

THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

July

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2021



Matthew 7: 7-8, 12

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

GIVE WITH JOY—RECEIVE WITH GRACE

Have you ever had to ask someone else for help? I'm not sure that *anyone* enjoys doing that. Most of us would rather be on the other side—the side of giving that help.

Asking for assistance, no matter how small the request, humbles one to realize and try to accept that we are not as self-sufficient as we would like to be. We struggle and try in every-which-way to be 'big boys and girls' and make things work, no matter how hard it is. It is as if we haven't fully given up those terrible two's attitude of 'doing it myself'. There are even times we make a mess of things in this struggle to 'do it myself'. One quick phone call or text message could have solved it, but NO, we couldn't possibly allow this loss of control in our lives!

Let's turn the table for a moment and think about how we feel when we are asked by another person to do some thing for them. If it is possible for us to help them, we quickly give them a resounding "YES". What happens next? They apologize all over the place for the inconvenience and tell us how bad they feel for having to interrupt our lives. Also, they are let us know what all they went through to try to solve it themselves and how it didn't work. In a way, it is almost like they feel they have to earn the right to receive our help. All this time, we are reassuring them that it's no problem and we are glad to help.

Many beautiful relationships have been born or enhanced out of the need for help. It is an opportunity to give and receive—to share in loving each other—one out of sacrificial giving and one out of grateful receiving. We have all heard that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20: 35). How can anyone give if there isn't a receiver? A non-receiver is denying another the chance to be a giver and the joy of being such.

Do to others what we would have them do to us. The contrary also applies. We need to let others do for us what we would happily do for them. I see Jesus telling us to mutually support each other. And that's harder than it seems. So, I leave you with this thought...What do you need to *let* others do for you?

Blessings as we journey together,

Debbie Griffith

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

George Adelgren	Roger Collins
Galen Cooper	Vetha Cormier
Alice Jackson	
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Carolyn Kerr	Lonnie Kerr
Sharon Mann	Marie Marsh
Catherine Parisi	Yolanda Petty
Wanda Schneider	Mike Stamm
Ione Todd	Emma VanVleet

Wheat Ridge (main building)

Dwight "Bud" Perrey Etta Mae Keirns

Please pray for our Active Military:

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



7/1	Diann Ross
7/5	Kendall Cooper
7/6	Carol Jolly Julie Vignery
7/7	Lynn Ihrig Chloe Wills
7/8	Abby Keith
7/9	James Vignery
7/10	Abigail Neal Whitman Emily Biernacki
7/11	Marie Marsh
7/15	Britney-Ann (Smith) Duncan Heidi Lawson
7/20	Mary Smith
7/21	Zander Coad Joe Eli
7/24	Connie Hays Dick Hayden
7/25	Cara Daise Derrick Amend
7/26	Kenny Griffith
7/31	Jeannie Pyles Ryan Hill Brysen Graves

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
5/30	\$1994.75	\$640.00	-\$1354.75	31
6/6	\$1994.75	\$2119.00	+\$124.25	34
6/13	\$1994.75	\$1955.00	-\$39.75	37
6/20	\$1994.75	\$720.00	-\$1274.75	30
6/27	\$1994.75	\$875.00	-\$1119.75	30

The 2021 Disciples Connect and Equip regional gathering:

"Reconnecting by Covenant,"

will be Saturday, August 14, from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ta-wakoni. Keynote speakers are General Minister and President Terri Hord Owens and Erin Wathen from Week of Compassion.

During opening worship, we will create an Ebenezer, a stone tower or wall, symbolizing God's presence in bringing us through the latest tribulations and reconnecting us in covenant. To create the Ebenezer, each church is asked to bring a stone to help build our Ebenezer.

Visit www.kansasdisciples.org or see the flyers posted in our information areas for more details!

NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

Scotch tape—refill rolls

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



7/4	Abel & Ruth Ontiveroz
7/18	Kenny & Debbie Griffith
7/20	Dave & Betty Hageman Bob & Mary Smith

Thank You...

...for all your prayers that helped me get to the place where I am now on maintenance therapy with my treatments! What a blessing!! Emma VanVleet

...to Connie Grieve for covering the office so willingly on an urgent basis. It is nice to know that help IS so readily available in times of need!! Debbie Griffith

...to all who have stepped outside of the box or their comfort zones to fill positions needed, both in the Worship Service and other areas. Functioning as a family is one of this congregation's strengths, and we are all made stronger because of it!! Debbie Griffith



On Sunday, June 6th, we were graced with a prelude by the Woodwind Ensemble! It is always a treat to listen to the talents of these three musicians. They played "Glorious Things".

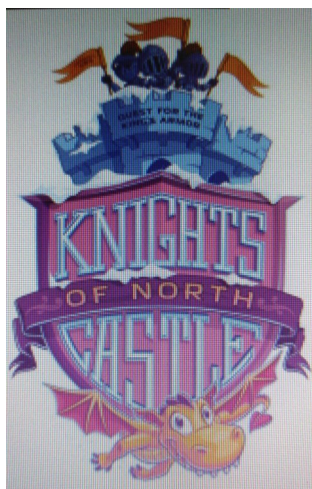
Pictured above L-R are: Birkley Barnes, Pat Schiefen, and Tim Armknecht.

Kids Gear up for this exciting adventure:

KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! We will be teaming up with the Methodist Church again this year for a program titled, "Knights of North Castle". It will be held at the Methodist Church this year on July 26-29 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. No pre-registration required. There will be a light meal served and an action-packed time of learning, singing and fun!

If you need more info, please contact Gwen Mai @ (785) 821-5515 or Jessica Vignery @ (785) 821-4603



USDA Commodities Distribution

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

(?) Monday, June 28 @ 1:30-2:30pm (In-house, not drive through)



If you have time and would like to help, either that day or with the preparations ahead of time, please let **Tracy Hillmer** know.

CWF EVENTS



We have finished our 2020/2021 season and will begin again in August for the 2021/2022 year with new leadership from co-leaders Mary Smith & Lois Cossman.

So far, everyone is finding meaning in the newly revised version of the group and is anticipating great things in the year to come!

Be sure to watch the next newsletter for the kickoff information. According to the last gathering, they thought eating together was great fun—who knew!?

Snippets from the June Board Meeting

- ♦ The Elders have implemented a new procedure whereby at the communion table, the two elders would take care of all of the parts of service from there to the end of the service. This would eliminate the need for an additional elder to assist.
- ♦ Kara Smith will take over the duty of maintaining the church's facebook account, and Kim Cole will be maintaining the church's website. We thank them for the extra time it will take to see that the info stays current, and those sites are functioning.
- ♦ Trisha Meier submitted her resignation as a co-leader of the Christian Education Dept. Personal/family reasons are needing more of her attention and she needs to be available to handle them.
- ♦ The Search & Call Committee reports that the interim minister possibility had to withdraw their name for personal reasons. The church's profile is continuing to be updated and then will be submitted to the regional office.
- ♦ The janitor will probably be gone the last week of July, so volunteers will be set up when that is confirmed.
- ♦ The board was reminded that the game at the fair which has been sponsored by our church's youth group in the past, will likely need to be covered with volunteers from the congregation.
- ♦ A monetary gift was approved for Ken Marston, regional minister, for carrying out the special service on June 13th.

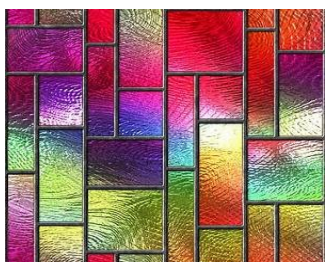




WHO AM I?

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

1. As a child, how did you celebrate the 4th of July? We watched the big display in the nearby park. I was allowed to have 'snakes' (on a brick), and smoke bombs, and firecrackers. I probably should be short a few fingers!
2. How do you like to celebrate the 4th of July at your current age? I like to go to the fairgrounds and watch the display with my family!
3. What food do you wish was calorie free? Cookies. I love cookies.
4. What gets on your nerves? Fakeness (is that a word?)
5. Tell us something about you that we didn't know. I was an extremely shy child.
6. Tell us the first item on your bucket list. I don't really have one. I would love to write a book.
7. What quality do you have that you have passed to your children? Friendliness and compassion
8. If you could do anything for FCC and price was no option, what would you do? I would fix the stained glass windows.



??Guess What??

God thought the world was in need of a Hazel Grace Luckert, so he gave us one!!

We are so happy for parents, Mark & Emily Luckert, who received this bundle of sweetness on May 4, 2021. She started out weighing 6lbs 9oz and measured 19 inches. I know she is growing rapidly with all the love and attention given to her by brother George, and sister Annie!

It was shared on facebook that Hazel is a fast worker. She has already been blamed for eating all the ice cream, eating all the eggs, and drinking all the juice by one of her siblings. Don't you think prayers for her art of debating and power of reasoning would be good so she can hold her own?

Blessings on this new life among us!!



This Baptist Minister Of
Music Is A
"REAL ENTERTAINER"
Enjoy!

[http://
www.youtube.com/
watch_popup?
v=0jwkp2nAto](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=0jwkp2nAto)

(Copy the green lines above and paste into your internet address bar and watch this!)

Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

****This church is prayer conditioned!!**

****The best vitamin for a Christian is B-1**

****Difficult roads can lead to beautiful destinations**

**** If God is your co-pilot, switch seats!!**



Summer Sack Lunch Program

Beginning **June 1st** through **July 31st** children can receive a sack lunch the following days:

Mondays at 12:00 pm

Goodland Activities Center (GAC)

Tuesdays at 11:00 am

Goodland Housing Authority (515 E 5th St)

Wednesdays at 12:30 pm

Steever Water Park

Thursdays at 11:00 am

Goodland Public Library

Fridays at 12:00 pm

Sherman County Sheriff's Department

Saturdays at 12:00 pm

Carnegie Arts Center (120 W 12th Street)



*****Please come help make the sandwiches on Wednesdays @ 5 pm and Sundays @ 6 pm, here at the church.***

If you have any questions please call Genesis at 890-2299. This project is brought to the community by: Genesis, First Christian Church, Goodland Public Library, Goodland Activities Center, Goodland Housing Authority, Sherman County Sheriff's Department, Steever Water Park, and Carnegie Arts Center.

Nifty Needlers



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

We thank You, O God, for these women and recognize that You are the Originator of their talents. Bless them as they share their work with others & their wisdom with each other. May they bring You glory in all of it! Amen.



Debbie Martin has so kindly purchased and planted these flowers in the front entry flower boxes. If the secretary remembers to water them like she should, we will be able to enjoy them every time we come!

While she planted, husband **Tony Martin** took care of the weeds in the cracks of the sidewalk and parking lot. It does take many workers to keep this beautiful place of worship we have been entrusted with in tip-top shape!



I have been given the green light to give you a 'sneak peek' at the quilt that will be offered for raffle SOON!

Thanks to Gorda Adelgren and the Nifty Needlers, it is a vibrant sight to behold.

Watch for more information in the near future.

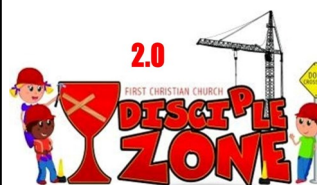
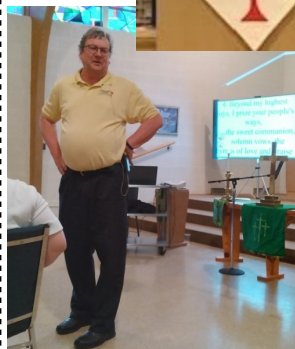
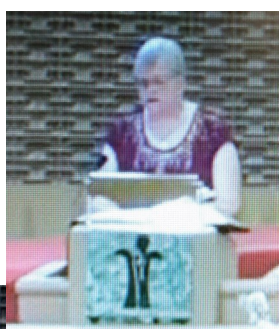


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sermon Schedule

- July 4** "For Such a Time As This"
Debbie Martin
- July 11** "So, You're a Dork, Too!?"
Tracy Hillmer
- July 18** "The Life of Jesus in Song"
A cong. singing tribute to the life of Jesus - led by the Griffith's in thanksgiving for 45yrs of marriage on this, their anniversary day.
- July 25** To be given by Joy Hayden.

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



Watch for the kick-off to the 2021-2022 season coming our way as decisions are made!!

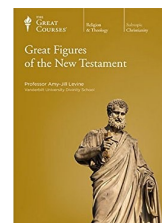
BOAT CLASS

Sunday mornings

@ 9:15 a.m.

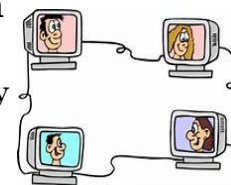
!!Now available on Zoom as well as in-person!!

We are taking a break for the summer. See you in September!

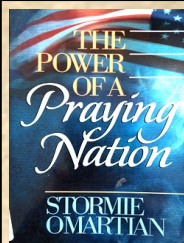


Tuesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

This study group typically breaks for the summer.



Look for any changes to come!!



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!

This study HAS resumed!! Come join us in study and prayer!!

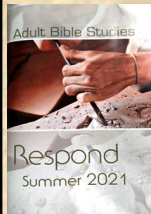
Every Thursday @ 12:30 p.m.
Church Parlor

FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

"Respond"

July—The People Next Door



- July 4 ~ Fenced In (Proverbs 3, 6, 25)
- July 11 ~ Listening to the Stories (Ruth 2: 4-16)
- July 18 ~ Inside Out (Acts 6: 1-7)
- July 25 ~ Love Your Neighbor. Really. (Mark 2: 1-12)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ZOOM CLASS (Sept-April)

Wed. nights at 7:00 p.m.

We are finished for the summer and will look forward to what is ahead for this class in September.



July 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class	2. 9:00am Exercise	3.
4. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online  6:00pm Sandwich Making	5. 9:00am Exercise	6. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	7. 9:00am Exercise 12:00 Noon CWF Potluck/Mtg. 5:00pm Sandwich Making	8. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class	9. 9:00am Exercise	10.
11. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 6:00pm Sandwich Making	12. 9:00am Exercise	13. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	14. 9:00am Exercise 5:00pm Sandwich Making	15. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class	16. 9:00am Exercise	17.
18. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 1:30pm Wheat Ridge Services 6:00pm Sandwich Making	19. 9:00am Exercise	20. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	21. 9:00am Exercise 5:00pm Sandwich Making	22. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class	23. 9:00am Exercise	24.
25. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 6:00pm Sandwich Making	26. 9:00am Exercise 1:30-2:30 pm Commodities Distribution (??)	27. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	28. 9:00am Exercise 5:00pm Sandwich Making	29. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class	30. 9:00am Exercise	31.

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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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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)

July 2021

	4	11	18	25	
Elders	Tim Armknecht, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Tracy Hillmer, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Kim Cole, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Dick Hayden, Com	 For everything
Worship Leader	Joan Reid	Connie Grieve	Birkley Barnes	Joy Hayden	there is a
Greeter(s): CWF	Lois Cossman	Marie Marsh	Birkley Barnes	Bernie & Gil Taylor	Season....
Servers	<i>A time to be born, A time to die; A time to plant, And a time to reap;</i>	<i>A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up;</i>	<i>A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance;</i>	<i>A time to throw away stones, And a time to gather stones together;</i>	<i>A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;</i>
Candlelighters	<i>A time to seek, And a time to lose;</i>	<i>A time to keep, And a time to throw away;</i>	<i>A time to tear, And a time to sew;</i>	<i>A time to keep si- lence, And a time to speak;</i>	<i>A time to love, And a time to hate;</i>
Nursery	<i>A time</i>	<i>for war</i>	<i>And a</i>	<i>time for</i>	<i>peace.</i>
A/V Tech-Closer	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8
Snacks	Generous Gifters	Generous Gifters	Generous Gifters	Generous Gifters	