

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

August

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2022

I was born in 1965, the same year, there were the race riots in Watts, Dr. King marched on Selma, the Voting Rights Act was signed, and the St. Louis Arch was completed. In 1965, the following items could be purchased for \$1: 3 gallons of gas, a gallon of milk, 20 Hershey bars, a movie ticket, 20 first class postage stamps. You could also purchase a double cheeseburger with fries and a salad and even ice cream for dessert, all for \$1. My how the times they have changed, who knew.... Paul Harvey knew.



In 1965, Paul Harvey broadcast these words: “If I were the devil ... If I were the Prince of Darkness, I’d want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I’d have a third of its real estate, and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn’t be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree — the United States. So, I’d set about however necessary to take over the United States. I’d subvert the churches first — I’d begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: ‘Do as you please.’”

“To the young, I would whisper that ‘The Bible is a myth.’ I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what’s bad is good, and what’s good is ‘square.’ And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, ‘Our Father, which art in Washington...’

“And then I’d get organized. I’d educate authors on how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I’d threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I’d pedal narcotics to whom I could. I’d sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I’d tranquilize the rest with pills.

“If I were the devil, I’d soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings, I’d have mesmerizing media fanning the flames. If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions — just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you’d have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

“Within a decade I’d have prisons overflowing, I’d have judges promoting pornography — soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress. And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money. If I were the devil, I’d make the symbol of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

“If I were the devil, I’d take from those who have, and give to those who want until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious.

“And what do you bet I could get whole states to promote gambling as the way to get rich? I would caution against extremes and hard work in Patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on the TV is the way to be. And thus, I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil, I’d just keep right on doing what he’s doing.” Satan is real. Too many dismissed the idea as nothing but a fairy tale. Correct me if I am wrong, but I thought most fairy tales have happy endings and “they lived happily ever after.”

*Just Don*

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Roger Collins	Galen Cooper
Vetha Cormier	John & Glenda Hamilton
Doug Hilty	Lonnie Kerr
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Jennifer Martin	
Sharon Mann	Marie Marsh
Braxton Meier	Jeannie Pyles
Kollins Smades	Bernie Taylor
Ione Todd	Shelley Wamsley



### 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 Tyler Jones
8/6	Mark Luckert
8/9	Chalee Luther
8/10	Bernie Taylor
8/19	Braxton Meier
8/21	Josh Vignery
8/22	Hunter Jenner Brodi Meier
8/24	Savanna Brown
8/26	Terry Morris
8/27	Michelle Kibel
8/29	Amanda Jolly-Sisson
8/31	Kyla Ontiveroz Dominick John Guyer

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
7/3	\$2,249.70	\$1657.00	-\$592.70	51
7/10	\$2,249.70	\$3245.00	+\$995.30	71
7/17	\$2,249.70	\$4787.00	+\$2537.30	58
7/24	\$2,249.70	\$2225.00	-\$24.70	48
7/31	\$2,249.70	\$1594.32	-\$655.38	41



Many thanks to Kenny Grieve & Kenny Griffith for the many hours spent recently working on the new security system. The old, unusable system had to be removed before installing the new system. One camera will show the front entry-way/sidewalk/parking lot and another will cover the playground/labyrinth area. When completed, both offices will be able to view these images as well as other remote access capabilities.



## NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:



Toilet Paper  
Clorox Wipes

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
8/21	Jay & Carol Jolly



## Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ◆ Property Committee: Bathroom towel dispensers have been replaced in the nursery & large ladies restroom, vacuum cleaner required repairs, and the lighted sign door was repaired.
- ◆ Outreach & Mission Committee: 47 families were served in the last distribution.
- ◆ Tracy Hillmer is moving at the end of July. Therefore, has resigned from the board, Outreach & Mission Committee head, leader of Commodities Distributions, and elder. With the help of local volunteers, she will come back to help with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.
- ◆ The use of church paperwork has been completed and approval given for the Imhof Family to meet again the day after Thanksgiving this November. A donation was received in appreciation of this privilege.
- ◆ The suggestion was made that we should consider doing a new church directory. Options will be considered.

**Have any to spare?** The kitchen ladies are asking for small plastic containers with lids to use for leftovers. Soooo, bring those butter, cottage cheese, sour cream, etc. containers right on in and we will put them to good use!!



## Newest Candlelighters

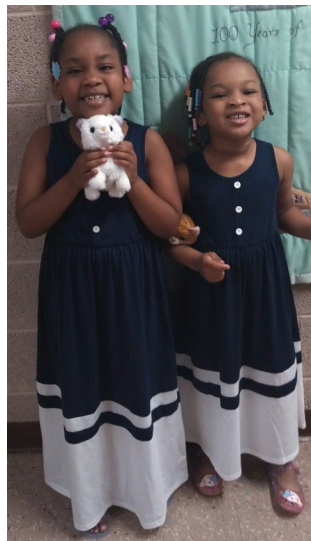
We are so happy to add these three to the “experienced candlelighters list”. Their enthusiasm for this very important part of worship is catching!!

Thanks to **Audra Keith** for helping & being such a great example!!



Above: **Margaret Stefan** after her great first day of candlelighting.

Right: **Skylar & Grace Warren**—experienced lighters who came to visit Grandpa (Pastor) and are happy to serve!



## USDA Commodities Distribution

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

**August (22?), 2022 @ 1:30pm**



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



## CWF EVENTS

**CWF LADIES**—It’s time to come back together for another year of the plans God has for us to be and do!!

The first meeting will be on Wed., August 10th, at 2:00pm in the parlor. Let’s come with a fresh new perspective and willing spirit.



Check out the office to discover what an “**Ebinezzer**” is...

1 Samuel 7:12 might give you a clue, but you need to see the real thing. Thanks to Glenn Snider for his handiwork that is on display. This is the smaller one and the larger one may just show up some day as well.

I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us.

- John Henry Newman

## A Raffle is a-comin' Y'All

The Elders will be raffling chances for an airplane ride with Pastor Don Warren. The drawing will be at the Elderado Shootout in September. Watch for the particulars, but I do know that your ticket will have 3 chances to win!! (Not sure how they are tying airplanes with the cowboy theme? haha) Proceeds will go to support the needs of teachers & for the students they teach who have needs.







## **WHO AM I?**

Last month's "Who am I?" was **Birkley Barnes**



1. What is your favorite dessert? Cookies and ice cream
2. Do you have a favorite board or card game? Nertz
3. Do you have a keepsake from childhood? Lamb cakepan
4. Do you have a favorite vacation memory or tradition that you would like to share? Visiting Silver Dollar City
5. Where is a place you want to visit, but haven't been to yet—or would love to go back to? Paris, France to see the Eiffel Tower
6. Where were you born? Pratt, Ks
7. You have many qualities, but name one that you hope people see in you— Caring and compassion
8. Do you have a pet peeve? Rude people
9. How long have you worshiped at FCC? 28 years (including my time in Dodge)



### **Vacation Bible School 2022**

VBS was a great experience for young and old alike! An average of 60 children were in attendance each of the four nights, which kept the teachers hopping! There was an emphasis on "God's way of peace" in all situations. This was accomplished in lessons, singing, crafts, games, and a meal/snack each night.

An offering was collected each night and yielded a total of \$301.92. Both churches will come back together for an outreach project yet to be determined (something like Christmas boxes?).



Little Grace Warren celebrated her birthday with everyone at VBS. She was a 'grown-up' 5 years old and will tell you she is a woman now!



*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Matt. 5:9*



## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- \*\*For a special treat try one of our Sundays!
- \*\*God wants full custody, not just weekend visits
- \*\*TGIF—Thank God I'm Forgiven



A BIG thank you to~

~Tony and Debbie Martin for helping out by tending to the weeding of the cracks in the sidewalk, driveway, and parking lot. We appreciate you!!

~Andrew Luna for the gift of the special microphone that we needed for the recording of the Bible Study Classes. We can now hear much more clearly when someone needs to miss class but wants to keep up by watching the recording. What a blessing!

~Connie Grieve for minding the office the two days I was away. Hope I didn't leave you too much to do!? DG



More wise words:

If you can't pray about it, then don't do it!!

It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it.

You only fail when you stop trying.

## People need to be 'watered', too!

In case you haven't noticed, there is a cooler by the entrance of the playground with cold bottles of water in it. In the recent heat wave, kids may need to have increased hydration and no immediate access to any. I think some adult type big kids may have had needs as well as they work outside.



Thanks to Dick & Joy Hayden, a stand has been built to hold the cooler. Neighbors of the Griffith's gifted the cooler. Many of you have been helping supply the bottles of water.

If you want to be a part of this thirst-quenching project, just leave the bottles of water in the office. The small bottles are preferred, but the regular size is ok, too. Many thanks!!



## Nifty Needlers



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

Most of the time I write captions to go with the pictures. For some of *these* pics, it might be better if I let YOU use your imagination...



## The importance of gifting a Bible...

On the last night of VBS, everyone present received "The Beginner's Bible" in memory of Avelyn KayLee Grace who passed away at 16 days of age. The parents, Josh & Michelle Ivan, vowed to make her little life be a cause of evangelism.

What an example for us to be about spreading to Good News in whatever way God calls us to. He will take care of the results.

Playing school with her new bible ❤️



# 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. 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!

Now Studying:

The book of

**Esther**



Each Wednesday evening,  
Disciple Zone 2.0 with a meal  
at 5:45 pm & classes for all ages.

**Look for the re-start in the fall—have a great summer!!**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BOOK STUDY

Wed. nights at 6:15 p.m.

**Look for the re-start in the fall—have a great summer!!**

**!!Don't touch that dial!!**  
(or push that remote button)



A new sermon series will be coming....  
watch for it...  
same time, same station...



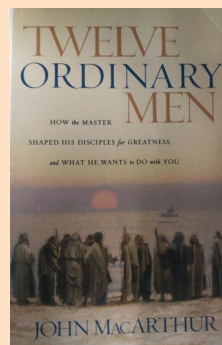
## FRIENDSHIP CLASS Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

**“Transform”**

**Aug.- The Pursuit of the People**  
(The Spiritual Practice of Remembering)

Aug. 7 ~ God's First Choice  
Aug. 14 ~ Living Beyond Violence  
Aug. 21 ~ Loving Beyond Barriers  
Aug. 28 ~ Betrayal & Victory

## 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*



# August



# 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1. 9:00am Exercise	2. 10:00 Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	3. 9:00am Exercise	4.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	5. 9:00am Exercise	6.
7. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	8. 9:00am Exercise	9. 10:00 Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	10. 9:00am Exercise  2:00pm CWF Mtg.  7:30pm Chimes	11.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	12. 9:00am Exercise	13.
14. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	15. 9:00am Exercise	16. 10:00 Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	17. 9:00am Exercise  4:45pm Worship & Music Comm. Mtg 7:30pm Chimes	18. School Starts  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	19. 9:00am Exercise	20.
21. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	22. 9:00am Exercise	23. 10:00 Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	24. 9:00am Exercise  7:30pm Chimes	25.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	26. 9:00am Exercise	27.
28. Special Service (watch for more information) 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online  4:00pm Elder's Mtg	29.	30.	31.  7:30pm Chimes			

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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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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)

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### 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 2022

	7	14	21	28
<b>Elders</b>	Tim Armknecht, Off Kenny Griffith, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Debbie Griffith, Com	Dick Hayden, Off Kim Cole, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Debbie Martin, Com
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Mary Smith	Joan Reid	TBA	May not need??
<b>Greeter(s): SS Classes</b>	Emma VanVleet	Birkley Barnes	Bob & Mary Smith	Lois Cossman
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Kenny Griffith	Andrew Luna	Terry Smith	None needed



### **In Keeping with Scripture OR Scripturally Speaking**

1A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. 2The tongue of the wise dispenses knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly. 3The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. 4A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. 5A fool despises his father's instruction, but he who heeds admonition is prudent. 6In the house of the righteous there is much treasure, but trouble befalls the income of the wicked. 7The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the minds of fools.