

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

June

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2022



## Tag—You're It!



Pastors have interesting ways of getting people *motivated* to do things. Anything from puppy-dog eyes, to guilt, to appealing to your known gifts, and yes, even scripture quotes (after all, who can argue with God). Pastor Don is a master at this art, but he can sure get things done as a result!

God also has some very creative ways to lead and guide us in “the way we should go and the things we should do”(Jer 42:3). Just like the way this article came about. I was minding the business of being church secretary (ie: working on this newsletter), and an idea just suddenly popped into my mind of what the *pastor* should add to his current sermon series “Sermons From the Playground”. Pastor Don should do a sermon on the game Tag. Promptly and dutifully, I gave him the message for consideration. That was it—message delivered—DONE! Hahaha, silly girl!! The conversation progressed, ideas were tossed around and things morphed. As you can see, I was the one that got tagged and I was ‘IT’! It was for ME to do, not to had off to someone else.

There are times in which we are fast to say, “Someone else should do it.” when we should take the baton and run with it. What is God calling you to do these days? What baton have you been handed? Are you running away from the baton, or reaching for it? Or, what baton *should* you hand off so your hands are free to grasp another? Has God tagged you to be IT or be the one to tag another?



Whether we are playing tag or running a relay, “let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Heb. 12:1-2) Some day we all hope to hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” (Matt. 25:21).

As we journey together,  
Debbie Griffith

P.S. Please DO make an effort to come and hear the remainder of the series “Sermons From the Playground”. They are referencing Hide & Seek (When Hide & Seek Goes Wrong—delivered May 22), Hokey Pokey, Sticks & Stones, & Follow the Leader. (Not listed in order.)



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Kelly Chidester	Roger Collins
Galen Cooper	
Vetha Cormier	Lonnie Kerr
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Sharon Mann	Marie Marsh
Braxton Meier	Gary Meyer
Jeannie Pyles	Kollins Smades
Mike Stamm	Bernie Taylor
Ione Todd	Shelley Wamsley

### Please pray for our Active Military:

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



6/2	Belinda Amend Skylar Warren
6/3	Coltynn Kale Ludowese
6/4	LJ Von Lintel
6/6	Mike Vignery
6/8	Gareth Rohr
6/9	DJ Warren
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	Arron Arteaga Cooper Ploeger
6/30	Kim Rasure Debbie Griffith

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
5/1	\$2,249.70	\$998.00	-\$1,251.70	39
5/8	\$2,249.70	\$1,173.00	-\$1,076.70	52
5/15	\$2,249.70	\$2,240.00	-\$9.70	46
5/22	\$2,249.70	\$2,141.00	-\$108.7	49
5/29	\$2,249.70	TBA	TBA	TBA

## Sorry I neglected to print this list of lilies last month— forgiven?

- 1—**Sam Rethmann:** Betty Rethmann  
\$20 donation—**Roger Collins:** Lewis & Mae Collins
- 2—**Emma VanVleet:** 1) Harold, 2) George & Margaret VanVleet  
and Roy & Julia Everett
- Multiple—**Barry & Joni Guyer:** In honor & memory of loved ones
- 1—**Diann Ross & Rebekah Clark:** All loved ones
- 1—**Birkley A. Barnes:** In honor of my parents, Levi & Edith Barnes
- 1—**Sharon Finley & Family:** In loving memory of Dennie &  
Damon Finley
- 1—**Donna Ruddell & Family:** In loving memory of  
Richard & Randy Ruddell
- 1—**Kenny & Debbie Griffith:** For friends and family
- 4—**Joan Reid:** For Pat, Leigh, Jake, Annie



## NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:



Kleenex  
Trigger spray type Disinfectant Cleaner

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

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



## Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ◆ Property Committee: Brad Timm will brick the exterior where the office air conditioners were for \$2,850.
- ◆ Outreach & Mission Committee: The Sack Lunch program will be held from June 6th through July 1. The sandwiches will be made on Sundays at 5pm and Wednesdays at 5:15pm.
- ◆ Federated Music Club asked for the use of the church as a contingency plan on June 5th.
- ◆ The church choir has been asked to sing at Goodland's Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Nov. 6th as a part of their milestone celebration. We are honored to be a part of this!
- ◆ We are continuing to seek grant funding to purchase an AED to have on premises.
- ◆ Jessica Vignery will be moving and we wish her well. This leaves the Christian Education Director, Board Vice Chair, and Board Member positions open.
- ◆ VBS will be held July 18-21. It will be held in partnership with the Methodist Church again this year. We will be the host church.

## USDA Commodities Distribution

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

**June 27, 2022 @ 1:30pm**



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



## CWF EVENTS

The CWF ladies are breaking for the summer and will come back together in August.

## From the Church Mouse:



>We became aware that Tyler & Taryn Jones are expecting a baby in December. What a blessing to look forward to (for all of us)!

>The church mouse heard the pastor say that if there are those who "have something to write about or share" & would like to write the front page of the newsletter, be sure to let him know.

>There were no entries, therefore no winners from the Psalm 23 quiz in May's newsletter. The prize will be enjoyed by the secretary...



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG—LOOK WHAT IS BEING DONE OUTSIDE AS A RESULT!!

Right: Dick & Joy are tending to the roses around the labyrinth. They will be pretty soon!



Left: The two Kenny G's took down the piece of playground equipment that was beginning to deteriorate, thus keeping our children safe. Thank You!!



Left: Kenny Griffith took out the overgrown bushes in the front of the church yard.

Then...  
A border was put down to frame the area and other preparations made.

Then...  
Kenny Grieve planted 2 varieties of tall grasses in their place.



Below: Debbie Martin made sure that cheery flowers were placed in the planter boxes on both sides of the front doors to welcome us in.





## WHO AM I?

Last month's "Who am I?" was **Kim Cole**



1. I was born and raised in: Born in Washington and raised in Texas
2. I married my spouse on: 2-22-2017
3. When I was growing up, I wanted to be a: Veterinarian
4. My favorite holiday is: Christmas
5. My favorite food is: YES, I love food!
6. What I like best about summertime is: all the beautiful flowers
7. Name something that we would be surprised or interested to know about you: I have worked as a Texas jailer and I have a teepee.
8. What do you like to do in your spare time? I love to paint and horticulture
9. I became associated with FCC (DOC): Through a friend
10. My favorite aspect of this church is: The way it feels like coming home



Who Am I ?



### ***Vincent Osoro Nchogu***

From Kisii, Kenya and a graduate of NW Ks Technical College. He will be continuing His education next year in Texas

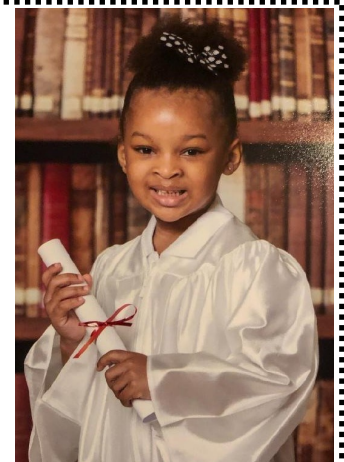


### ***~Supporting Our Graduates~***

#### ***Raelyn Hillmer***

A graduate of Goodland High School, she will be attending Fort Hays State in Hays, Ks next fall. Thank you for the touching reflection you gave!!

We pray that each of these young lives are enriched in their life's calling, always seeking God first!



#### ***Grace Warren***

Grace graduated from preschool in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She will be moving to Goodland for further education and life training.

## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

**\*\*We are never so lost that God can't find us!**

**\*\*When life knocks you to your knees pray there**



## Summer Sack Lunch Program

Beginning June 6th through July 1st, children can receive a sack lunch the following days:

**Mondays** at 12:00 pm Goodland Activities Center

**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 Dept.



**\*\*Please come help make the sandwiches on Wednesdays @ 5:15 pm and Sundays @ 5:00 pm, here at the church.**

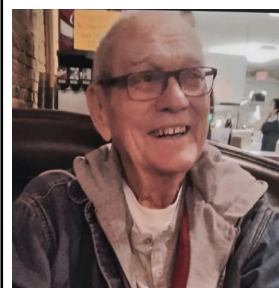
Watch the office window for "The Whole Armor of God" to appear. I hope you learn something new—I know I sure have in this process!!

Debbie G



## *Welcome to Terry and Roberta Webb*

On May 22nd we officially welcomed these lovely people into our church family with their profession of faith. As far as we were concerned, they have been a part of us from day one!! It will be a joy to get to know them better as we worship and work together for the good of Christ and His church. Again,  
**Welcome!!**



We thank the family of Bob Weeteling for the sizeable monetary donation in Bob's memory. He was a friendly, thoughtful man who valued the family atmosphere of our church and he will be missed. He had a compassionate heart!



## Nifty Needlers

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



With summer fast upon us, I am told that the Nifty Needlers are planning some fun summer projects! What might that be??? Knowing their leaders, I'm sure it will be fun and beautiful! Be sure to stay tuned for more information...



IT'S  
IN  
THE  
DETAILS

(so beautiful!!)

Doing different things, but together. Like the sign on their door says, "Therapy in Session"



She leaves a little sparkle wherever she goes.....of course we are talking about:

## *Jessica Vignery*

Jessica has taken a teaching job in Colorado Springs and will be moving as soon as school is finished here.

She has been our Education Director for the Wednesday night Disciple Zone program for the children. What a blessing to us and them!

She also served on the Board of Directors and was Vice Chair this year.

We hope she will be a regular 'visitor' in our church life and we send her with our love (as the wall hanging states).

God be with you 'til we meet again!!



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Bible Study

Looking for a study of God's word? Look no further. Pastor Don will be teaching two classes on Tuesdays—one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. We will be starting with the book of Ruth.



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!

Now studying:

The book of



The elders, at the last meeting, had to give Ron instructions in licking the sauce from the ladle. It was a heavy assignment, but he took on the task and got it 'licked'! I'm sure he would pass this knowledge along if you need to know.



The final day for the season was filled with fun! Here is a sample:

To include mischief...



A safe place to play...



And wonderful leaders!  
(Sorry, Debbie Martin, I somehow didn't get a pic of you in your bikini—please forgive me!!)



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

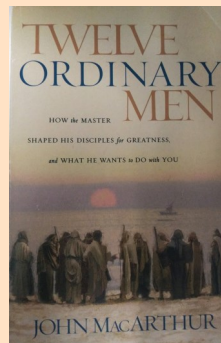
### "Transform"

### June—The Fruit of the Spirit (The Spiritual Practice of Silence)

June 5 ~ Receiving the Spirit's Gifts  
June 12 ~ The Spirit Gives Wisdom  
June 19 ~ Life Apart From the Spirit  
June 26 ~ Life in the Spirit



## NOON-THIRTY BOOK STUDY



Come and be a part of this book study, prayer & fellowship. The book is "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. The subtitle describes it well: How the Master shaped His disciples for greatness, and what He wants to do with you.

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



# June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. 9:00am Exercise	2.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study  3:45pm Woodwinds	3. 9:00am Exercise	4.
5. <b>Pentecost</b>  9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	6. 9:00am Exercise	7.  10:00am Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	8. 9:00am Exercise	9.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study  3:45pm Woodwinds	10. 9:00am Exercise	11.
12. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	13. 9:00am Exercise	14.  10:00 Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	15. 9:00am Exercise	16.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study  3:45pm Woodwinds	17. 9:00am Exercise	18.
19. <b>Father's Day</b>  9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online  	20. 9:00am Exercise	21.  10:00 Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	22. 9:00am Exercise	23.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study  3:45pm Woodwinds	24. 9:00am Exercise	25.
26.  9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online  4:00pm Elder's Mtg	27. 9:00am Exercise  1:30-2:30 pm Commodities Distribution	28.  10:00 Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	29. 9:00am Exercise	30.  12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study  3:45pm Woodwinds	9:00am Exercise	

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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 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)

## June 2022

	5	12	19	26
<b>Elders</b>	Kim Cole, Off Kenny Griffith, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Tracy Hillmer, Off Kim Cole, Com	Dick Hayden, Off Debbie Martin, Com
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Joan Reid	Terry Smith	TBA	TBA
<b>Greeter(s): Serving Elders</b>	Kim Cole Kenny Griffith	Tim Armknecht Ron Vignery	Tracy Hillmer Kim Cole	Dick Hayden Debbie Martin
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Andrew Luna



### In Keeping with Scripture OR Scripturally Speaking

But you, beloved, build yourselves up on your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God; wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And convince some, who doubt; save some, by snatching them out of the fire; on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen.

Jude 1:20-25