

THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

April

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2023



Laundry seems to be something that never stops. Even as you are doing your laundry, you are wearing clothes that will be in the laundry tonight! It is not something you can stop learning about either. When I was a child my grandmother had a wringer washer and two wash tubs on the porch. She used the same laundry soap in every load. Clothes were wrung out as dry as possible by cranking that wringer – first to get out the wash water, and then to get out the rinse water. As time has gone by washers have improved. We must learn new things – which cycle is best for which clothes. We must decide whether to add extra softeners or special spot removers. Some washers use a very limited amount of water, some have no agitators at all. Just because I knew how to do the laundry as a child, doesn't mean I will know how to do it when I go to visit my children. Their washers have complicated buttons and dials, and require special soaps used only in limited amounts.

Studying the Bible is kind of like doing the laundry. It is something we need to do all the time to become better Christians. When we were children, we were taught basic tenants from the Bible. As it says in Corinthians 13: 11 *“When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”*

As we mature in our faith we are called to dig deeper into God's word. I asked someone recently what their favorite Bible verse is, and he told me “The one I read today.” I think that is something I should remember too. Just like doing the laundry is an almost daily occurrence, reading and studying my Bible should be something I do every day. Every day things are changing and we need to adapt to those changes. God's word is full of help for all of us as we meet the challenges of the day. My problems are no longer the ones I had as a child. In order to be the best Christian I can be, I need to read and understand the Bible.

Something that has helped me are the weekly Bible studies we are now having at our church. I am not the best student. I struggle with some of the big words, and I struggle even more with some of the big ideas that the Bible contains. But Don is a great teacher and is very patient with all of us. If you have time on Tuesdays, please join us!

Grace and blessings,
Joy Hayden

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Roger Collins
 Galen Cooper Lois Cossman
 John & Glenda Hamilton
 Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson
 Lonnie Kerr Craig Lawson
 Jennifer Martin Vetha Petty
 Jo & Bob Simmons
 Bernie Taylor Emma Van Vleet



Please pray for our Active Military:

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



4/4	Alisha Coad
4/5	Abel Ontiveroz Keith Bowman Don Warren
4/7	Weston Toplikar
4/9	Dylan Hageman Sherri Shoff 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	Joan Reid
4/23	Darrick Ihrig Lindsay Biernacki
4/26	Daryl Barber

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
3/5	\$2452.77	\$1948.00	-\$504.77	65
3/12	\$2452.77	\$2592.00	+\$139.23	52
3/19	\$2452.77	\$1306.13	-\$1146.64	54
3/26	\$2452.77	\$1360.00	-\$1092.77	43



~More food, More fellowship~

Don't miss out! There will be a potluck dinner after church on April 30th. Be sure to come and enjoy each other's company as we are nourished in more ways than one... How often would you like to have these dinners? Connie (785-821-4433)



Thank you, Debbie Martin, for taking such good care of the planter boxes - they are so inviting and welcoming at the entrance to the church!!



4/7	Darrick & Valerie Ihrig
4/13	Terry & Cara Daise
4/21	Mark & Emily Luckert
4/23	Bryan & Trista Guyer



There will be an Easter egg hunt following the church service on April 9th!!

Kids: stay and have fun

Adults: stay and watch the fun



NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

Paper towels

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



Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ♦ The Ministerial Alliance was asking for donations to help sponsor the movie “Jesus Revolution”. It was decided to donate \$250 towards making this a free movie for all.
- ♦ Kevin Rasure is building a shelf for a special book that chronicles the Bible.
- ♦ New playground equipment is being looked at and would cost around \$6-8,000. Funding is being discussed.
- ♦ The CWF donated the money for a new vacuum cleaner for the church.
- ♦ An anonymous donor is paying for 4 new wireless microphones and other misc things to help with the sound issue in church.
- ♦ The Installation Committee has been formed to make the proper plans for Pastor Don’s installation and the arrival of Terri Hord-Owens.



Meals on Wheels

In May, it will be our turn to deliver the Meals on Wheels food to those who need help with getting healthy food to eat. Our assigned timeframe is May 1st -15th.

Please call Connie Grieve @ 785-821-4433 or Debbie Martin @ 785-899-6937 to signup for the days you can help with this.

It is a gratifying project to participate in and can be a fun time as well if done in conjunction with others!

From the Church Mouse:



It is with great joy we are told that, after 1825 days of praying, there is a baby Heiter on the way!

Yes, Nathan and Brooke Heiter are looking forward to adding to their family in October 2023—Congrats!!

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies make the sanctuary have a very celebrative feeling (and smell good)!



If you would like to provide a lily in memory or honor of others, please let the office know. The cost is \$10 each this year.

Thank you for making the Easter season special in this way!

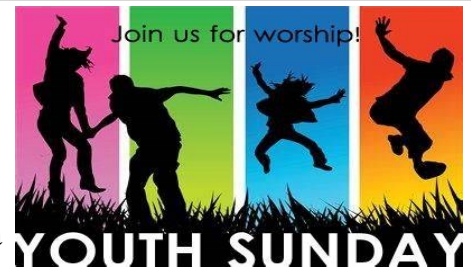
~~~SAVE THE DATE~~~



On July 8th & 9th there will be special events in the life of the church as we have the long-awaited installation of our “new” pastor. This to include meals, services, and a special visit from the Disciples of Christ General Minister and President, Terri Hord Owens.

What a blessing this will be to all, so we don’t want you to miss being a part of this special time of charge & celebration!!

Youth Sunday is making a return!



Yes, that’s right! The FCC Youth Group is planning a portion of the worship service for April 30th and will be actively carrying it out. This will grow with time and experience as they learn more about the worship service itself as well as making it meaningful.

Be sure to encourage these young folks and their leaders as they step out and try new things!



*You Are
Cordially
Invited!*

Join us for the installation of
Rev. Tom Stanley
Co-Regional Minister and President
Christian Church in Kansas (Disciples of Christ)

Service begins at
2 p.m. on Saturday, April 29,
at McPherson First Christian Church,
101 S Walnut St

A reception will follow the worship service.

A live stream of the service will be available through the regional website, www.kansasdisciples.org, for those unable to attend in-person.

Who Am I?

Last month's "Who am I?" was **Pat Campbell**



1. Do you have a favorite Easter tradition? Doing Easter egg hunts with the grandkids
2. Easter often times reminds us of our baptism. Where were you baptized? How old were you? I was baptized at First Christian Church by Pastor Roy Bishop when I was in the 6th grade, should have been about 11 y/o.
3. What is your favorite item on the table for Easter dinner? My fork. Okay - I've never had a bad item for Easter dinner, but my best would be scalloped potatoes & a good ham.
4. If you had another profession other than the one you currently have, what would you like it to be? A fulltime retired person. Something where I get to talk with alot of people.
5. Do you prefer hot or cold weather? Neither one ever bothers me much, but the older I get, I prefer warm weather.
6. Tell us three words that describe what God means to you? Savior, Grace, my strength, plus many more.
7. We hope there are many, but can you name one thing that makes our church special to you? Always the feeling of being welcome.
8. Describe your history with First Christian Church, Goodland, Ks: Was raised up in the church until around 1988 when my family left to explore other churches. We returned on & off to come to special events and just like a bad penny, I keep returning.



Since this box is 'sandwiched' between the "Who Am I?" and the "Kid's Puzzle", I thought it would be appropriate to put this notification from Debbie Martin here...

Calling all sandwich makers, we are scheduled to start making sandwiches for the summer youth food program for the months of June and July. Watch the May newsletter for more information.



It is hard to realize, but kids are going hungry in the summer without the school food to depend on.

Kids Puzzle (for the kids - big and little):

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(1 John 4:19)

Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- **The best things in life aren't things
- **Anger hardens the heart, forgiveness melts it!
- **What on earth are you doing for heaven's sake?!



Thank You...

...to Susan Short for the gift of a large bag of crayons for the children. It was nice of you to think of them! FCC

A BIG Thank You to the guys, gals and kiddos who help with the latest Potluck dinner. It takes lots of helpers to set up, cut pies and cakes, set out food dishes and then clean up and wash dishes. It was very much appreciated. Those that stayed enjoyed good food while visiting with each other. From Membership and Outreach, Connie

...to Harriet Warren (& Pastor Don) for the supplies to fill the Easter eggs with for the egg hunt. We appreciate you both in many ways & the kids will have a grand time for sure!! FCC



The cake says it all~ all but how much she is loved!

Recently Gorda Adelgren celebrated 80 years of making a difference in the lives of those around her! I don't know if the "Happy Birthday sunglasses" were needed because of the candles on the cake or the bright smiling faces at the party!? We hope to enjoy her company for many years to come!

An opportunity to support a broader ministry:

The Easter Offering, received by most congregations on April 2 and April 9, supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for hospital/military chaplains, pastors, and so much more.



The offering also supports many General Ministries including NBA, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Global Ministries, New Church Ministries, and more!

Nifty Needlers



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



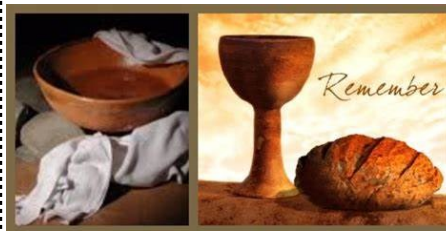
These lap blankets are being prepared to give to the Goodland Regional Medical Center for their patients. They will be dedicated soon in a service. A prayer will go along with each blanket for God's loving and healing presence!

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."



Maundy Thursday Service

April 6th we will have a Maundy Thursday service at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will begin with a light soup meal and a communion service to follow. This



will lead us into the remainder of Holy Week in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

CWF Events

The next meeting will be Wed., April 12th, at 2:00pm. Glenda Hamilton will have the devotion and Jo Simmons will serve refreshments.

**Be sure to attend—we will be discussing the Pastor's Installation plans.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

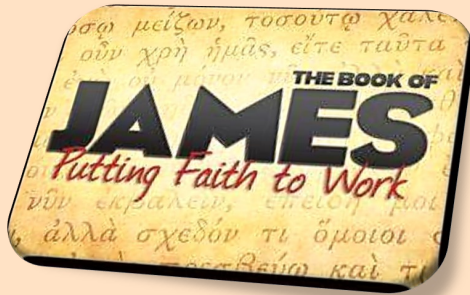
Bible Study

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

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!



Started in January:



FRIENDSHIP CLASS



Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

**“The Life of Faith”
Doubt and Wisdom
April**

The Spiritual Practice
of Meditation

Apr 2 ~ Your Will Be Done

Apr 9 ~ Resurrection Turns Everything
Downside Up

Apr 16 ~ Too Good to Be True?

Apr 23 ~ Unwrapping the Gift of the Resurrection

Apr 30 ~ A Living Hope and a Non-Perishable
Inheritance



!!ALL NEW!!

DISCIPLE ZONE 2.0

Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.,
Toddler—5th Grade

We are trying something new this fall - Disciple Zone will be held each Sunday during the 10:30am Church Service. If you cannot be present, we still hope you will bring your kiddos!

Questions? Call Tricia Meier @ 785-728-7045

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YOUTH

GROUP

6th-12th Grade

Each Sunday @ 5:30pm

In the youth room

!! Come, be a part !!

Tricia Meier @ 785-728-7045

<<Game Day Group>>

Ever wanted to get together with others and play different (and familiar) card games, dominos, or any other type of game?? Well, this is your day, because that is what this group is doing!

Please come join in whenever you can.



Every Thursday @ 1:00 p.m.
Church Parlor





April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2. Palm Sunday 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 5:30pm FCC Youth Grp	3. 9:00am Exercise	4. 10:00 Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	5. 9:00am Exercise 7pm Choir Practice	6. Maundy Thurs 1:00pm Game Day Group 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	7. Good Friday 9:00am Exercise	1. <hr/> 8.
9. Easter Sunday 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 5:30pm FCC Youth Grp	10. 9:00am Exercise	11. 10:00 Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	12. 9:00am Exercise 2:00pm CWF Mtg. 7pm Choir Practice	13. 1:00pm Game Day Group	14. 9:00am Exercise	15.
16. <i>7:30am Board Meeting</i> 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 1:30pm Service at Wheat Ridge 5:30pm FCC Youth Grp	17. 9:00am Exercise	18. 10:00 Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	19. 9:00am Exercise 7pm Choir Practice	20. 1:00pm Game Day Group	21. 9:00am Exercise	22.
23. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 5:30pm FCC Youth Grp	24. 9:00am Exercise	25. 10:00 Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	26. 9:00am Exercise 7pm Choir Practice	27. 1:00pm Game Day Group _____ Elder's	28. 9:00am Exercise Retreat_____	29. _____
30. Youth Sunday 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 Fellowship Dinner 5:30pm FCC Youth Grp						

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Pastor's Cell (870) 692-7242 (Pastor Don Warren)
Church E-mail: fccd@st-tel.net

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 Sunday mornings during worship.
Fcc Youth Group Sunday evening.

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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 2023

	2	9	16	23	30
Elders	Dick Hayden, Off Kim Cole, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Kim Cole, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Terry Smith, Com	Terry Smith, Off Debbie Griffith, Com
Worship Leader	Birkley Barnes	Glenda Hamilton	Jo Simmons	Lois Cossman	Youth
Greeter(s): FCC Youth Grp	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
A/V Tech-Closer	Terry Smith	Andrew Luna	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith

Daniel 6: 25-28

In Keeping with Scripture OR Scripturally Speaking

Then king Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: "May you have abundant prosperity! I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: For he is the living God, enduring forever. He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions." So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

****Sometimes it takes a lion's den to find our blessings.**