

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

June

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2021

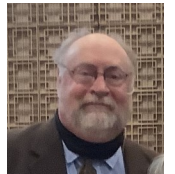


*Philippians 3: 13b-14 ...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

In reading this scripture, I'm not thinking that we are called to wipe the past from our memories, but just not get stuck there. What happens in our history contributes to who we are – both as individuals and as a church. Some things we hold as positive contributions, and some things we recognize as lessons learned. In either case, we then move on.



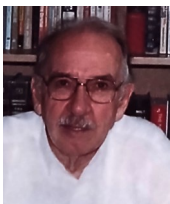
Recalling and embracing our time of ministry in conjunction with our past ministers brings a wide variety of memories to mind. Some make us laugh, some make us cry, some are near and dear, and some taught us how to carry out forgiveness as Jesus commanded. No doubt, they also walked away with those same memories and were changed as well. How we let that affect us as a body of Christ should reflect and honor their time and ministry here. It would also be our hope that what they experienced while here would add to their lives in a positive way, preparing them & propelling them into what God had next for them to do.



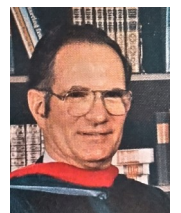
So, where do we go from here? Who is being prepared to accept God's call to our loving church family? What does ministry look like with *that* pastor among us? What new and rejuvenating ideas will they bring with them? What will *we* be able to contribute to make a difference in their lives? I imagine this new minister is asking themselves many similar questions. Let's wait with hopeful anticipation as we look forward to finding out the answers to these and any other questions we may have. Until then, we have much to do.



As we embark on this new chapter of First Christian Church, Goodland, Ks, you should know that the Board of Directors, Elders, etc. are working to be sure that you are supported in this interim time. Worship, Sunday School, Fellowship times, etc. will continue uninterrupted. If you have needs, please make them known to the office or any elder or board member. We are a loving, caring community of faith. *Together*, let's continue to seek the direction that God would have us take, with His help and for His glory. Press on...



Blessings as we journey,  
Debbie Griffith



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Dwight Briney	Roger Collins
Galen Cooper	Vetha Cormier
Alice Jackson	
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Carolyn Kerr	Lonnie Kerr
Sharon Mann	Marie Marsh
Catherine Parisi	Wanda Schneider
Mike Stamm	Ione Todd
Todd Trzcinski	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



6/2	Belinda Amend
6/3	Coltynn Kale Ludowese
6/4	LJ Von Lintel
6/6	Mike Vignery
6/8	Gareth Rohr
6/14	Freda Barber Staab
6/15	Amanda Ross Ariane Barber
6/16	Kara Smith Bailee Guyer Topliff
6/17	Lyndee Ihrig
6/18	Carol Stamm Caden Strickland
6/20	June Baldwin Stauffer Michelle Griffith
6/23	Sara Amend
6/24	Chelsea Ontiveroz
6/26	Aaron Arteaga Cooper Ploeger
6/29	Rex Harrison
6/30	Kim Rasure Debbie Griffith

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
5/2	\$1994.75	\$1180.00	-\$814.75	34
5/9	\$1994.75	\$1107.00	-\$887.75	52
5/16	\$1994.75	\$3250.00	+\$1255.25	50
5/23	\$1994.75	\$1600.00	+\$394.75	45
5/30	\$1994.75	TBA	TBA	TBA



6/2	Barry & Joni Guyer Tyler & Taryn Jones
6/9	Jim & Michelle Griffith
6/14	Kenneth & Connie Grieve Kenton & Abby Keith
6/15	Bruce & Tina Gleason
6/16	George & Gorda Adelgren
6/24	Dirk & Pam Sheldon Ron & Judi Vignery

### Many Thanks...

...to the wonderful ladies who so graciously said "yes" when asked to cover the church office for me recently: Connie Grieve, Jo Simmons, Lois Cossman, and Joy Hayden. You all have willing, servant hearts—bless you!!

Debbie Griffith

### NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

Paper Towels  
Paper—20 lb (we will be using more than normal)

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



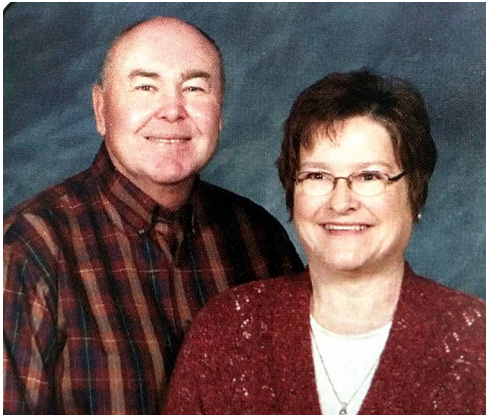
## Thank You...

...I want to thank everyone at the church for the cards & prayers when Kelly was in hospital and then went to Heaven. May she rest in peace. Thank you again. In Christ's love, Cameron Pittman & the family of Kelly Duvall



On May 23, 2021, Kenny & Janet Davis celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary! What a blessing it is to witness their commitment to each other and the life they have shared in this commitment.

We pray they will enjoy many more years together and that they will continue to allow God's love to be at the center of this union!!



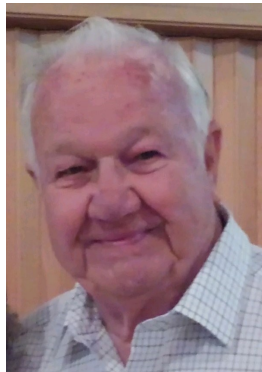
## ~90th Birthday~

God has blessed Bob Smith with many years of Christian living—90 to be specific! May 17, 2021 marked this milestone, and according to Bob, he never imagined that he would see this day!

They had a good sized family gathering to commemorate this life of longevity and it was so good to see them all in church together.

May God bless you in many ways for a life lived in service to others!!

P.S. Bob was baptized in the original church building here in Goodland on 4-13-1941, so he has come full circle with their return. We are so glad!!



## 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

**June 9 @ 12:00 Noon**



Potluck lunch & year-end meeting

Bring your favorite dish (assuming full of food, wink-wink) and enjoy a great meal, fellowship and laughter!

This will be the last meeting of the 2020/2021 CWF year. The next meeting will be in August under the co-leadership of Mary Smith & Lois Cossman. Watch for details of the kickoff for the 2021/2022 year!

## Snippets from the May Board Meeting

- ◆ Moneys were allocated for the Search & Call expenses that are anticipated.
- ◆ The changes made in the Covid-19 policy consist of: resume pre-worship fellowship time, resume potlucks as desired, greeters will be at the door with a modified bulletin in hand. Method of communion and offering will remain as is for now. Commodity Distribution will stop the 'drive-thru' method and have recipients come in the building to receive the food items.
- ◆ June and early July pulpit supply is already in place, giving us time to call an interim minister.
- ◆ VBS is being planned as a combined effort with the Methodists. This time it will be held at the Methodist Church in late July.
- ◆ Emma VanVleet has donated an automatic door opener for the back door. This will aid in carrying items in to the kitchen, etc. It is heartwarming to know that the opener for the front has been fondly referred to as "Harold" and now we will have an "Emma" to open the back door. Many thanks!!
- ◆ With added duties between ministers and in the first weeks of a new minister, the secretary has been granted additional hours if needed to complete these tasks.
- ◆ The Search Committee was named and will begin meeting soon to start gathering information. An interim will be sought by the elders plus Terry Smith.





## WHO AM I?

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



1. When raising your family, how did you celebrate Father's Day? Usually went to church, went out to lunch or a picnic, and presents were opened.
2. What is something you learned from your father? Honesty, doing the right thing, loyalty to family and friends.
3. What is something you hope your children learned from you? It's easier to give someone a smile than a frown. With a frown, you will have to change that conception of you, later.
4. What is your favorite way to relax or what is your favorite hobby? Reading, yard work, water sports
5. What do you enjoy the most and the least about summer? A: The colors of summer and everyone seems to be in a better mood. B: Mosquitoes!
6. When growing up, what did you want to do or be? To own my own business
7. My favorite food is... Spaghetti
8. Name one thing that makes FCC special? The friendliness of people, especially to newcomers.
9. What would help FCC grow? I feel we need younger families with children. I would like to know what churches who have lots of young families do to get and retain them.



Pictured below (L-R): Tyler, Brody & Taryn Jones

### Parent/Child Dedication



On May 9, 2021, the congregation participated in a Parent/Child Dedication Ceremony with Tyler and Taryn Jones in dedication of their son, Brody Lee Jones.

Brody is pictured here with his parents after the ceremony, seated on a quilt that was presented on behalf of the congregation. The quilt, made by the Nifty Needlers, was given as a reminder of our support and source of comfort for this family, & depicts the story of Noah's Ark. A child's religious book was also given.

We celebrate with them and ask the Lord to guide them in Brody's raising. The congregation was also charged to be an influence in Brody's life in spiritual instruction, support and growth.

Blessings on this family in the days and years ahead!!

## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- \*\*Work for Jesus - the retirement benefits are great!
- \*\*Ministry well done, thank you Rev. Doug Amend!!
- \*\*God help me to be the person my dog thinks I am



## Nifty Needlers

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

MORE wonderful accomplishments...



..from these gifted and tireless fabric workers!!



Follow-up to last months story:

Robbi Pottorf (left) is the winner of the quilt that was donated by the Nifty Needlers to be raffled off to benefit Kollins Smades. The total raised in this fundraiser project was \$1,655.00!! Blessings abound...

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## A Fond Farewell

On May 23, 2021 we celebrated the time that ministry was shared together with Pastor Doug Amend and family. We are glad that they will be with us one more Sunday before leaving.

A cake reception was held prior to church and a potluck dinner was enjoyed afterward. On the left you will see Kenny Griffith, board chairman, Belinda & Doug Amend, Sara Amend, and Preston Leftwich in the gifting and appreciation ceremony during the worship service. Special gifts were presented and sentimental words were also shared.



Their new address will be: 127 S. Erb St., Hesston, Ks, 67062, and as Pastor Doug shared in the service, if we are passing through we are invited to stop for a chat.

They go with our blessing as they continue to serve our Loving God in whatever capacity they are called to in the future!!



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Sermon Schedule

- June 6** "The Storms of Life" —Matt. 14: 22-33  
Terry Smith
- June 13** Ken Marston will deliver the message.
- June 20** Debbie Griffith will deliver the message.
- June 27** Pat Schiefen will deliver the message.
- July 4** Debbie Martin will deliver the message.
- July 11** Tracy Hillmer will deliver the message.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

As I near my final Sunday as your pastor, I want to thank you for the love and support I and my family have received over the past six years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the pastor of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Goodland, Kansas.

I also want to thank the congregation for the warm fellowship at both the Fellowship Time and the Fellowship Dinner. And thank you for the wonderful picture of the church, signed by you all, along with the gift cards. They are greatly appreciated and as we get settled into our new home in Hesston, the picture will be hanging along side pictures of other churches I have served.

We have enjoyed our time here in Goodland, and though I am no longer your pastor, I still consider you my friends and brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are in or around Hesston, please give us a call and drop by. Our phone numbers are the same and our address is 127 South Erb Street, Hesston, Kansas 67062.

Blessings to you all as you continue to share the love, grace, and mercy of Christ Jesus to the city of Goodland and beyond.

And, until next we meet, PEACE!

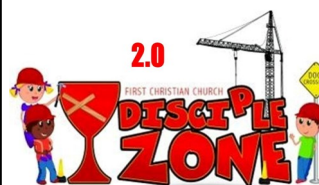
Adult Bible Studies



## **FRIENDSHIP CLASS** **Every Sunday at 9 a.m.**

### **"Respond"**

- June 6 ~ Sibling Rivalry Writ Lg (Gen. 37: 5-28)
- June 13 ~ In the Master's House (Gen. 39: 1-21)
- June 20 ~ What Dreams May Come  
(Gen. 41: 1-16, 25-32)
- June 27 ~ Grace Abounds (Gen. 45: 1-15)



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

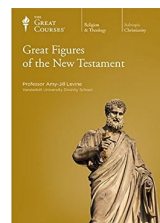
## **BOAT CLASS**

**Sunday mornings**

**@ 9:15 a.m.**

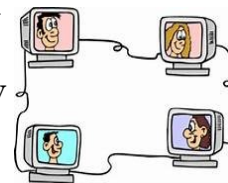
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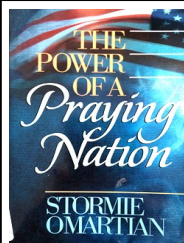


## **Tuesday Morning Zoom Bible Study**

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*

## **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.



# June 2021



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

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**Church** (785) 890-5233  
**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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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)

**June 2021**

	6	13	20	27		
<b>Elders</b>	Tracy Hillmer, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Kim Cole, Off Kenny Griffith, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Debbie Martin, Com		
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Kim Cole	Ron Vignery	Terry Smith	?YOU?		
<b>Greeter(s): Board Members</b>	Terry & Kara Smith	Jo Simmons	Lois Cossman	Ron Vignery		
<b>Servers</b>	<i>Now</i>	<i>faith</i>	<i>is the</i>	<i>assurance</i>		<i>of</i>
<b>Candlelighters</b>	<i>things</i>	<i>hoped</i>	<i>for,</i>	<i>the</i>		<i>conviction</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	<i>of</i>	<i>things</i>	<i>not</i>	<i>seen.</i>	<i>Hebrews 11:1</i>	
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith		
<b>Snacks</b>	Generous Gifters	Generous Gifters	Generous Gifters	Generous Gifters		