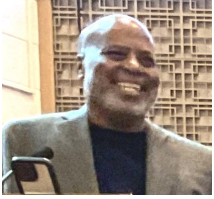


# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

January

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2024



With the New Year celebrations come the inevitable challenges to make a “new you” for yourself. Whether it be new fitness routines or vitamin supplements, this time of year is always so predictable. We are told that it is time to remake ourselves in our own image; whatever image that may be. It’s amazing how that drive to remake ourselves harkens back to Adam & Eve. Even though they were made in God’s own image and likeness, they desired to remake themselves and, as the devil promised, become like their own little gods.

It’s a good thing for us that the celebration of New Year’s comes on the heels of Christmas. During Christmas we sing all of our favorite Christmas carols that remind us of what Christ came to do in this world. One of those hymns, Joy to the World, has this very relevant stanza for us: No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found. This singular stanza reaches all the way back to Genesis. It speaks of the “curse” of the Fall into Sin. It speaks of “thorns” infesting the cursed ground. But this stanza also speaks of something wonderful. This stanza speaks of the Christ coming and bringing blessings; blessings that continually flow over His church from His pierced side. It is from out of this sacrifice of Jesus that the greatest blessing occurs which this stanza also speaks of.

The stanza says, “No more let sins and sorrows grow.” We have no idea what will “grow” in this new year. We hope it is filled with good days, but I bet it is safe to say there will be trying times. Thanks to Christ though, what will grow in this new year are not our sins, but the forgiveness of our sins. Thanks to Christ, what will grow this new year are not sorrows, but a grief that is mingled with the precious hope of the resurrection of the dead which provides us the greatest of comforts.



# 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



### Please pray for our Active Military:

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

## Happy Birthday

1/1	Hayden Renea Mann
1/2	Jim Griffith
1/5	Eli Daigle
1/6	Richard Frerichs
1/7	Chelsea Sheldon Myer Barry Guyer
1/9	Parker Griffith
1/12	Jeric Goin Randy Carri Noah Shinette Mary Daise
1/14	Anrea Roeder LaDona Frerichs
1/15	Jazlyn Fenner
1/18	Kierra Warren
1/19	Stephanie Sheldon Marello Terr Daise
1/20	Carolyn Kerr
1/21	Robbie Lawson
1/26	Kevin Rasure
1/27	Jay Jolly Pierce Kemp
1/29	Andrew Ploeger Ryker Van Vleet

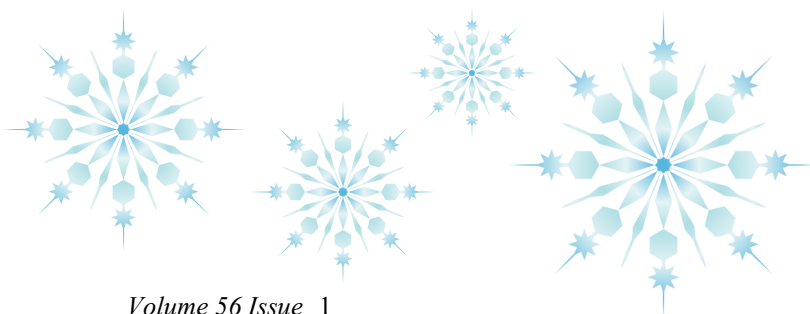
## GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
12/3	\$2452.77	\$3509.00	+\$1056.23	51
12/10	\$2452.77	\$1347.00	-\$1105.77	57
12/17	\$2452.77	\$4298.00	+\$1845.23	49
12/24	\$2452.77	\$1740.00	-\$712.77	55
12/24	-----	-----	-----	91
12/31	\$2452.77	\$5464.00	+\$3011.23	42



## Happy Anniversary

1/5	Jeff & Nona Mason
1/8	Kevin & Kim Rasure
1/26	Tony & Debbie Martin
1/27	Travis & Angela Jones



## Snippets from the last Board Meeting



- The USDA Commodities needs a leader and Connie Grieve is looking for a person to do it.
- Pastor Don may need knee surgery.
- The undesignated giving for the month was \$7,485 which is \$2,326.08 short of the monthly budget. The beginning balance for December was -\$534.97 with a deposit going in the following Monday. Utilities were \$1,311.01 with \$152.90 paid for communion cups and \$108.99 for Microsoft 365 yearly program.
- The 2024 budget that the Board had approved needed amended. Insurance is going up \$2,000 from the 2023 amount. Motion to increase the insurance amount by another \$1,000 for a total of \$14,000 for the 2024 year was carried.
- The Elderetti Spaghetti Dinner is set for February 4, 2024.
- The elder committee is prayerfully considering some new Elders.
- CWF went to the public library December 6 & 7 to help with crafts during story hours. They will meet January 10th for their annual party.
- Still waiting on playground equipment to arrive and had to return a defective tire swing for a new one. We need some custodial supplies per custodian request.

## Ongoing playground update~



- ♦ A defective tire swing was returned for a partial refund and a new one purchased.
- ♦ The playground equipment was supposed to be shipped on December 12.

## USDA Commodities Distribution



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

**Jan (?), 2024 @ 1:30pm**

*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!!

## Still have a few 2024 Calendars left!

Beautiful Calendars- \$5.00 each

*Buy for yourself, your friends, your family! Please support the ministries of the Membership and Evangelism Committee. See Connie Grieve, Debbie Martin or leave word with the church office.*



## Poinsettia Donation Thank You

*Thank you to Sam Rethmann for your poinsettia donations in honor of Bessie Wilson and Betty Rethmann, and to Ed & Joan Swan for your poinsettia donation in celebration of your newest great grand daughter Quincey Kate. The church enjoyed the beautiful flowers! Thank You So Much!!*



## CWF Events

The next meeting will be Wednesday January 10th @ 12 pm in the church parlor for the "After Christmas Party". Please bring finger food or Christmas goodies to share! It will be a great time of food, fun & fellowship!!



Please join us as we  
Celebrate  
**Rev. Ken Marston**  
15 years of ministry - Christian Church in Kansas  
Saturday, January 6, 2024, 12 - 3 pm  
"Come and Go"  
Soup Bar and Reception

First Christian Church  
5230 Broadway Ave. Great Bend, Kansas

Congratulatory cards are welcome  
Gifts of appreciation for Ken's service may be made to  
the Kansas Disciples Men's Endowment Fund  
R.S.V.P. [chp@kansadisciples.org](mailto:chp@kansadisciples.org) by Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024



## Who Am I?

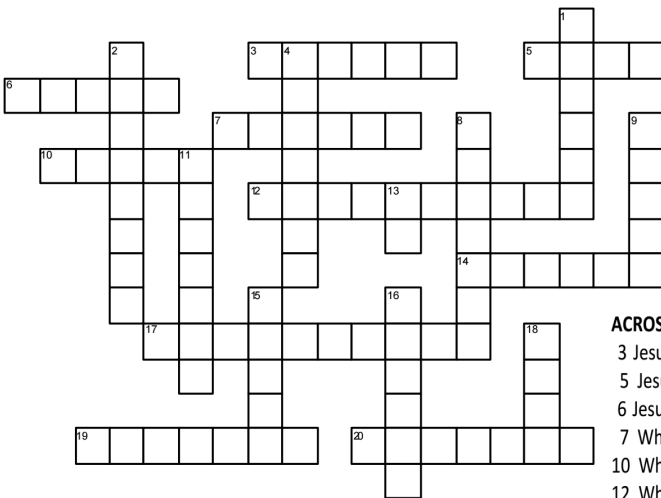
(Last month's "Who am I?" was **Randy Carri**)

- What is your favorite way to spend the New Years Holiday?  
*I like to spend the New Years holiday at home with my family. I am not a party kind of person. I like to watch the ball drop in Time Square on TV while I eat bacon wrapped water chestnuts.*
- Do you set New Years's resolutions?  
*I don't usually set New Year's resolutions. I am not really good at keeping them. Last year I resolved to drink less coffee. I WON'T DO THAT AGAIN!!!!*
- What is your favorite way to spend a quiet or free time?  
*I like to sew and quilt. When the weather is warm, I like to work outside in my garden.*
- Tell us something we would be surprised to know about you.  
*In high school and college I worked as a Respiratory Therapist.*
- What is one thing on your bucket list?  
*I would like to go to Disney Land!*
- What is your favorite time of day?  
*I am definitely a morning person!!!!*
- What word describes your worship experiences at First Christian Church?  
*Inspiring*
- How long have you been worshipping at First Christian Church?  
*I have been coming to this loving and accepting church since May 2016.*

*Who am I?*

### JESUS WASHES HIS DISCIPLES' FEET

John 13:1-17



#### ACROSS

- Jesus indicated that not every disciple was willing to be faithful to Him. He knew who would \_\_\_\_\_ Him. (Jn. 13:11)
- Jesus shows us humility by saying, "Unless I \_\_\_\_\_ you, you have no part with me." (Jn. 13:8)
- Jesus knew who was going to betray Him. It was for this reason that Jesus said, "Not everyone is \_\_\_\_\_." (Jn. 13:11)
- What was the total number of disciples that accompanied Jesus on His journeys?
- Who knew that the Father had placed all things under His power? (Jn. 13:3)
- Who said, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" (Jn. 13:6) two words
- Jesus shows us His greatest love for us by His dying on the cross. He is our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus said that a later time the disciples would \_\_\_\_\_ what his suffering and death and resurrection would mean. (Jn. 13:7)
- Since Jesus showed the \_\_\_\_\_ of love by washing the disciples' feet, He now ask that we do as Jesus has done to us. (Jn. 13:14-15)
- What name did Jesus says the disciples call Him? (Jn. 13:14)

#### DOWN

- Jesus said that no servant is above his \_\_\_\_\_. (Jn. 13:16)
- The event of Jesus washing His disciples feet occurs just before the \_\_\_\_\_ feast. (Jn. 13:1)
- What time of the day did the meal take place? (Jn. 13:2)
- Jesus said that if we become a servant to others, we will be \_\_\_\_\_. (Jn. 13:17)
- What did Jesus pour into a basin to wash the disciples' feet? (Jn. 13:5)
- Jesus said that no \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than his master. (Jn. 13:16)
- Did Peter realize what Jesus was really doing by washing his feet? (Jn. 13:7)
- Who had prompted Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus? (Jn. 13:2)
- Jesus was aware that His time to leave the world and go to the \_\_\_\_\_ was near. (Jn.13:1)
- Jesus now shows how much His \_\_\_\_\_ was to the disciples by washing their feet. (Jn. 13:1)



**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!**

## Our Weekly Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

“Jesus!! The Reason For The Season”

“Christ Is The Biggest Part Of Christmas!!”

“Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!”



## Nifty Needlers

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



Some fun moments caught on camera from the December meetings.



## Our Beautiful Tree Skirt

Thank You Joan Swan for the donation of our beautiful tree skirt. It brightened our tree and our church!!



## A Big Thank You!

We want to give a Big Thank You to Susan Short for volunteering as our greeter for the whole month of December!! Thank You So Much Susan!!!

## Child Dedication

Oscar Hageman was dedicated to Christ On Sunday December 24th! Congratulations Oscar!!





# 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





# January 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>Happy New Year</b>  <b>Church Closed</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>3</b> 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>4</b> 1:00pm Game Day Group 7:00pm Praise Team Practice	<b>5</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:15am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship Service 4:00pm Elders Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>9</b> 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	<b>10</b> 9:00am Exercise 12:00pm CWF After Christmas Party 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 1:00pm Game Day Group 7:00pm Praise Team Practice	<b>12</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>13</b>
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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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[www.goodlandfccdoc.org](http://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)

**January 2024**

	7	14	21	28
<b>Elders</b>	Kenny Griffith, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Dick Hayden, Off Debbie Griffith, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Terry Smith, Com	Kim Cole, Off Ron Vignery, Com
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	Moira Romine	Debbie Martin	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
<b>Greeter(s):</b>	Kenny Griffith Tim Armknecht	Dick Hayden Debbie Griffith	Debbie Martin Terry Smith	Kim Cole Ron Vignery
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Andrew Luna
<b>Nursery</b>	Kim Cole	Debbie Martin	Nona Mason	Kay Carri

