Group @ church parlor 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 5:30 Worship Mtg	<b>14.</b> 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Choir practice	<b>15.</b> Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	<b>16.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>17.</b>
<b>18.</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15am Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 1:30pm Wheat Ridge Services	<b>19.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>20.</b> 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	<b>21.</b> 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Choir practice	<b>22.</b> Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	<b>23.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>24.</b>
<b>25.</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15am Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 4:00pm Elder's Mtg & Study	<b>26.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>27.</b> 10:00am Zoom Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	<b>28.</b> 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Choir practice	<b>29.</b> Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	<b>30.</b> 9:00am Exercise	

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 revdbamend@yahoo.com  
 Friendship Class 9:00 a.m.  
 Boat Class 9:15 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 2021**

	4	11	18	25	
<b>Elders</b>	Tim Armknecht, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Kim Cole, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Tracy Hillmer, Com	Tracy Hillmer, Off Ron Vignery, Com	<i>If, then, you</i>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<i>have been raised</i>	<i>with Christ,</i>	<i>set your hearts</i>	<i>on things above</i>	<i>where Christ is,</i>
<b>Greeter(s):</b>	<i>seated at the</i>	<i>right hand</i>	<i>of God.</i>	<i>Set your minds</i>	<i>on things</i>
<b>Servers</b>	<i>above, not on</i>	<i>earthly things.</i>	<i>For you</i>	<i>died, and</i>	<i>your life</i>
<b>Candlelighters</b>	<i>is now hidden</i>	<i>with Christ</i>	<i>in God.</i>	<i>When Christ,</i>	<i>who is</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	<i>your life</i>	<i>appears, then</i>	<i>you also</i>	<i>will appear</i>	<i>with him</i>
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	<i>in glory.</i>
<b>Snacks</b>	Thanks to the Church Members	Thanks to the Church Members	Thanks to the Church Members	Thanks to the Church Members	<i>Colossians 3:1-4 NIV</i>