

THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

February

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2023

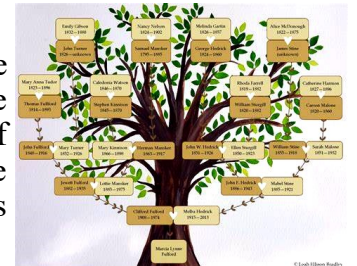
In these difficult times I thought I might share with you a meditation for us to consider all we have to be thankful for. Let's reflect on the things we sometimes take for granted.

Things We Take For Granted: SECURITY The clothes you wear: Think of all of your clothes what are your favorites? What are your least favorites? There is someone like you, right here in this country, that only has one outfit to wear at all. The food you eat: What are your favorites? What are your least favorites? There is someone your age, in this area of the state, so hungry right now that your least favorite food to them would be considered a feast. The home you live in: What is your favorite room? What chore or aspect of home ownership or rental do you hate the most? There is someone your age within 60 miles of your hometown with no place to live who would gladly do your most-hated chore for a chance to lay their head on a bed they could call their own.



Things We Take For Granted: FRIENDS Who is your best friend? What are the qualities you like about them the most? Can you think of a friend you have grown apart from? Is the distance really worth whatever the reason was that caused it? When was the last time your best friend heard how much you care for them? When was the last time you made the effort to bridge the gap between you and someone who has hurt your feelings? It takes two people to create distance, and one "I'm sorry" can go a long way towards bringing old friends together.

Things We Take For Granted: FAMILY What are some of the best times you've had with your Family? What are the little things that family members do that drive you crazy? If distance has been created, is it worth it? Think of how the blessings of your family life have contributed to the life you have, the things you enjoy, and the values you profess. When was the last time you really told your family members how much you appreciate and love them?



Things We Take For Granted: FAITH When was the last time you really prayed? Not just asking for something, but talking to God. Not just talking but listening, too. Think through your life and all of the things that God has blessed you with. When was the last time you simply thanked Him? Church, Sunday school, and the



Faith Formation

many organizations within the church can help you to take care of your spiritual self. What kind of commitment can you make in regard to regular participation in some of these activities to make sure life's most important and precious blessings, moments, and people don't become Things We Take For Granted.

Just Don



FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Sharon Bowker 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



2/3	Alexa Griffith Brock Whitmore Jennifer Cole
2/5	Dee Ann Ihrig Bob Simmons John Hamilton
2/8	Shery Wamsley
2/13	Brooke Heiter Brody Jones
2/14	George Luckert
2/15	Janet Davis
2/16	Landin Von Lintel
2/18	Kim Barenthin
2/20	Sara Hill
2/22	Susan Short
2/23	Ruth Ontiveroz
2/27	Tranda Ihrig Strnad

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
1/1	\$2452.77	\$1256.59	-\$1196.18	31
1/8	\$2452.77	\$1627.00	-\$825.77	55
1/15	\$2452.77	\$4356.00	+\$1903.23	68
1/22	\$2452.77	\$2020.00	-\$432.77	33
1/29	\$2452.77	\$805.00	-\$1647.77	50

No Male Pallbearers !!

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."



Do we take what we have for granted or do we handle them with gratitude? Being thankful chokes out the weeds of entitlement & pride. Be thankful and pull out those bad weeds so the good stuff can thrive!! (This for all who are needing reminders of the hope of spring! Haha)



2/12	Stan & Dawn Kibel
2/14	Mike & Marcia Drake
2/21	Bob & Jo Simmons
2/22	Terry & Roberta Webb

NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:



20 lb Copy Paper
 39 gal trash bags (heavy/yard)

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

From the Church Mouse:

A cane is missing from the Nifty Needlers room—it is metal and multicolored. It was purchased for use when here for that function and was last seen laying on one of the tables. If you have seen it or know where it is, please let Joy Hayden know.





Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ♦ The Worship & Music Committee reported that the 5th Sundays will be Youth Sunday beginning in April. Worship will be planned and led by the youth. Also, communion by intinction will be the 4th Sunday of each month.
- ♦ Nick Thomas has been providing snow removal for the parking lots with equipment owned by Barry & Joni Guyer. Many thanks for this much needed service (and to God for providing the snow!).
- ♦ See page 4 for election of officers, etc. Property Committee wished to remain as led by three chairpersons, however named Kenny Griffith as an initial contact person.
- ♦ Property discussed with the board the need to fix a shut valve in the basement.



An Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Feb. 22nd @ 6:00pm. This is the beginning of the season of Lent which will continue until Easter.

Ashes remind us of our mortality, "to dust you shall return", and our need for reconciliation with God. Making them into the sign of a cross reminds us of the price that was paid for our sin, and that we should be thankful that we have a Savior.

!Come and be blessed!

"Let's Taco-bout Football"

Don't 'pass' on this one! Come support the FCC Youth Group in their Superbowl meal on Feb. 12th following church services.

There are choices to fit any situation that day ~ eat in or take it to go. The touchdown menu consists of:

~Walking Tacos~

~Frito Chili Pie~

~Dessert~



A free will donation will be cheerfully accepted for the good of this winning team!

USDA Commodities Distribution

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

March, 2023 @ 1:30pm



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

Looking Ahead...

A Prayer Vigil will be carried out from noon March 3rd to noon March 4th. Be on the look out for the sign up sheet and more information to appear in the entryway. A great way to spend more time with the One we worship!

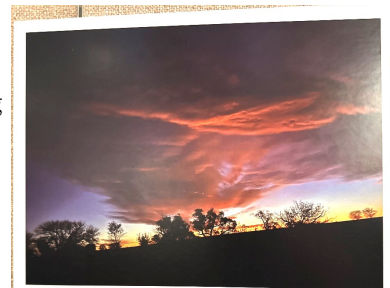


Way-To-Go, Charlie!!

Charlie Strnad, 8 y/o granddaughter of Lynn & Dee Ann Ihrig, celebrated Kansas Day by winning 1st place (in her age division) in the "Happy Birthday Kansas", "What Kansas means to me" photo contest.

This year the State Capital received 643 entries from 39 counties. Governor Laura Kelly presented the awards at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka Fri., Jan. 27, 2023.

Charlie said she snapped the photo as she was doing chores & she titled it, "Chores with a View"! Charlie is the daughter of Jed & Tranda Strnad, and is in the 2nd grade at Belleville Ks.



SECOND GRADE - First Place

Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message. - Malcolm Muggeridge

(How are some of the recent happenings of your life like parables? What is the message that's coming through?)



Jersey Sunday



You are invited to wear your favorite team's jersey (or other such team shirt) to church on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 12th.

Should be a colorful crowd that day!! Wonder if there are any Jesus team shirts out there??





Who Am I?

Last month's "Who am I?" was **Jesus**



1. Where were you born? Where have you spent most of your life, if different? Greeley, Co. Raised in Denver.
2. Name one item on your "bucket list". To see my son graduate
3. What do you like to do in your "spare" time? Watch TV
4. What is your favorite food? Pizza
5. What would we be surprised to know about you? I've been ordained minister in a Pentecostal congregation
6. What's your favorite game to play? Softball and the board game Risk
7. What is your must-see TV? Me TV 'lol'
8. What do you look most forward to at church on Sunday morning? Fellowship
9. How long have you attended First Christian Church? 1 or 2 dog years, maybe?



For 2023...Thank you all for your commitment!!

Board of Directors

Debbie Martin—Chair Terry Smith—Vice Chair
Kim Cole—Church Treas. Kara Smith—Secretary
Terry Smith—Financial Secretary
Ariane Barber, Kim Cole, Lois Cossman, Janet Davis, Sean Davis, Connie Grieve, Kenny Grieve, Debbie Griffith, Kenny Griffith, Dick Hayden, Debbie Martin, Cameron Pittman, Kara Smith, Terry Smith, Ron Vignery

Trustees

Debbie Martin, Terry Smith, Ron Vignery

Elders

Debbie Griffith—Chair, Tim Armknecht, Kim Cole, Kenny Griffith, Dick Hayden, Debbie Martin, Terry Smith, Ron Vignery

Worship & Music Committee

Pastor Don Warren, Debbie Griffith, Debbie Martin, Terry Smith, Tricia Meier

Property Committee

(KG/KG/TS – trio chair) Kenny Grieve, Kenny Griffith-primary contact person, Terry Smith, Ariane Barber, Sean Davis, Ron Vignery

Membership & Evangelism Committee/ Outreach & Mission Committee

Connie Grieve - Chair, Emma VanVleet
(and several ex-officio members)

Stewardship Committee

Kim Cole—Chair, Board Chairperson, Dick Hayden, Debbie Martin, Terry Smith, Ron Vignery,

Christian Education Committee

Tricia Meier-Chair, Andrew Luna, Debbie Martin, Pam Sheldon

Human Resources Committee

Board Chairperson, Terry Smith, Kim Cole

Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- **Let your resolution be His solution!
- **Life is fragile, handle with prayer
- **After the cold winter, roses will bloom again!



Thank You...

I want to thank my church family for all the prayers they have said for me in the month of Dec. and before. I know without them, radiation wouldn't have worked as well. May God bless each and every one of you.

Emma Van Vleet



Compassion proclaims this truth: God's mercies RISE UP ANEW each day. Because of your generosity, Week of Compassion meets people and communities in the midst of grief and lament, in the deepest moments of 'How could this happen?', as the very real presence of God's unfailing compassion.

Please give generously to the Week of Compassion special offering on Feb. 19 & 26!

3 Ministries

In the last board meeting, Pastor named 3 specific ministries he has been praying about for our church in 2023:



Men's Ministry

Young Adults Ministry

Playground Ministry



Let's join him in lifting these visions up in prayer, listening for what God has in mind going forward and also what our part may be in making these a reality—leading, participating, funding, inviting, etc.

Memorial Service



A memorial service will be held for Marie Hurst on Feb. 17, 2023 (which is her birth date) @ 11:00am here at the church. Marie passed away on Dec. 13, 2022 at the age of 70.

Our sympathies go to the families she leaves behind. There are many memories of them all growing up in this church and their devotion to serving others. God bless you all!

Nifty Needlers

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



The Nifty Needlers will be missing Joni Denton from their meetings. Joni and her husband Jeff are moving in the next few weeks. She will be on to exciting adventures in her new home. The Nifty Needlers hope she will visit when she is back in Goodland, and there is even talk of doing some Facetime calls during the year. Best of luck, Joni – we will miss you!



CWF EVENTS



The next meeting will be Wed., Feb. 8th, at 2:00pm. Connie Grieve will have the devotion and Jo Simmons will serve refreshments.

We will be discussing the March Chow Down to be held on March 25th (community meal), which will be chaired by Glenda Hamilton. Bring your ideas and let's have fun working together on this!!

Don't forget-a:

25th Annual Elderetti Spaghetti Supper

Feb. 5th @ 5:00pm

Entertainment provided by the Combined Choir



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

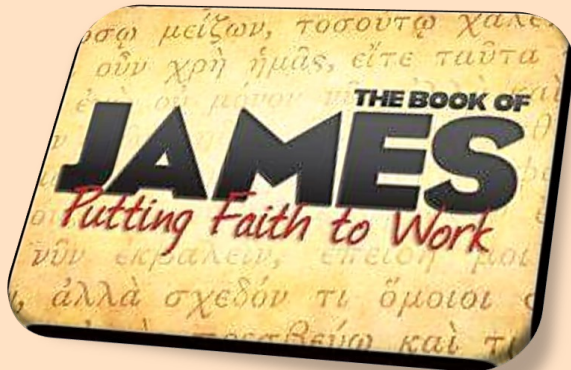
Bible Study

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:



!!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

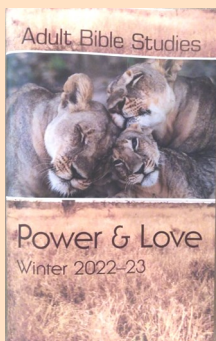
6th-12th Grade

Each Sunday @ 5:30pm

In the youth room

!! Come, be a part !!

Tricia Meier @ 785-728-7045



FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

"The Power of Love" February

The Practice of
Spiritual Friendship

Feb 5 ~ Loving as God Loves

Feb 12 ~ A Parent's Love

Feb 19 ~ True Friendship

Feb 26 ~ Living for Others

<<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*





February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. 9:00am Exercise 7pm Choir Practice	2. 1:00pm Game Day Group	3. 9:00am Exercise	4.
5. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 5:00pm Elderetti Spaghetti Supper 5:30pm FCC Youth Grp	6. 9:00am Exercise	7. 10:00 Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	8. 9:00am Exercise 1:00pm CWF "After Christmas Party" 7pm Choir Practice	9. 1:00pm Game Day Group 5:00pm Worship & Music Meeting	10. 9:00am Exercise 11:00am Memorial Service for Marie Hurst	11.
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Pastor's Cell (870) 692-7242 (Pastor Don Warren)
Church 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 Sunday mornings during worship.
Fcc Youth Group Sunday evening.

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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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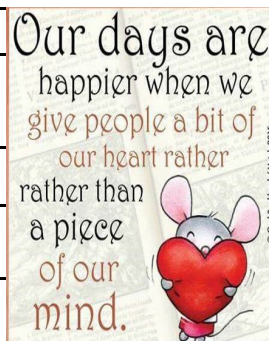
Mission Statement

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)

February 2023

	5	12	19	26
Elders	Ron Vignery, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Kim Cole, Off Terry Smith, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Debbie Martin, Com
Worship Leader	Mary Smith	Birkley Barnes	Glenda Hamilton	Kenny Grieve
Greeter(s): Property Comm.	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Ariane Barber Kenny Grieve	Ron Vignery
A/V Tech-Closer	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Andrew Luna



Psalm 119: 103-112

In Keeping with Scripture OR Scripturally Speaking

How sweet are thy words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe thy righteous ordinances. I am sorely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to thy word! Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me thy ordinances. I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget thy law. The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from thy precepts. Thy testimonies are my heritage for ever; yea, they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform thy statutes for ever, to the end.