

THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

February

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2021



Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends

1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 8a, NRSV

I looked at the calendar and I could not believe that February starts in just a couple of days. As is said so often, I had to wonder where January went. I also realized that it has been almost 11 months since we first went to the online only service (and later to our hybrid online and in person) and that we have not met for either fellowship time before worship or for a meal as a church family. But, yet, through all of this, we have maintained our sense of being a church family. We have maintained being a community of love.

I have heard and seen several articles on what mental health experts are calling “pandemic fatigue.” The latest was from KWCH. There has been a sharp rise in cases of depression and suicide due to the extended periods of isolation. People need people. We all need some form of human contact, and Zoom and Facebook Live only provide so much of that.

Another article that I have seen in my church newsfeeds is that one thing that has helped many people through the pandemic is their faith. The article I looked at was concerned primarily with Christian worship, but, at least in the United States, about 25 percent of the people surveyed said that their faith had gotten stronger during the pandemic and that faith has helped them deal with pandemic fatigue. Another article I read talked about how worship, either online or in person helped people deal better with the isolation and fatigue caused by COVID-19. Now, I cannot tell you whether this was based on scientific research or anecdotal evidence (I went back and I could not find the article), but, either way, by being a part of a worshipping community, people felt that their lives were made better because of their relationship with God and with their faith community.

For many people, when they read First Corinthians 13, they immediately think Paul is talking about a loving relationship between two people, which is why this passage is so often used as a part of wedding services. The reality is that Paul was not talking about love between two individuals. First Corinthians 13 is located right in the middle of an extend lesson by Paul on how the church should be the church. Starting with chapter 10 and going through chapter 14, Paul is dealing with various issues facing the Corinthian church. The issues ranged from people still participating in pagan worship services to the proper way sharing of the Lord’s supper to the proper use of spiritual language in worship. In the middle of those lessons, Paul lifts up the most important lesson. As the Corinthians debate about what is or is not appropriate, the one thing that they must do as a congregation is love one another. “And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.” (1 Corinthians 13:13)

As we enter the month of love, I rejoice and celebrate the love this congregation has shared over the last eleven months. May we continue to share in that love as we remember the one who came in love so that we might live, Christ Jesus, our Lord and brother.

I look forward to worshipping with you, whether it be online or in person. Remember, whether we are together or apart, we are one in Christ Jesus. And, until next we meet, PEACE!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug".

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)

Wanda Ginn Dwight "Bud" Perrey

Please pray for our Active Military:

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



2-3	Alexa Griffith Brock Whitmore Jennifer Cole Kayla Mekelburg Jim Neal
2-5	DeeAnn Ihrig Bob Simmons
2-6	Amanda Harrison
2-8	Wanda Ginn Shery Wamsley
2-12	Althea Harrison
2-13	Brooke Whitmore Heiter Brody Jones
2-14	George Luckert
2-15	Janet Shaver Davis Bob Weeteling
2-16	Cory Harrison Landin VonLintel
2-17	Marie Hurst
2-18	Kim Barenthin
2-20	Sara Hill Bud Perrey
2-23	Ruth Hurst Ontiveroz
2-27	Tranda Ihrig Strnad

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
1/3	\$1994.75	\$715.00	-\$1279.75	19
1/10	\$1994.75	\$1030.00	-\$964.75	31
1/17	\$1994.75	\$5625.00	+\$3630.25	22
1/24	\$1994.75	\$1107.00	-\$887.75	21
1/31	\$1994.75	TBA	TBA	TBA

~Who do we call? The "Master Exterminator"~

This idea from the *Dighton Disciple* Newsletter, in an article making suggestions about New Beginnings for 2021 (thank you): **Get rid of ANTs!!** Automatic Negative Thoughts

To expand on this idea, if we notice that our default thoughts seem to be negative before we have given the benefit of the doubt or considered what positive there might be, call on the Master Exterminator. He will help us get rid of those ANTs!! To find some replacement thoughts, see Phil 4:8.

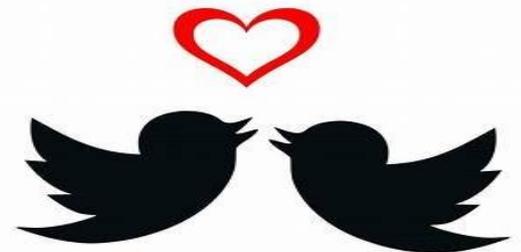
The real ants have a purpose in the world, but the other ANTs can eat our lunch, so to speak!!



NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

Disposable masks
Zippered quart size bags

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



2-12	Stan & Dawn Kibel
2-21	Bob & Jo Simmons

??Ever wondered what has happened??

We are enjoying hearing from some of those whom we have worked & communed with in the past. This month we are reconnecting with **Teresa McEuen**:

My home is in Searcy, Arkansas where I grew up. My sister lives less than a mile from me and we are blessed to see one another frequently. I have a German Shepherd named Lola. She will turn 13 in a few weeks.

I am the organist and director of music at Trinity Parish Church in Searcy. It is the Episcopal Church in town. The organ is an 1882 Pilcher tracker organ and is one of the oldest organs in the area in use.

Teaching piano is still part of my life and is something I enjoy doing.

Thank you for asking about me. I miss everyone at First Christian Church. I hope everyone there is well.

Teresa McEuen

Editor's note: Teresa, an accomplished musician, was a big help with the music here at FCC! She also was the treasurer for a period of time. She was here from 1983 to June of 1991.

She said I may share her address and phone number if anyone wants to reconnect on a personal basis. Thank you for responding, Teresa!



Remember when you used to get calendars that had photos of babies and someone wrote humorous captions about them? In cruising through the old pictures in the office computer, I found this one. Looks like there should be a story of some sort to go with it, don't you think!?!? What could that possibly be, knowing these two.....?

Write something and let me know!! It might be interesting. We DO know it was in the church & around 2012.



USDA Commodities Distribution

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

Monday, Feb. 1 @ 1:30-2:30pm

Monday, Mar. 1 @ 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!!



CWF EVENTS

The CWF meetings/events will remain on hold as of now. We all hope to get in the grove again soon!?



Church Camp News

Plans are underway for church camp at Tawakoni for this summer. The theme will be "Creation Speaks" based on the book of Genesis.

Look for more information to come as we get a little closer!!

Snippets from the Board Meeting

- ◆ There is no change in the Covid-19 Church Policy for January. Discussion will continue as we see how the holiday season has affected the numbers locally.
- ◆ The higher resolution camera is up and functioning. The 'sound guys' will be trying out the new features in the Sundays to come.
- ◆ The worship committee will meet soon to start discussions regarding the feasibility of the upcoming Ash Wednesday/Maundy Thursday services and the Prayer Vigil. Also will consider what and when other things can or should be added to the regular Sunday morning church service.
- ◆ The Property Committee duties are going to be a shared responsibility amongst the members, instead of naming a chairperson. Ron Vignery has taken on the weekly changing of the church sign.
- ◆ Cameron Pittman has volunteered to serve in one of the 2 vacant positions on the Board. The appointment was approved.



WHO AM I?

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

1. How have you managed the Covid craziness? I have worked more and I lived at home for the last quarter of the semester last year. I've honestly stayed calm through it.
2. What do you like to do that drives your family crazy? Chew ice
3. What is your favorite part of the day? Night
4. If you could have a conversation with anyone, living or dead, who would you like to talk to? I'd like to talk to my grandparents and Dee Miller.
5. What quality have you inherited from one or both of your parents? Wanting to be on time and leaving early and being kind and courteous to others.
6. Is the perfect Valentine's date going out on the town dining and dancing or a quiet evening watching a movie at home? A combination of the two. Go out to eat, go on a walk then go home and watch a movie and dance.
7. Can you name one thing about our church that has made an impact on your life? The music
8. How long have you worshipped at FCC? 21 years



kindness
changes
everything

Who Am I ?



Gestures of Appreciation

In the worship service on January 10th, **Dick Hayden** was recognized with appreciation gifts for his faithful service to the Goodland First Christian Church as a board member, property committee member, and property committee chairman.

Dick resigned these positions as of December 31, 2020, having served in them for many, many years. He will continue to serve the church as an Elder and I'm sure in other ways as he feels led to fill a need.



It is our prayer that God will bless him in this time of change and guide his steps as he continues to serve our loving Creator.

Gorda Adelgren, Thank you so much for the fantastic donation to the Nifty Needlers! We were overwhelmed by the beautiful fabrics and brainstormed the best way to make use of such a wonderful gift. We decided to have an internal sale of the fabric among the group members. We kept back the quilts you had already in progress to complete later, and then offered the rest of the fabric for sale in our group. We raised over \$200! That money has gone to purchase a new sewing machine, scissors, and quilting rulers for the church sewing room. We now will have great tools to use thanks to you!

Again, thank you so much for thinking of our group, and helping us to serve others through your very generous donation!
The Nifty Needlers



Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- **Without change there would be no butterflies
- **Don't let yesterday take up too much of today
- **Worry is the dark room where negatives develop
- **Jesus is the light!!



Love shared, even through a mask...

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It takes just a moment, but the memory of it usually lasts forever.

None are so rich that can get along without it-
And none are so poor but that can be made rich by it.

It enriches those who receive,
without making poor those who give-

It creates sunshine in the home,
Fosters good will in business,
And is the best antidote for trouble-

And yet it cannot be begged, borrowed, or stolen,
for it is of no value unless it is given away.

Some people are too busy to give you a smile, give
them one of yours.

For the good Lord knows that no one needs a smile so
badly as he or she who has no more smiles left to give!

~Author Unknown~

Some intense smile therapy incase you need it (be sure
not to smile - haha):



Nifty Needlers

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



You never
know what
kind of pro-
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you will
s-s-s-see
someone
working on!



Thank You...

...to FCC - for taking your time to ring the bell for the Salvation Army this past holiday season. Your support allowed us to raise money to aid members of our community who are in need. When one of us pays even a small kindness to a neighbor it can become a very large blessing to our community.

Sincerely, The Board of Genesis

...for your continued support of the ministry of the central High Plains District office. In the fourth quarter of 2020, we have received \$150 in the Great Bend office from your congregation. May God richly bless you as you seek to know God's will and do God's work.

Ken Marston

...to the CWF, for your continued support of the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop. It means a great deal to our organization.

Pat Schiefen, Board Pres.

...to **Connie Grieve** for preparing the sacks for the commodities. We appreciate it so much!!

...to **Kenny Grieve, Kenny Griffith, and Janet Davis** for thinking of others by doing snow removal!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

February 2021 Sermon Schedule

- Feb. 7 **Spanning the Globe**
1 Corinthians 9:19 – 23, New Test., Pg 931
- Feb. 14 **The Love Haptic**
John 13: 31 – 35, New Testament, Pg 877
- Feb. 21 **Signs of the Covenant:
Noah**
Genesis 9: 8 – 17, Old Testament, Page 6
- Feb. 28 **Signs of the Covenant:
Abram to Abraham**
Genesis 17: 1 – 7, Old Testament, Page 11
- Mar. 7 **Signs of the Covenant:
Becoming a Community**
Exodus 20: 1 – 7, Old Testament, Page 58

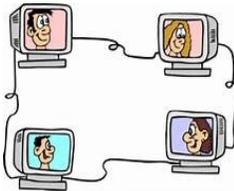


Tuesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

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!!



FRIENDSHIP CLASS Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

“Community”

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

Come check it out!!



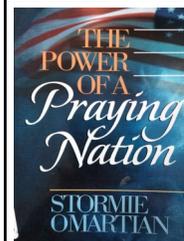
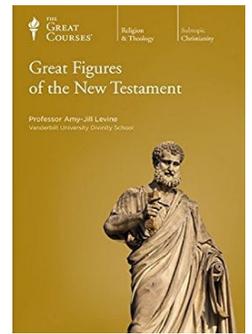
Watch for the kick-off to the 2020-2021 season coming our way as decisions are made!!

BOAT CLASS

Sunday mornings
@ 9:15 a.m.

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.

It is a look into the lives of many of the figures common to the New Testament.



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 the moment due to the rise in Covid cases locally. Watch for the resume date.

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ZOOM CLASS (Sept-April)

Join us on Wed. nights at 7:00 p.m.
~with Pastor Doug Amend~

New book starting soon - watch for information so you don't miss out!!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1. 9:00am Exercise 1:30-2:30 pm Commodities Distribution	2. 8:30am CWF Gen- eral @ church parlor (Bible Study on Thurs. this week) 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	3. 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Zoom book study	4. 10:00am Zoom Bible Study Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	5. 9:00am Exercise	6.
7. 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15 a.m. Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	8. 9:00am Exercise	9. (Bible Study on Thurs. this week) 1:30pm Martha's Goldenrod Group @ church parlor 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 5:30 Worship Mtg	10. 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Zoom book study	11. 10:00am Zoom Bible Study Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	12. 9:00am Exercise	13.
14. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15am Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online !Happy Valentines Day!	15. 9:00am Exercise	16. 10:00am Zoom Bi- ble Study 2:00pm Niftly Needlers	17. Ash Wednesday 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Zoom book study	18. Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	19. 9:00am Exercise	20.
21. 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15am Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 1:30pm Wheat Ridge Services 4:00pm Elder's Mtg &Study	22. 9:00am Exercise	23. 10:00am Zoom Bi- ble Study 2:00pm Niftly Needlers	24. 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Zoom book study	25. Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	26. 9:00am Exercise	27.
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Pastor's Cell (785) 821-2794
E-mail: Fccpastor@st-tel.net or
 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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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)

February 2021

	7	14	21	28	Aromatherapy? 
Elders	Debbie Martin, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Tracy Hillmer, Com	Kim Cole, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Dick Hayden, Com	<i>2 Corinth 2:14&15</i> <i>RSV</i>
Worship Leader	God...	in Christ...	through us	spreads	the fragrance
Greeter(s):	of the	knowledge	of Him	everywhere.	For we
Servers	are the	aroma	of Christ	to God	among
Candlelighters	those	who are	being	saved	and
Nursery	among	those	who	are	perishing.
A/V Tech-Closer	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	
Snacks	Thanks to the Church Members	Thanks to the Church Members	Thanks to the Church Members	Thanks to the Church Members	