

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

August

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2021

*Matthew 5: 13-16 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*



Have you ever been in a bad mood and was then with a group of people so positive and fun-loving that it was impossible to maintain that bad mood? Their words and laughter were so infectious that it sucked you in to their mindset no matter how hard you tried not to be. You were upset, and the reason was bona-fide, and you had a right to be mad, and no one could take that away from you! First, there was a crack of a smile and when you realized it happened, you quickly stifled it. Then a little chuckle sneaked out and you closed your mouth so it wouldn't happen again. Pretty soon, a positive word or two found a crack to surface through and, well, the dam that was holding back the flood waters broke and you gave up that 'tude you had been sporting.

The opposite can also be true. You can be in a care-free, content frame of mind, and get into a situation where there is nothing but negativity with gloom and doom all around. You leave feeling that there is no hope and you might as well give up and crawl in a hole somewhere until it's all over. No doubt, there is a time and place for difficult discussions. But, even then, there is a way to go about it which is honoring to God and those present.

It is said that there is nothing new under the sun, and if we find ourselves in tough spots, all we have to do is open the Bible and see that this is still true. Paul, Job, Joseph, and many, many others give us examples of holding fast to our faith in the midst of problematic situations, and how to be what we are called to be in a fragmented world.

God calls us to be salt and light in the world. We are also called to live "in" the world, but not "of" it. Attitudes and how we go about things are not only seen & heard, but also felt by others – which in turn is passed along to yet others, whether we realize we are passing it on or not. There is an infectious component to how we conduct ourselves and live our lives. It bears careful examination of one's self to ask, "What am I spreading these days?" & "Am I purposefully trying to make a positive difference in my sphere of influence?"

Hope, faith, and positivity abounds - *look for it, be it, spread it* – in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings as we journey together,

Debbie Griffith

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| George Adelgren                     | Roger Collins |
| Galen Cooper                        | Vetha Cormier |
| Alice Jackson                       |               |
| Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson |               |
| Carolyn Kerr                        | Lonnie Kerr   |
| Sharon Mann                         | Marie Marsh   |
| Catherine Parisi                    | Yolanda Petty |
| Wanda Schneider                     | Mike Stamm    |
| Ione Todd                           | Emma VanVleet |

### Wheat Ridge (main building)

Dwight "Bud" Perrey Etta Mae Keirns

### Please pray for our Active Military:

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



|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| 8/1  | Dave Hageman                          |
| 8/2  | Dwight Briney                         |
| 8/3  | Kenton Keith                          |
| 8/4  | Jo Simmons<br>Tyler Jones             |
| 8/6  | Mark Luckert                          |
| 8/9  | Chalee Luther                         |
| 8/10 | Bernie Taylor                         |
| 8/19 | Braxton Meier                         |
| 8/21 | Joshua Vignery                        |
| 8/22 | Hunter Jenner<br>Brodi Meier          |
| 8/24 | Savanna Brown                         |
| 8/26 | Terry Morris                          |
| 8/27 | Michelle Kibel                        |
| 8/29 | Amanda Jolly Sisson                   |
| 8/31 | Kyla Ontiveroz Dominick<br>John Guyer |

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

| Date | Amt Needed | Offering  | Over/Short | In-Person |
|------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 7/4  | \$1994.75  | \$2119.00 | +\$124.25  | 30        |
| 7/11 | \$1994.75  | \$4075.00 | +\$2080.25 | 33        |
| 7/18 | \$1994.75  | \$1932.00 | -\$62.75   | 37        |
| 7/25 | \$1994.75  | \$955.00  | -\$1039.75 | 36        |

### From the Kansas Messenger:

Start collecting those auction Items and Mark your Calendar! The Disciples Center at Tawakoni Annual Gala & Auction is coming soon!



The annual Gala & Auction is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, at Tawakoni. This event is a fundraiser for capital improvements and camp scholarships. The morning begins with a silent auction followed by dinner around noon and a live auction.



Details about how you can participate in the 2021 event will be published as they come available.



### NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Pinesol            | Toilet bowl cleaner          |
| Clorox wipes       | Pumice stone scouring sticks |
| Disinfectant spray |                              |

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



|      |                        |
|------|------------------------|
| 8/1  | Terry & Kara Smith     |
| 8/2  | Jason & Erin Biernacki |
| 8/3  | Jed & Tranda Strnad    |
| 8/13 | Darla & Bob Brock      |
| 8/21 | Jay & Carol Jolly      |

## Thank You...

...to all who prayed/texted/called and filled the various vacancies while we were in Denver on such short notice. You are truly the hands and feet of Christ!

Kenny & Debbie Griffith

...to Janet Davis for helping with the cleaning while our janitor is taking some time off. We so appreciate all the many things you do that may go unseen as well!  
Your FCC family

...to all who participated in the making and delivering of the lunches for the sack lunch program this summer. You made a difference in the lives of these hungry children this summer—bless you!!

...to those who help with the Commodities Distribution so faithfully. Again, feeding the hungry is vital!!

## USDA Commodities Distribution

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

**Monday, Aug 23 @ 1:30-2:30pm**



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



On August 11th, we will begin our 'new CWF year' with a gathering in the church parlor.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the start of a year of fellowship & learning with each other, for God's use and glory!!

Unforgiveness is like drinking rat poison hoping the rat will die. It affects us more than them!



Yes, you read correctly (no need to go clean your glasses!). The Membership & Evangelism Committee is hosting a potluck dinner after worship services on Sunday, Aug. 15th.

Make plans to bring some food and stay for this treat that we are all so fond of. Historically, this means GOOD FOOD and GOOD FELLOWSHIP, both of which we are all fond of!! See you there - yummmmm!

**Bernie Taylor's** daughters are hosting a Nifty Needler's birthday party for her on Tues., Aug. 10th @ 2:00 p.m. in the parlor.

Bernie is a quiet, talented & dedicated quilter in the Nifty Needlers group. She not only works on quilts through-



out that time period, but comes to the church on 'off hours' to be sure a project makes progress or gets finished on time.

We are honored to help her celebrate another year of life—which is as much of a gift to us as it is to her!!

## Snippets from the June Board Meeting

- ♦ The Elders have implemented intentional ways in which we can best serve the congregations needs during the time in between ministers.
- ♦ The CYF will be looking for additional volunteers to run the Sinko game at the fair. It will be a joint venture with the Girl Scouts this year.
- ♦ The Worship Committee is actively working with the elders on maintaining pulpit supply until a new minister comes.
- ♦ VBS this year will again be held in conjunction with the Methodist Church. Since it was at our church last time, we will be meeting at their church, July 26-29. Volunteers are needed.
- ♦ From the Property Committee: Sprinkler system was repaired with possible need for more work. An oven pilot light is being looked at as it won't stay lit.
- ♦ Pastoral Search Committee has finished the church profile, but needed the board's approval in regards to the salary package to be offered. It will go to the regional office immediately so any candidate(s) we are currently unaware of may be considered.
- ♦ Pulpit supply and fill-in musician fees were discussed and approved.
- ♦ Birkley Barnes submitted a request on behalf of the Federated Music Club for use of church on August 29th & March 6th. It was approved for them to have a meal and hold their musical presentations.

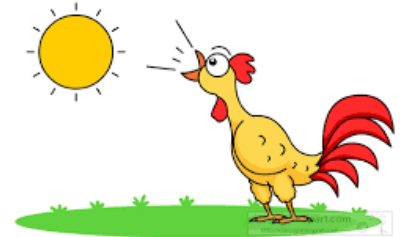
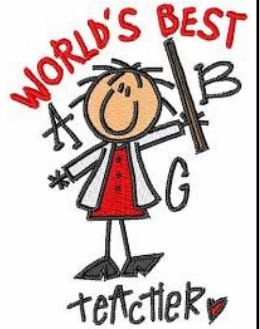




## WHO AM I?

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

1. Tell us about one of your favorite vacations: Time at the lake with family.
2. Who have you been friends with the longest, that you are still in touch with? Avis Alcorn
3. What do you look most (or least) forward to as fall nears? When the leaves change their colors
4. What is your favorite time of day? Morning
5. When you were growing up what did you want to be? A teacher
6. What is your favorite food? Lobster
7. What do you like most about living in Goodland, Ks? The friendly people
8. What is your favorite aspect of this church? The friendliness & the church family.

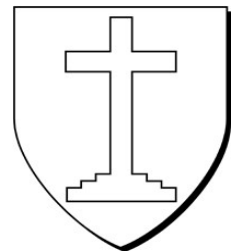


### **We're Back, Partners!!**

**Yup, the Eldorado Shootout is makin' a return to these here parts and we would luv to see ya' at the shindig we is plannin'!**

**Y'all come right on back to the church on Sept. 12th @ 5p.m. fer hotdogs 'n hamburgers with all the trimmin's and some singin'.**

**YEE-HAW!!**



### **The Graded Cross** **(on our communion table)**

This cross is composed of a Latin cross set atop three steps representing the three virtues. The lowest step represents charity, upon which the other virtues are based. The second step represents hope. The third step is faith.

## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- \*\*The best way up is down on your knees!!
- \*\*You do not need twitter to follow God
- \*\*Son screen prevents sin burn
- \*\* Exercise daily—walk with the Lord
- \*\*Need a life-guard? He walks on water.



### An email received from Ruth Winkler recently reads:

My husband's--John Park Winkler--funeral service will be Saturday, September 18, 11 a.m. at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 612 Throckmorton Street, Fort Worth, Texas. A reception will follow.

For family and friends who cannot travel to Fort Worth, you may join the service virtually at this link: <<https://zoom.us/j/97020083336?pwd=WkpDbThmOTZlc2pYb1N5Z0pVRmlhQT09>> Or the church's Facebook page at <<https://www.facebook.com/FortWorthFCC>> and view the worship service there.

Thank you for your prayers and support during this indescribable time!

F. Ruth Winkler  
7201 Astoria Ct.  
Watauga, TX 76148  
660.464.2589

Ruth & family: Thank you for letting us know so we may surround you with our love and prayers in this way at such a difficult time.

FCC (DOC) Goodland, Ks



### !! Retreat Time !!

Our 2021 retreat will be in person this year at Disciples Center at Camp Tawakoni!

The theme this year is "*Who Needs a Bridge.*" The midweek retreat is scheduled for October 6-8 followed by the weekend retreat October 8-10.

The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe from Bloomington, Illinois and we know you will find her messages filled with inspiration and hope..

Go to [www.kansasdisciples.org](http://www.kansasdisciples.org) and register online or see the front bulletin board for printed copies of the full information & registration form.

If you are unable to attend the entire retreat, a partial registration is offered.

## Nifty Needlers

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



In this group, there are days that you may be feeling ambitious and excited about your project. You may work feverishly to get this one thing finished, or just want to see how the colors will work out. Your enthusiasm might even make you stand on a chair so everyone can see!

Then, there are days in which you bring something to work on, and it is too much effort. You just need a break from doing anything and enjoy the fellowship!



We take you just as you are. If you need encouragement, we give it. If you need someone to spur you on, we do. If you need someone to be excited with, we join you. Come join us, no matter your situation!!!

This is the quilt that is being offered for raffle!

Thanks to Gorda Adalgren and the Nifty Needlers, it is a vibrant sight to behold.

Tickets are:  
\$2/each or  
5 for \$5

You have to see it to fully appreciate it's beauty!





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Sermon Schedule

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>Aug 1</b>  | Rev. Dr. Kent Myron Scott                                  |
| <b>Aug 8</b>  | David Branda   |
| <b>Aug 15</b> | A service of "The Life of Jesus in Song"<br>The Griffith's |
| <b>Aug 22</b> | TBA  |
| <b>Aug 29</b> | Kim Cole   |

Many thanks to those who delivered messages in July. God speaks to each of us through willing vessels like YOU!! (in sign language and drama, too!)



## **FRIENDSHIP CLASS** **Every Sunday at 9 a.m.** **"Respond"** **Aug.—The Five Stages of Job**

Aug. 1 ~ Worship  
Aug. 8 ~ Resignation  
Aug. 15 ~ Protest  
Aug. 22 ~ Angry Despair  
Aug. 29 ~ Acceptance

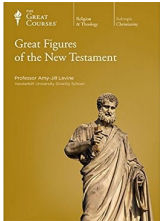


Watch for the kick-off to the 2021-2022 season coming our way as decisions are made!!

## **BOAT CLASS** **Sunday mornings** **@ 9:15 a.m.**

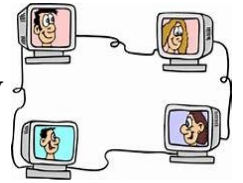
**!!Now available on Zoom as well as in-person!!**

We are taking a break for the summer. See you in September!

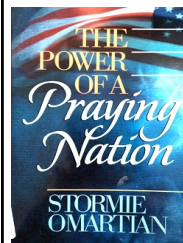


## **Tuesday Morning Zoom** **Bible Study**

This study group typically breaks for the summer.



Look for any changes to come!!



## **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!

**This study resuming in Sept.!! Come join us in study and prayer!!**

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

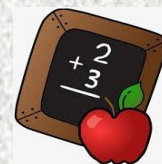
## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT** **ZOOM CLASS (Sept-April)**

Wed. nights at 7:00 p.m.

We are finished for the summer and will look forward to what is ahead for this class in September.



# August 2021



| Sun   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu                                | Fri                           | Sat        |
|---|--|--|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>1.</b><br>9:00am Friendship Class<br>10:00am Fellowship time<br>10:30am Worship<br>In-person & Online  | <b>2.</b><br>9:00am Exercise   | <b>3.</b><br><br>2:00pm Nifty<br>Needlers  | <b>4.</b><br>9:00am Exercise                         | <b>5.</b>                          | <b>6.</b><br>9:00am Exercise  | <b>7.</b>  |
| <b>8.</b><br>7:30am Board Meeting<br>9:00am Friendship Class<br>10:00am Fellowship time<br>10:30am Worship<br>In-person & Online  | <b>9.</b><br>9:00am Exercise   | <b>10.</b><br><br>2:00pm Nifty<br>Needlers | <b>11.</b><br>9:00am Exercise<br><br>2:00pm CWF Mtg. | <b>12.</b>                         | <b>13.</b><br>9:00am Exercise | <b>14.</b> |
| <b>15.</b><br>9:00am Friendship Class<br>10:00am Fellowship time<br>10:30am Worship<br>In-person & Online<br><br>Noon-Fellowship Dinner<br>1:30pm Wheat<br>Ridge Services | <b>16.</b><br>9:00am Exercise  | <b>17.</b><br><br>2:00pm Nifty<br>Needlers | <b>18.</b><br>9:00am Exercise                        | <b>19.</b> School Starts<br>(PRAY) | <b>20.</b><br>9:00am Exercise | <b>21.</b> |
| <b>22.</b><br>9:00am Friendship Class<br>10:00am Fellowship time<br>10:30am Worship<br>In-person & Online   | <b>23.</b><br>9:00am Exercise<br><br>1:30-2:30 pm<br>Commodities<br>Distribution | <b>24.</b><br><br>2:00pm Nifty<br>Needlers | <b>25.</b><br>9:00am Exercise                        | <b>26.</b>                         | <b>27.</b><br>9:00am Exercise | <b>28.</b> |
| <b>29.</b><br>9:00am Friendship Class<br>10:00am Fellowship time<br>10:30am Worship<br>In-person & Online   | <b>30.</b><br>9:00am Exercise  | <b>31.</b><br><br>2:00pm Nifty<br>Needlers |  |                                    |                               |            |

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Church   | (785) 890-5233                   |
| Pastor's Cell  |                                  |
| E-mail:  | fccdoc@st-tel.net                |
| 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.<br>(classes for children and adults!)                                 |                                  |
| The Christian Echo is sent to you as a member or friend of<br>First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Goodland, Ks |                                  |
| <b>CHECK IT OUT!</b><br><a href="http://www.goodlandfccdoc.org">www.goodlandfccdoc.org</a>                               |                                  |

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)

## August 2021

|   | 1  | 8                                    | 15                                     | 22  | 29                                     |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Elders</b>                                     | Tracy Hillmer, Off<br>Tim Armknecht, Com | Kim Cole, Off<br>Ron Vignery, Com    | Dick Hayden, Off<br>Debbie Martin, Com | Tim Armknecht, Off<br>Kenny Griffith, Com | Tracy Hillmer, Off<br>Ron Vignery, Com |
| <b>Worship Leader</b>                             | Kara Smith                               | Ron Vignery                          | Kenny Griffith                         | Terry Smith                               | Lois Cossman                           |
| <b>Greeter(s):<br/>Adult S-School<br/>Classes</b> | Lois Cossman                             | Bob & Mary Smith                     | Marie Marsh                            | Birkley Barnes                            | Emma VanVleet                          |
| <b>Servers</b>                                    | <i>If my people</i>                      | <i>who are called<br/>by my name</i> | <i>humble themselves,</i>              | <i>Pray, seek my face</i>                 | <i>and turn from</i>                   |
| <b>Candlelighters</b>                             | <i>their wicked ways,</i>                | <i>then I will hear</i>              | <i>from heaven</i>                     | <i>and will forgive</i>                   | <i>their sin</i>                       |
| <b>Nursery</b>                                    | <i>and</i>                               | <i>heal</i>                          | <i>their</i>                           | <i>land.</i>                              | <i>2 Chronicles 7: 14</i>              |
| <b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>                            | Terry Smith                              | Kenny Griffith                       | Terry Smith                            | Kenny Griffith                            | Terry Smith                            |
| <b>Snacks</b>                                     | Generous Gifters                         | Generous Gifters                     | Generous Gifters                       | Generous Gifters                          | Generous Gifters                       |