

THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

July

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2023



Summer is here! It is a time to take a break from the cold, for traveling and vacation; the kids have a break from school; the parents get to spend more time with their children. It is also a time of low worship attendance; trips to the lake, traveling for vacation and to see family and friends, and all sorts of activities take their toll. Please don't forget your church in the summer months. We are still here!

A highlight for this summer and for years to come will be the visit to our church from the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (DOC). It will be a great time, we will have great worship, fellowship, and we will have great food, to commemorate this momentous occasion.



Many thanks to all who are helping plan, cook, clean, worship, and provide music, the gifts. And thanks to everyone who plan to come out to celebrate and be a part of the worship and fellowship.



The "Fourth," is upon us. It is one of the big three summer holidays on the secular calendar and is one of the biggest celebrations on the calendar in the United States. Of course, I mean July 4th, the day we remember our founding fathers' declaration of independence from England and King George. It is a day for celebrating our country and all that it stands for. It is a day for family and friends, food and drink, and often involves a pilgrimage to a large body of water.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Independence Day, and may you have safe travels wherever this summer takes you.

Just Don



FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Roger Collins
 Galen Cooper Lois Cossman
 Glenda Hamilton
 Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson
 Lonnie Kerr
 Vetha Petty
 Bernie Taylor Emma Van Vleet



Please pray for our Active Military:

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



7/1	Diann Ross
7/4	Kevin Oller
7/5	Kendall Cooper
7/6	Carol Jolly Sharion Warren Julie Vignery
7/7	Lynn Ihrig Chloe Wills
7/8	Abby Martin Keith
7/9	James Vignery
7/10	Emily Biernacki
7/11	Marie Marsh
7/15	Britney-Ann Smith Duncan Heidi Lawson
7/16	Andrew Luna
7/20	Mary Smith Grace Warren
7/21	Zander Coad Joe Eli
7/23	Mr. Mike Drake
7/24	Emma Keith Connie Hays Dick Hayden
7/25	Cara Daise
7/26	Kenny Griffith
7/28	Leigh Ann Winbolt
7/31	Paislee Warren Jeannie Pyles Ryan Hill Brysen Graves

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
6/4	\$2452.77	\$1076.00	-\$1376.77	75
6/11	\$2452.77	\$2305.00	-\$147.77	58
6/18	\$2452.77	\$1550.00	-\$902.77	42
6/25	\$2452.77	\$1568.00	-\$884.77	56

Did you know?

The Stars & Stripes were adopted as the official symbol of the United States in 1777 and represents our freedom.



In addition to the stars representing the states and the stripes, the original 13 colonies, the colors were deliberately chosen as well:

Red—stands for the courage it took for all those who fought for our nation's independence and the blood that was shed.

White—stands for purity that symbolizes our independence from other countries

Blue—stands for justice, perseverance, and vigilance, the basis of our country and what it takes to keep us strong.

When a flag is folded, the triangle shape symbolizes the hat worn by the Revolutionary soldiers and each of the twelve folds have special meaning as well.



7/4	Abel & Ruth Ontiveroz
7/18	Kenny & Debbie Griffith
7/20	Dave & Betty Hageman Bob & Mary Smith Justin & Crystal Van Vleet
7/25	Fred & Nicole Price
7/31	Ace & Elizabeth Jones

NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

20 lb copy paper

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



Snippets from the last Board Meeting



- ◆ Board Meeting in July has been changed to the 16th due to the installation .
- ◆ Property Committee reports that a new piece of playground equipment has been selected to replace the one that was removed. Joy Hayden is going to write a grant to help with the anticipated cost of approx. \$8,000.
- ◆ A donation was approved to help the Kansas Christian Home, using the money collected for the Easter lilies. Joni Guyer asked not to be reimburse for their purchase, so we can pay the kindness forward.
- ◆ CWF is busy with food plans for the installation.

USDA Commodities Distribution

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



July 24(?), 2023 @ 1:30pm

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

Precious gift from God

As an 'early' surprise, Madison Marie Ihrig made her entrance into the world on Wed, June 14, 2023 @ 7:36am, weighing 5lbs 2oz & measuring 19" in length. Parents Darrick & Valerie Ihrig welcomed her home after a slight de-tour to Colorado. Grandparents Lynn & Dee Ann Ihrig are soaking in the sweetness!



As her blanket suggests, there are rose buds & roses among the thorns in this world—and she is living proof of that. A reminder to look for these beauties wherever they may be found!!

Thank You...

...to Sherri Keith for the yummy monster cookies you made for the Father's Day gifts! We know they all enjoyed them and thanks for the "labor of love" you provided. FCC

...to Justin Van Vleet for helping out in the Audio/ Visual booth. Not just anyone can fill those shoes and we appreciate your willingness to do it!! FCC

Sequence of Events for Installation Weekend



Saturday, July 8:

6:00pm – Potluck Supper at the church

>Meat is provided, so bring any other side dish or dessert.

>This will be informal and a 'come as you are' time to meet Rev. Terri Hord-Owens, General Minister & President

Sunday, July 9:

10:30am – Regular church service—Rev. Tom Stanley preaching

Noon – Light lunch provided for all who wish to stay between the two services.

2:30pm – Installation Service

>Immediately following the service there will be a reception in the fellowship hall.

Through Friday **July 21st** your children can receive a sack lunch on the following days:

Mondays at 12:00 pm

Goodland Activities Center (GAC)

Tuesdays at 11:00 am

Goodland Housing Authority (515 E 5th Street)

Wednesdays at 12:30 pm

Steever water Park

Thursdays at 11:00 am

Goodland Public Library

Fridays at 12:00 pm

Sherman Co. Sheriff's Dept.



Since the Nifty Needlers could not use the church building during the floor resurfacing, they used their time and energy to help others by assembling food bundles for Genesis. We appreciate your servant spirit and know that others will be blessed by your actions.





Who Am I?

Last month's "Who am I?" was **Susan Short**



1. As a child, how did you celebrate the 4th of July? Our families would gather on the football field of my hometown and watch the fireworks display. We didn't have much money to spend on fireworks, but my dad always got us some sparklers and a few jumping jacks.
2. How do you celebrate the 4th of July now? Every year we gather with our lawn chairs, blankets, good food, and fireworks at the park West of the fairgrounds for a potluck. When it's dark, we watch the Goodland Fireworks display.
3. What is your favorite TV show now and growing up? Little House on the Prairie and the Waltons. I don't have a favorite on today's TV shows.
4. What quality do you have that you hope you have passed to your family? To love God, and to love one another unconditionally.
5. Do you have hobbies or special things you like to do in the summer time? Gardening, BBQing, watching our grandkids summer activities, spending time with family.
6. What career do you think you would have been bad at? A singer....I've been told to not give up my day job.
7. What is your favorite go-to store when you go to the city? Hobby Lobby
8. How long have you worshiped at the First Christian Church? Off and on over the last 12 years (attended another church) - we came when our grandchildren were doing something special. We have been worshipping steadily for the last year. Our previous church is no longer in Goodland.
9. I especially feel God in my life.... Each and every day. He walks with me and talks with me every day.



Who am I?



Goodland, KS First Christian Church - Disciples of Christ, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and Goodland United Methodist Church Presents: **Hero Hotline VBS**

VBS is open to children Ages 3 to 6th grade and will take place Monday, July 17th through July 20th | (Time TBA) located at Goodland UMC

In the depths of a colorful underground cave, is the beating heart of the hero community, the Hero Hotline Headquarters where everyone's gifts are valued and every hero has a role to play. Each day at the Hero Hotline Headquarters, superheroes of all ages and abilities answer the call and join the Professor and veteran hero, Super Meer the Meerkat, to provide expert assistance and solutions to Hero Teams everywhere.

Online signup for VBS: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZpwC0cCDjPO15woljK6IKuBREfpH7OGOoi9CgvcCH5Qc4IQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Reflections from our Church Sign

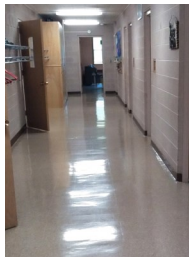
(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- **Step in to help when the world steps out
- **Concentrate on your destination, not your speed
- **The garden of life requires regular cultivation
- **God writes your story. Don't steal the pen -
trust the Author
- **We stand tallest when we stoop to help another



Thank You...

...Ron Vignery for your diligent efforts in seeing that the floors are shined up. We know it means a lot to you from your past training, but we, also, get to enjoy it!!
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From the Church Mouse:



- >On May 21st, George & Mary Ann Van Vleet transferred their membership back to FCC. We have always felt that they were a part of us, so we say, "Welcome Home"!
- > Glenda Smith Parks (Mrs. Ivan), passed away on June 18, 2023 at her home. She was the daughter of Leona Smith & sister of Wanda Schneider—both of whom were active members of our church in the past. Her funeral will be on July 15th @ 11:00am at the Koons-Russell chapel here in Goodland.
- >On June 27, 2023, Ken Yoke was baptized by Pastor Don with witness of Tim Armknecht (in the hospital). No matter where you are, God is there!

CWF Events



We will resume in August.
Have A great summer and be safe!

Introducing to you, Mr. & Mrs. Kaleb Yarbrough



Yes, they finally tied the knot on June 17, 2023 in Wichita at The Cottage. Skylynne Fulwider, Emily's former dance instructor, officiated the ceremony. Kaleb works for Pepsi and Emily is finishing up with college, so they will be remaining in Wichita for now.

We all love you and
!!Congratulations!!

Nifty Needlers

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



What a great time they have and there's always room for more!!



God has given us two ears, but one tongue, to show that we should be swift to hear, but slow to speak. God has set a double fence before the tongue, the teeth and the lips, to teach us to be wary that we offend not with our tongue.
- Thomas Watson

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!



*Starting again on July 11th.
Take a sneak peek at the book of
I John*

Bragging about Dads

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers.

The first boy says, "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$50."

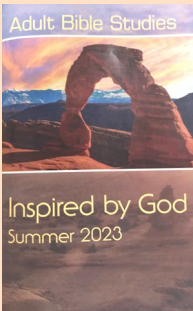
The second boy says, "That's nothing. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

"Inspired by God"



*Taking a break for the summer.
Will resume in the fall.*



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!!ALL NEW!!

Nursery care is available for toddlers and under.

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!

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**Taking a break for the summer.
See you next fall!**

<<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*



July 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0	3. 9:00am Exercise	4. Independence Day Office Closed	5. 9:00am Exercise	6. 1:00pm Game Day Group	7. 9:00am Exercise	1. <hr/> 8. (10am Blessing Ceremony) 6:00pm Potluck Meal
9. Installation (see pg 3 for details) 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 Light lunch provided 2:30pm Installation Service	10. 9:00am Exercise	11. 10:00am Bible Study resumes 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study resumes	12. 9:00am Exercise	13. 1:00pm Game Day Group	14. 9:00am Exercise	15.
16. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 1:30pm Service at Wheat Ridge	17. 9:00am Exercise VBS (see pg 4)	18. 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study VBS	19. 9:00am Exercise VBS	20. 1:00pm Game Day Group VBS	21. 9:00am Exercise	22.
23. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0	24. 9:00am Exercise	25. 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	26. 9:00am Exercise 5:00pm Worship & Music Comm Mtg	27. 1:00pm Game Day Group	28. 9:00am Exercise	29.
30. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 4pm Elder's Meeting	31. 9:00am Exercise					

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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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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 2023

	2	9	16	23	30
Elders	Kenny Griffith, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Kim Cole, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Dick Hayden, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Terry Smith, Off Kim Cole, Com	Debbie Griffith, Off Dick Hayden, Com
Worship Leader	Connie Grieve	Joy Hayden	Jo Simmons	Kara Smith	Robert Dodge
Greeter(s):	Mary Daise	Kenny Griffith Dick Hayden	Harriet Warren Skylar & Grace Warren	Dee Ann Ihrig	Bob & Mary Smith
A/V Tech-Closer	Andrew Luna	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Terry Smith	Andrew Luna

From **Praying the Names of God** by Ann Spangler:

Name: Adonay (a-do-NAI)

Key Scripture: Psalm 16:2

Adonay is a Hebrew word meaning "Lord" - a name that implies relationship: God is Lord, and we are his servants. As a word referring to God it appears more than three hundred times in the Hebrew Scriptures. As you pray to Adonay, tell him you want to surrender every aspect of your life to him.

Pray for the grace to become the kind of servant who is quick to do God's will. It is in knowing him as your Lord that you will discover a true sense of purpose. The New Testament depicts Jesus as both Lord and Servant. As servant he exemplifies what our relationship to Adonay is to be.