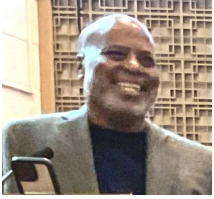


THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

February

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2024



February marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday comes on February 14, followed by a period of 40+ days intended to be a season of self-reflection, personal examination, and preparation for the good news wrapped up in the Easter miracle.

Lent can be observed by repentance through recognizing the behaviors and grudges we carry around that would be best left behind us, as well as by re-commitment, dedicating ourselves anew to self-care, compassionate service to others, and being a good steward of the blessings God provides us all. It is important, though, to remember that Lent is not a contest. There are no report cards handed out at the end of 40 days. It is an opportunity to open ourselves daily to God—through acts of spiritual discipline or just quieting down and offering a short “thank you/how can I do better?” prayer up to the heavens.

Even small acts can bear fruit for the realm of God. Now more than ever, deeds of connection—of reaching out to others, helping with errands for those unable to go shopping, writing a note or checking in with a child or calling a neighbor—go a long way. We may not know their full impact, but then that is never the point of doing good deeds. Faith involves seeds sprinkled generously over lots of types of soil. It is words of love and prophetic challenge spoken to crowds or tossed out upon the winds. It is an embrace that enfolds a single person but potentially tries to hug the entire world. It is a hope that lights a candle or quietly sings a song, but which is strong enough to build a life on that will last for generations to come.



Just Don



FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Roger Collins	Galen Cooper
Lois Cossman	Robert Dodge Family
Glenda Hamilton	
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Lonnie Kerr	Braxton Meier & family
Vetha Petty	Bob & Mary Smith
Bernie Taylor	Don Warren family
	Family of Phyllis Black



Please pray for our Active Military:

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

Happy Birthday

2/3	Alexa Noelle Griffith Brock Whitmore Jennifer Cole
2/5	DeeAnn Ihrig Bob Simmons
2/8	Shery Wamsley
2/13	Brooke Heiter Brody Lee Jones
2/14	George Luckert
2/15	Veronica Pena-Kopp 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	Junior Dowdy Tranda Ihrig Strnad

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
1/7	\$2452.77	\$4304.00	+\$1851.23	47
1/14	\$2452.77	\$1400.00	-\$1052.77	0
1/21	\$2452.77	\$2384.00	+\$68.77	48
1/28	\$2452.77	\$1500.00	-\$952.77	47

Sunday January 28th
Children's Chat
By Joan Swan



THE 5 FINGER PRAYER FOR KIDS

- The smallest finger, myself**
Praying for myself last out of humility
- The weakest finger**
People who are hurting, sick and lost
- The tallest finger**
My leaders and authority figures
- Those who point the way**
My pastor, teachers, and doctor
- Those close to me**
Family and friends

Happy Anniversary

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



Snippets from the last Board Meeting



- Undesignated giving for December was \$16,458.00 which was over the budgeted amount needed by \$4,194.15. Total expenses were \$8,625.88.
- Shut-In's Communion List was updated. Elders will be going on a retreat April 25th-27th. Potential Elder candidates are being prayerfully sought.
- A plea for an adult Sunday School teacher was voiced.
- Ash Wednesday Service will be provided on February 14th at 5:30 PM. This will be a short, but meaningful service. The annual Prayer Vigil will be held from noon, March 1st to noon March 2nd. Signup sheets will be available soon.
- After much discussion and voiced desire to see the USDA Commodities Distribution program thrive (possibly with more help from the community), Connie will make phone calls after this meeting to see who may be available to help.
- All the playground equipment arrived December 20th and is stored in the garage. Nick Thomas is has been doing our snow remover and is going to start charging \$140/hr and takes approx. 30 minutes to do the two parking lots and front driveway, but does not do the sidewalks. The kitchen garbage disposal that quit working is going to take upwards of \$10,000 to replace if we go with an industrial sized one again. Nathan Bohl will be polishing the floors again using our supplies for a charge of \$50.
- Motion carried for the Inclement Weather Policy that when we, the church, decide that the office should be closed due to bad weather, the secretary should not have to use PTO time for that day. A reminder was given that the Pastor and the Board Chair are the ones able to make the decision to close the office.
- It was mentioned that they need to look for a board member to replace the loss of Robert Dodge.
- Also, the special book display is being put up on the wall across from the offices.

Ongoing playground update~



- ♦ The playground equipment arrived December 20th!!! It will be installed as soon as the weather warms up!

USDA Commodities Distribution



The next distribution will be:

March 25, 2024 @ 1:30 PM

2024 Schedule

January 22

March 25

May 20

July 22

September 23

November 25

If you would like to help, please let the church office know. Please & Thanks for any & all help!

Our Lord asked us to feed the hungry, and so we shall!!

CWF Events

The next meeting will be Wednesday February 14th @ 2:00 PM. It will be a regular meeting at church in the parlor.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday February 14th @ 5:30 PM



This marks the beginning of Lent. Come and be blessed with ashes!

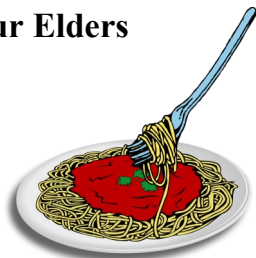
Elderetti Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted By Your Elders

Date: Sunday February 4th

Time: 5 PM

Location: Fellowship Hall



24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Friday March 1st—Saturday March 2nd
12:00 PM—12:00 PM

If you would like to participate, there will be a signup sheet in the entryway for half hour increments or you may call the church office to get scheduled. The elders will be providing companionship support for the evening and nighttime hours so you won't be alone in the building.



You may use the time reading, praying, singing, meditating, or whatever brings you closer to God.

Who Am I?

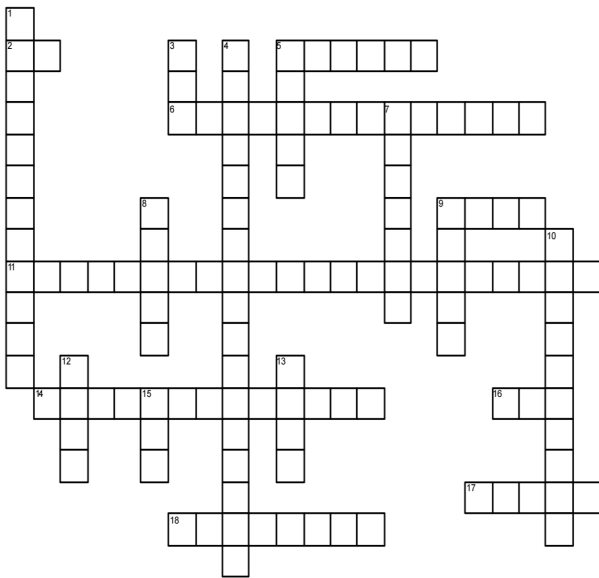
(Last month's "Who am I?" was Nona Mason)

1. As a child how did you celebrate Valentine's Day, either at school or with family?
Each child in our class would decorate a box of their choosing. We would buy or make Valentines for each member of our class.
2. Do you have a favorite Valentine's memory or gift?
I have always enjoyed getting handmade cards and gifts from my kids when they were small and from my husband.
3. How did you meet your Valentine? How many years have you been married?
I met my husband while working at an auto parts store. He always tells people that I sold him the wrong part on purpose, so he'd come back to see me, we will be married 39 years in 2024.
4. What have you learned over the years that you would share with young love on how to make relationships work?
Make sure you have the Lord Jesus Christ in your life. He makes the difference. Uplift your spouse, thank them for the things they do. Be willing to listen to what they have to say and consider it thoughtfully before giving your opinion. Don't air your grievances, or belittle your spouse in front of others. Apologize when you are wrong!
5. What do you like to do in your spare time?
I love to travel and see new places. I also like to can produce from the garden, draw, paint, sew, and read.
6. What about First Christian Church continues to bring you back week after week?
I love the feeling when walking into the sanctuary. You can feel the love, the friendliness. It feels like home. I always learn something from the sermon each week. Pastor Don knows how to bring The Word alive so we can apply it to our lives.

Who am I?

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-22; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26



Look Here!

Has God placed a ministry on your heart? Have you felt the desire to lead or start a class or outing? Please pray about it and let's talk!

ACROSS

- 2 The most important word in the sayings of Jesus is _____. (Mk. 24:22, 24)
- 5 When Jesus and His disciples were reclining at the table, He spoke of a person who would _____ Him. (Mk. 14:18)
- 6 The owner of the house showed the disciples a _____. (Mk. 14:15) three words
- 9 Who was one of the disciples sent by Jesus to prepare the Passover meal? (Lk. 22:8)
- 11 On what occasion, being the first day, did the disciples ask where were they going to eat the Passover? four words
- 14 After the Lord's supper, where did Jesus and His disciples then go? (Mk. 14:26) three words
- 16 Jesus told the disciples that the cup of wine is the _____ covenant poured out for you. (Lk. 22:20)
- 17 Who was one of the disciples sent by Jesus to prepare the Passover meal? (Lk. 22:8)
- 18 As Jesus tells the disciples who would betray Him, He describes Himself as the _____. (Mt. 26:23-24) three words

DOWN

- 1 Jesus told His disciples He would not drink again this meal until the fulfillment in the _____. (Lk. 22:16) three of words
- 3 How many disciples participated in the Passover and the Lord's Supper? (Mk. 14:23)
- 4 Jesus said that the blood of the covenant was poured out for the _____. (Mt. 26:28) three words
- 5 Name the visible item Jesus used to refer to His body. (Mt. 26:26)
- 7 When did Jesus arrive with the Twelve for the Passover meal? (Mk. 14:17)
- 8 Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and offered it to them and they all drank from it, "This is my _____ of the covenant which is poured out for you." (Mk. 14:23-24)
- 9 Who did Jesus tell that he would betray Him? (Mt. 26:23-25)
- 10 Jesus gave instructions to prepare the Passover meal. What were the disciples to look for - man carrying a _____. (Mk. 14:13) three words
- 12 Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "This is my _____. (Mk. 14:22)
- 13 Name the visible item Jesus used to refer to His _____. (Mt. 26:27-29) The drink of the day was _____, the fruit of the vine.
- 15 How many disciples were sent to make preparations for the Passover meal? (Mk. 14:13)

Supplies Needed!

- Air Fresheners
- 39 Gallon Yard Waste Trash Bags

The church Thanks You for your donations!

Our Weekly Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

“Resolution For 2024! To Know Jesus Better!”

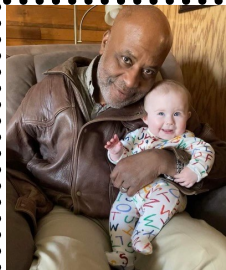
“After The Cold Winter Roses Will Bloom Again!!”

“Seconds Count Especially When Dieting!!”



New Arrival

Parents John and Brenner Guyer welcomed their son Samuel Lowell Guyer on January 28th, 2024 weighing 7.5 lbs. and 20 inches long. Both mom and baby are doing great!



A Special Moment

Pastor Don Warren shared a special moment with this little girl while she was visiting her grandparent's Lynn and Dee Ann Ihrig. Madison Marie Ihrig was born June 14th, 2023 to Darrick and Valerie Ihrig. This sweet little girl is sure growing up fast!

Hope's Place Is Hiring

Hope's Place is looking to hire for a few positions. If you or someone you know might be interested please reach out to them. Here are the positions they are hiring for:

Ultrasound technician or nurse willing to take the training to become a technician. This position would be for about 4 hours a week. We are looking for someone who is a Christian, is pro-life (all stages of life), is reliable and a self-starter. Being bilingual would be a definite plus but don't let that stop you from applying if you're not.

Client Services Assistant. This position will be for about 16 hours a week. We are looking for someone who is a Christian, is pro-life (all stages of life), is reliable and a self starter. Being bilingual would be a definite plus but don't let that stop you from applying if you're not.

If you notice the two job descriptions are very similar. Their dream would be to find a nurse or ultrasound technician who would be able and willing to take on both jobs. They know that they can't match what a nurse would make working for a doctor's office or in a hospital but if you are a nurse or ultrasound technician looking for part-time work with regular hours (not as needed) please reach out to them because they could definitely use your help!

785-890-HOPE (4673)

902 W Hwy 24, Goodland, KS 67735

website & chat line: www.hopesplace-goodland.com



Nifty Needlers

Every Tuesday @ 2 p.m. in the Church's Sewing Room .



Oscar Hageman was gifted a quilt for his dedication back in December and some couple of photos of their latest projects!



2024 Tawakoni Summer Camp

Online Registration Is Now Open
Until May 15

	Grade / Age	Dates	Early Bird Price (Before 4/30)	Full Price (After 4/30)
Discovery / Primary Camp	K-Grade 3 (ages 6-9)	May 28-30	\$231	\$281
Junior Camp	Grade 4-5 (ages 10-11)	June 3-7	\$385	\$435
Chi Rho Camp	Grade 6-7 (ages 12-13)	July 29-Aug 3	\$462	\$512
Pre-High Camp	Grade 8 (age 14)	July 29-Aug 3	\$462	\$512
CYF Camp	Grade 9-12 (ages 15-18)	July 8-13	\$462	\$512
Grand Camp	All Ages	May 31-June 2		Child: \$150 Adult: \$197
Family Camp	All Ages	July 19-21		Child: \$150 Adult: \$197



Contact the church office for more details!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bible Study

Looking for a study of God's word? Look no further. Pastor Don will be teaching two classes on Tuesdays—10:00 a.m. and 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!



Friendship Class Sunday Mornings @ 9:15am

Reading Through
The Bible In One Year



!!Calling All MEN!!

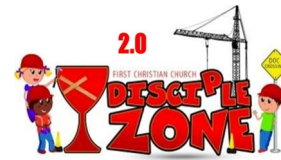
Pastor Don has started a:

Men's Fellowship
Monthly
here at the church

What will happen?? – There will be coffee (of course), fellowship, and

Sermon Series In January

**The Praying Church: A Study In
The Purpose, Power, Potential
And Promise of Prayer.**



!!ALL NEW!!

DISCIPLE ZONE 2.0

Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.,
Toddler—5th Grade

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!

ON HOLD

FCC



YOUTH

GROUP

ON HOLD

@ 5:30-6:30pm
at the church

<<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 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1:00pm Game Day Group 7:00pm Praise Team Practice	2 9:00am Exercise	3
4 9:15am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship Service 5:00pm Elderetti Spaghetti Dinner	5 9:00am Exercise	6 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	7 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Choir Practice	8 1:00pm Game Day Group 7:00pm Praise Team Practice	9 9:00am Exercise	10
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Church E-mail: fccdoc@st-tel.net

Friendship Class 9:15 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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CHECK IT OUT!
www.goodlandfccdoc.org

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 2024

	4	11	18	25
Elders	Dick Hayden, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Kenny Griffith, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Terry Smith, Com	Debbie Griffith, Off Kim Cole, Com
Worship Leader	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	Connie Grieve	Darlene Windle
Greeter(s):	Kenny Griffith	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	Kenny Grieve	Terry Smith
A/V Tech-Closer	Terry Smith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Kenny Griffith
Nursery	Kay Carri	Debbie Martin	Nona Mason	Pam Sheldon

