

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

February

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2022

HELP WANTED

Pastor Don Warren  
"Just Don"



**Position:** Christian

**Job summary:** The person in this position will have many responsibilities. This job requires total commitment. It requires self-sacrifice and unconditional love. The person will work in public environments and will experience suffering but also joy and peace. This job will cause people to turn their backs on you and you will also experience persecution from others.

**Reports to:** Jesus Christ, the Apostle and High Priest of our profession.

**Hours:** Full-Time Position--24 hours a day/ 7 days a week

**Qualifications:**

Believe in Jesus Christ: Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. I John 5:1

Receive the water baptism: Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38

Receive the Holy Spirit: And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:3-4 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. St. John 3:5

Become a new creature: Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. II Corinthians 5:17

Keep the commandments: Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind... Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matthew 22:37&39

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

Show love: Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. I John 4:11 and My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. I John 3:18

Study the word: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

Forgive: Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Colossians 3:13

Pray: Men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Luke 18:1

Be merciful: He hath shewed thee, O man, what *is* good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8

Fear God: Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. Psalms 112:1

Renew your mind: And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Ephesians 4:23

Be pure in heart: Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8

Give glory to God: There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, Nor are there any works like Yours. All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, And they shall glorify Your name. For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God. Psalm 86:8-10

Give to others: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

If you were to fill out a job application or submit your resume to God for the position of Christian would you meet the qualifications? Are you willing to take on the responsibilities and duties?

Credit: Nadine Richmond Christian Readiness Ministries

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

George Adelgren  
Roger Collins  
Vetha Cormier  
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson  
Lonnie Kerr  
Marie Marsh  
Malissa Frerichs Sloan  
Bernie Taylor

Galen Cooper  
Alice Jackson  
Sharon Mann  
Catherine Parisi  
Mike Stamm

### Wheat Ridge (main building)

Etta Mae Keirns

### Please pray for our Active Military:

Tyson Reed, Chris Elliott, Nathan Craig, D J



2/3	Alexa Griffith Brock Whitmore Jennifer Cole Kayla Mekelburg Jim Neal
2/5	DeeAnn Ihrig Bob Simmons
2/8	Shery Wamsley
2/13	Brooke Heiter Brody Jones
2/14	George Luckert
2/15	Janet Davis Bob Weeteling
2/16	Landin Von Lintel
2/17	Marie Hurst
2/18	Kim Barenthin
2/20	Sara Hill
2/23	Ruth Ontiveroz
2/27	Tranda Ihrig Strnad

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
1/2	\$2,249.70	\$1580.00	-\$669.70	22
1/9	\$2,249.70	\$2285.00	+\$35.30	32
1/16	\$2,249.70	\$5560.00	+\$3310.30	33
1/23	\$2,249.70	\$1145.00	-\$1104.70	30
1/30	\$2,249.70	\$770.00	-\$1479.70	37

### Utilize the gifts you have been blessed with:

- ◆ Provide snacks for the fellowship time prior to church.
- ◆ Offer to greet at the front door on a Sunday morning.
- ◆ Help in the kitchen at Potluck Dinners.
- ◆ Assist in the with the planting/watering of planter boxes.
- ◆ Help with the Commodities Distribution.
- ◆ Be an assistant on Wed. evening at Disciple Zone 2.0 (even just helping the little ones get their food to the table)
- ◆ Volunteer to be a Worship Leader.
- ◆ In the Music Dept:  
Instrumental—Woodwind group, chimes, or Praise team.  
Vocal—Choir, Song leading, Solo/ensemble
- ◆ Offer to wash the dishtowels & dishcloths after a dinner.
- ◆ Change the children's bulletin board with meaningful picture messages.
- ◆ Check with the office for misc 'one-time' opportunities!

**The limiting factor is not the Lord's ability to use us but our availability to His call.**



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

Jesus...  
God's  
Valentine  
to the  
WORLD



### NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

Coffee, sugar

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

## Snippets from the Board Meeting

- ♦ The Elders discussed the usual student Bible distributions & High School senior giving a message.
- ♦ Membership & Evangelism committee will host a Fellowship Dinner in Feb. in conjunction with the coming of the new minister (with everyone's help). Feb.'s roll-around ad will announce his arrival.
- ♦ Property Committee: Nifty Needlers are putting up wooden clips to hang quilts/fabric from. Discussion regarding carpet replacement for the offices and parlor is ongoing. Tom Ridnour will be utilized for our snow removal at a price of \$75 which includes front parking lot, driveway, & side-walks.



The Christian Church in Kansas (Disciples of Christ) has a facebook page in which they share a daily "food for thought" type tidbit. Check it out if you haven't already! This is the one that was shared on Jan. 31st:

**\*\*Spiritual Formation Daily\*\***

Money is a ruthless master but a useful tool. Money is only powerful because we all agree that it is. Historically we've gone from commodities, to coins, to paper, to electronic currency, associating power with different objects each time. So it turns out that power is a ruthless master, but a useful tool.



## A new life in the world...

ArieBella Anne Reed was born on Jan 13, 2022 @ 2:37pm weighing 6lb 6oz and was 19" long! This sweet little girl came to live with Joey & Kortney Strait Reed.



She will be well loved, not only by her parents, but by her maternal grandparents, Loren & Mary Strait, and Kristy Poole!

(Remember when Kortney was born while they were pastoring here? Where has the time gone??)

## USDA Commodities Distribution

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

**No Feb. distribution-resume in Mar.**



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



In February, the CWF plans to meet Wed., the 9th at 2:00 p.m.

The devotions will be given by Connie Grieve and the refreshments by Lois Cossman.

Fun times at the "After-Christmas Party" :



~Singing~  
(Really, with your mouth closed?? Maybe a rest...)

Talking, laughing, learning, chocolate (unless Birkley is within reach of it), games, etc.



& Jo Simmons, photographer, missing from the pictures!!

## **Thank You...**

...to **Joni Guyer** for making our sanctuary and entry so seasonally beautiful. You are truly talented in this area & it enhances our worship space! FCC

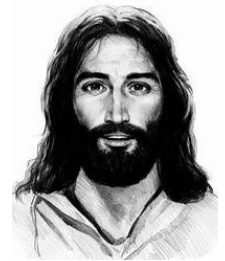
...to **Kenny Griffith & Terry Smith**, who so faithfully tend to the soundbooth every Sunday. This is no small task when you encounter technical difficulties, for sure!! FCC

...to **Gil Taylor** and **Jo Simmons** for tending to the coffee & snacks in the before church fellowship time.

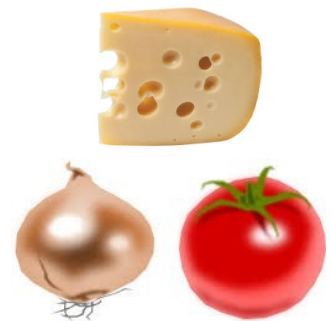


## WHO AM I?

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



1. Who is the most interesting person you have met or would like to meet? Jesus
2. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be? The Australian Outback
3. What is your favorite food? Cheese, onions, & tomatoes...combined they constitute one food group
4. Where were you born/raised? Born in Chicago—still being raised
5. Have you worked at other occupations? Yes. I sold peanuts on the side of the road and delivered newspapers
6. When did you join First Christian Church? Even before "In The Beginning"
7. What hymn do you NEVER get tired of singing? Amazing Grace
8. What's your favorite part of worship? The sermon
9. What drew you to the FCC DOC denomination? The openness and inclusion



### From our fellow believers:

On **March 5th, 2022 at 6:30pm**, the Goodland Church of Christ is inviting any and all to view with them the Christian film: *Sabina: Tortured for Christ, the Nazi Years*. This incredible story shows how God's love transformed an ambitious, atheistic hedonist into one of the greatest Christian women of the 20th century. The film opens with Sabina Wurmbrand risking her life to show Christ's love to a trio of Nazi soldiers. A Jewish Christian risks her life to help her enemies – members of the army that killed her entire family. They are asking us to join them!

They are praying the unity in viewing the film together will remind and show the possibilities of living within God's Kingdom together.

#### Movie trailer:

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4Y\\_rgUdIAPO](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=4Y_rgUdIAPO)

### Fun at the Elderetti Spaghetti Dinner

We soooooo missed this function last year—the choir had a great time singing & playing their kazoos—great times had by ALL—don't miss next years!!



## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

**\*\*Wrinkled with problems? Come to church for a faith lift!**

**\*\*Sinners wanted—apply within**

**\*\* (Elderetti Spaghetti Dinner announcement)**



This being the “heart” month, we should probably say that there are many kinds of “hearts” mentioned in the Bible...what is the condition of yours??

Cheerful Heart—Proverbs 17:22

Deceitful Heart—Jeremiah 17-9

Good Heart—Luke 8:15

Pure Heart—Matthew 5:8 ; Psalm 51:10

Willing Heart—Exodus 35:5



## ~TWO Retreat Opportunities~

Attention Disciples Youth !  
(grades 6-12)

### 2022 KCYF Spring Retreat

7 p.m. Friday, March 4, through  
10 a.m. on Sunday, March 6 Dis-  
ciples Center at Tawakoni. The  
featured speaker is Brad Greene,  
Director of Children & Youth  
Ministries at Atchison FCC.

Registration fee is \$60 for the  
weekend, which includes lodging and meals.  
(Refundable)



*See the office for information &/or registration forms.*

### Annual Regional Spiritual Retreat

Yes! It's back! The annual Spiritual Retreat will be March 10-12, 2022. Due to on-going COVID concerns, the retreat will be held in a new place, at our own Disciples Center at Tawakoni.

Dr. Paul Koch, Co-Regional Minister for the Christian Church in Mid-America will be this year's retreat facilitator. The theme is based on the Beatitudes.

Cost will remain @ \$135.

Registration now open!

(You could ride with Debbie Griffith on this one!)



## Nifty Needlers

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



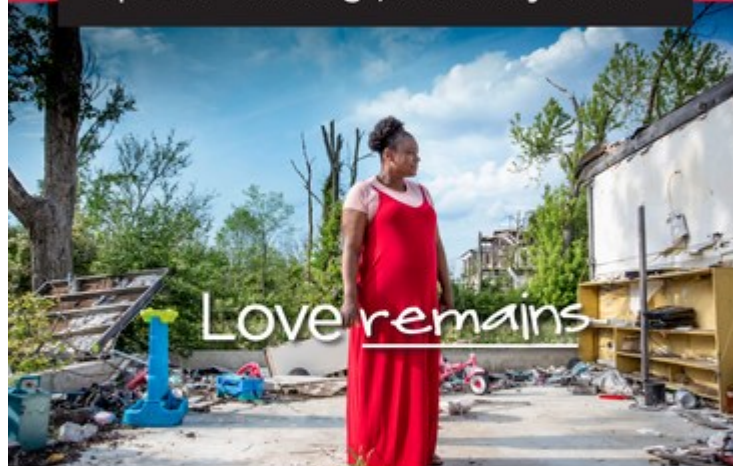
We are here for each other, side by side, even in our needlework—through consultation, in our ripping and restarting, in our mismatching & mistakes.

We are also here to help in the celebrations of our accomplishments and treasure finds. What a gift from God to have others active in our lives!!



Week of  
**Compassion**

Special Offering | February 20-27





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Sermon Schedule

**Feb 6** Kara Smith

**Feb 13-27 Pastor Don Warren**

(we will give him time to get settled in before asking for any schedule, IF that is how he will be doing things. You may have to just come and find out each week.....!?!?)

Many thanks to those who delivered messages in December. God speaks to each of us through willing vessels like YOU!!



## **FRIENDSHIP CLASS** **Every Sunday at 9 a.m.** **“Engage”**

**February—Show & Tell**  
(The Spiritual Practice of Testimony)

Feb. 6 ~ The Greatest Commandments  
Feb. 13 ~ Making God's Light Visible  
Feb. 20 ~ Informing, Transforming Faith  
Feb. 27 ~ The Great Commission

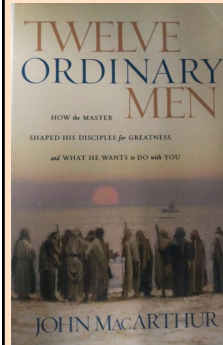
Each Wednesday evening, Disciple Zone 2.0 will meet.



It will start with a light dinner at 5:45 p.m. Following dinner, the children will begin their classes on the east end of the building and the adults will begin their class in the parlor. (See information below) As always, Disciple Zone will end at 7:00pm.

Come join in on a time of food, fellowship, and fun!!

## **NOON-THIRTY BOOK STUDY**



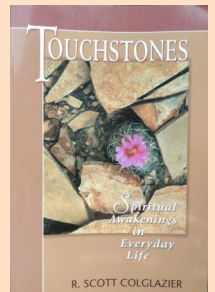
Come and be a part of this book study, prayer & fellowship. The book is “Twelve Ordinary Men” by John MacArthur. The subtitle describes it well: How the Master shaped His disciples for greatness, and what He wants to do with you.

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

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BOOK STUDY**

Wed. nights at 6:15 p.m.  
(following the Disciple Zone meal)

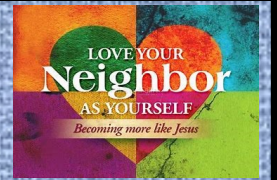
In the book Touchstones, by R. Scott Colglazier, we will be led with a blend of theology, philosophy, and psychology, in showing us how we can find precious encounters of spiritual awareness in our everyday relationships, art, work, play, community and more. Be sure to join us for great reading and meaningful discussion!!



**!! Available by Zoom as well !!**



# February 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(No commodities distribution in Feb.)		1.  2:00pm Nifty Needlers	2. 9:00am Exercise  4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	3.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	4. 9:00am Exercise	5.
6. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	7. 9:00am Exercise	8.  2:00pm Nifty Needlers	9. 9:00am Exercise  2:00pm CWF Mtg. 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	10.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	11. 9:00am Exercise	12.
13. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	14. 9:00am Exercise	15.  2:00pm Nifty Needlers	16. 9:00am Exercise  4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	17.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	18. 9:00am Exercise	19.
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Pastor's Cell	
E-mail:	fccdoc@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 Wednesday nights at 5:45 p.m.	
<i>(classes for children and adults!)</i>	
<i>The Christian Echo is sent to you as a member or friend of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Goodland, Ks</i>	
<b>CHECK IT OUT!</b> <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)

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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)

## February 2022

	6	13	20	27	
<b>Elders</b>	Dick Hayden, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Kim Cole, Com	Tracy Hillmer, Off Dick Hayden, Com	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Lois Cossman	Connie Grieve	Birkley Barnes	Mary Smith	
<b>Greeter(s): Property Comm.</b>	Kenny Grieve	Ron Vignery	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	
<b>Servers</b>	<i>Above all, hold unfailing love</i>	<i>for one another,</i>	<i>since love covers a multitude of sins.</i>	<i>Practice hospitality ungrudgingly</i>	
<b>Candlelighters</b>	<i>As each has</i>	<i>received a gift,</i>	<i>employ it for one another,</i>	<i>as good stewards</i>	
<b>Nursery</b>	Hebrews 13: 1-2	<i>Let brotherly love continue.</i>	<i>Do not neglect to show hospitality</i>	<i>to strangers,</i>	<i>for thereby some have entertained</i>
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	<i>angels unawares.</i>