

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

March

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2021



*James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."*

Mark 10: 35 – 37, NRSV

As we have entered the season of Lent, it is the time of introspection and contemplation. It is the season where we often give up things, chocolate, caffeine, etc., to show our devotion to and joining Christ on his journey to Jerusalem. As has been pointed out by so many, often times the act of giving something up is often more of a public performance to show how pious one is, or how difficult this journey truly is as they cannot have their Coke or Hershey's Kiss. In a 2018 homily, Pope Francis says of fasting, of giving something up:

Do not give into the temptation of 'showing off' by fasting: "by making a fuss of it and letting people know that we are practicing Catholics and we do penance, so that people think 'what a good person'.

This is a trick. It's pretending to be virtuous". "We must pretend, but with a smile. That is not showing others that we are performing acts of penance." (Vatican News, February 16, 2018)

Pope Francis then went on to say, "When fasting, a true Christian must be consistent, not putting himself on show, never despising others or engaging in quarrels or disagreements." He then invited those present to ask themselves how they are interacting with others. He then shared what has been shared across the internet:

"(T)he fasting that is acceptable to the Lord aims to "release those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke".

As I was reading Mark 10, it struck me what a challenging chapter it is. The Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus with a question about marriage. When parents were bringing their children to be blessed by Jesus, the disciples were rudely turning them away. There is the story of the rich young man and Jesus' third warning to his disciples of what was to happen in Jerusalem. All of this leading up to James and John coming to Jesus to ask for the seats of honor when his kingdom comes in its glory.

This scene has always stood out to me. With everything they had seen, everything they had been taught, with everything that they had experienced in just this short period of time in chapter 10, James and John had the temerity to ask for the seats of honor. And I don't know if it is better or worse in the Gospel of Matthew that it is James and John's mother who makes the request. All I know is that the other disciples are indignant that the brothers would ask such a thing. Especially since each of the other disciples were hoping for the same honor.

Which brings me back to the words of Pope Francis. Though we tend to focus on James and John, all of the disciples were looking for glory and honor for themselves. They were not asking themselves how they were interacting with others. Instead, they wanted the focus to be on them rather than to be on the God they served, and the Christ they followed.

As we go through this Lenten season, may our focus not be on ourselves but on the God who through His Son, granted us the gift of life, and through the gift of the Holy Spirit, keeps alive in our hearts, our minds, our bodies, and our souls the knowledge and surety that the love of our God will never leave us, but will go with us all the days of our lives. And as we walk in the light of God's love, may our sacrifices truly be pleasing to our God: our giving of ourselves to lift up our neighbor so that all will know the joy we find in the love of God revealed to us through Christ Jesus.

I look forward to worshipping with you, both online and in person, during this season of Lent. And as we go through this time of introspection and prayer, may you always feel the presence of Christ's peace and love. So, until next we meet, PEACE!

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

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

### Wheat Ridge (main building)

Wanda Ginn                      Dwight "Bud" Perrey

### Please pray for our Active Military:

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



3-2	Ken Davis
3-4	Treson Clark
3-5	George Adelgren
3-7	Nona Mason
3-9	Morgan Hagerman
3-12	Tricia Meier
3-16	Stan Kibel
3-21	Gorda Adelgren
3-23	Jerome Ontiveroz
3-24	Janet Schrieber
3-26	Jenifer Charles
3-29	Darla Brock Will Griffith

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
1/31	\$1994.75	\$825.00	-\$1169.75	19
2/7	\$1994.75	\$1371.00	-\$623.75	20
2/14	\$1994.75	\$1395.00	-\$599.75	not held
2/21	\$1994.75	\$2171.00	+\$176.25	27
2/28	\$1994.75	\$1970.00	-\$24.75	27



More from the archives...

## NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

Brasso (brass cleaner)  
Clorox wipes

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



3-9	Kendall & Jacque Cooper
3-20	Jeremy & Megan Kemp



## CWF EVENTS



The CWF meetings/events will remain on hold as of now. We all hope to get in the groove again soon!?

### ~Easter Lilies~

Blooming flowers in the sanctuary are a sign of life, especially the lilies at Easter!! Those trumpet-like flowers seem to help shout the good news of the resurrection as we sing "He Lives!" We anticipate being able to be together in person for Easter this year for this celebration.

What a JOY!

Be sure to order your lilies by letting the church office know (785-890-5233) how many you want, and if you want to dedicate them to someone's honor or memory. The deadline to order is Wed. Mar. 24th. The cost is \$12.50/ea.



## USDA Commodities Distribution

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

**Monday, Mar. 1 @ 1:30-2:30pm**

**Monday, Mar. 29 @ 1:30-2:30pm**



If you have time and would like to help, either that day or with the preparations ahead of time, please let **Tracy Hillmer** know. We are always in need of more plastic grocery bags, so if you have some, please bring them to the church!!



The Easter Offering reaches Deep and Wide by:

- Developing Disciples
- Forming new faith communities
- Connecting with ministry partners around the world
- Serving God's people in need

Be sure to glorify God by giving to special offerings ~ that may be the part God has given you to do so that others can do what they are called to do!

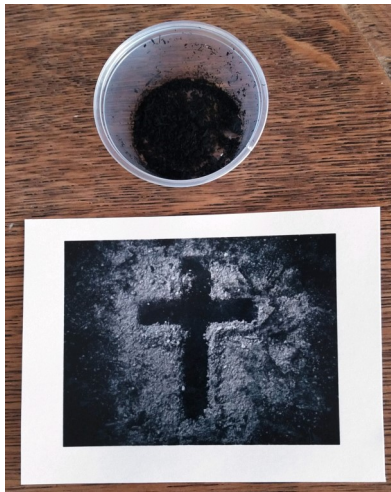
## ASH WEDNESDAY/ LENT

A meaningful, contemplative, meditative, non-contact, Ash Wednesday service was held on Feb. 17th. This service was a mixture of the sign of the times, then and now.

After doing some exercises of reflection in the service, the ashes

were sent home in covered containers as well as an instructive card that can be utilized at home in our quiet times.

Lent has begun. Another waiting period. Ask God to help you use this time to foster your relationship with the Divine, in faith and trust!



As we continue in our time of meditation, take your card and trace the letters of the phrase, meditating on the phrase as you invite God's blessing into your life. After tracing the phrase, make the sign of the cross on your forehead or the back of your hand.

*Remember that you are  
dust, and to dust you  
shall return.  
Repent and believe in  
the Gospel.*



## Snippets from the Board Meeting


- ◆ There is no change in the Covid-19 Church Policy for February. Discussion will continue as we see how the post-vaccination opening and relaxing affects the community.
- ◆ A thank you note was read from Dick Hayden for the monetary gift he received. He was touched by the board/congregation's kindness, but gifted it back to the church to be used for the labyrinth up-keep.
- ◆ The Property Committee reported that the new office computers were found and agreed upon. They will be ordered shortly and be in place soon.
- ◆ Also, the Property Committee met with the insurance representative by Zoom and signage changes are needed for the playground & will be changed according to their policy requirements.
- ◆ Note papers were put in the pews for convenience and a responsive call-to-worship was added back into the service for those who find it meaningful. Other changes were tabled for now.



## WHO AM I?



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

1. Do you have a special memory or tradition for St. Patrick's Day? My Sister & Brother-in Law's anniversary was the 16th, so my Mom would make them a special St. Patrick's dinner.
2. Do you have a favorite vacation location? I went to Iceland with a gal pal and had a wonderful time.
3. Is there a place you have not been that you would like to go? Germany - my father was German & my grandfather came over to the US when he was a teenager.
4. How many years did you have your family business here in Sherman County? Since Feb 4, 1973
5. What is your favorite food? French fries - homemade or McDonalds 
6. If you could get an endless supply of something, what would it be? Money - not for me, but to help the church, family, kids going to college, build homes for the homeless.
7. Is there anything that you have kept since your childhood? Class yearbooks from Wichita East High
8. What do you like most about living in Goodland, Ks? Weather! Low humidity
9. As a child, what did you want to grow up to be? Airline Stewardess or a Lawyer
10. What is your favorite aspect of this church? The love everyone showed me when I visited the church the first time. Phyllis Daniels and Emma were instrumental in bringing me to the church the first time.



### CAMP SCHEDULE AS IT STANDS NOW...

(Enrollment limited - forms in the entry way or office!)

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Grade Completed:</b>	<b>Max Enroll:</b>	<b>Begin/end Time:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>	<b>**Reduced:</b>
CYF Conf - Alpha	June 21-25 (Mon-Fri)	9-12	50	1:00pm -10am	\$350	\$245
CYF Conf - Omega	July 6-10 (Tues-Sat)	9-12	50	1:00pm -10am	\$350	\$245
Pre-High	July 12-16 (Mon-Fri)	8 Only	25	1:00pm -10am	\$350	\$245
Chi Rho	July 12-16 (Mon-Fri)	6-7	25	1:00pm -10am	\$350	\$245
Junior	June 14-18 (Mon-Fri)	4-5	50	1:00pm -10am	\$350	\$245
Primary 1	June 30-July 2 (Wed-Fri)	2-3	50	1:00pm -10am	\$255	\$180
Discovery	July 1-2 (Thurs-Fri)	K-1	45	1:00pm -10am	\$145	\$100

### SPECIALTY CAMPS

KCYF Mission Week: June 6-11 (Sun-Fri) Grades 8-12 Tawakoni, Augusta \$ 350 (max. 20)

Grand Camp 1: June 18-20 (Fri-Sun) All Ages (max. 40) 1:00 pm-10:00 am Adult \$ 150/ \$105 Child \$ 90 / \$63 reduced

Grand Camp 2: June 22-24 (Tues-Thurs) as above... (max. enrollment 40)

\*\*Scholarship fund will reduce each fee by about 30% COVID-19 Reminder: We plan to meet in-person at Disciples Center. Face masks and social distancing precautions will be expected of all participants. If health authorities indicate it is not wise to hold camps we will move events online and refund registration fees.



## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

\*\*Fire insurance inside!!

\*\*One thing you can give & still keep is  
your word

\*\* (inclimate weather)

\*\*God answers knee mail



### Patchwork of Christianity

In other DOC newsletters there are meaningful articles as well. This is a patchwork of a few different articles that touched me (and hopefully will you as well).

Nona Mason shared her memory of being in a group called JOY singers - Jesus, Others, Yourself. A good reminder of where our focus should be. In a similar acronym, we can say TGIF *everyday*, not just on Friday - Today God Is First. In either case, we are to love the Lord our God with ALL of our heart, mind, soul, and strength.

We are an interlocking community of Christians that can be likened to a puzzle. Each piece is unique, and the 'whole' suffers loss if it missing. Even the small, plain pieces add to the picture when present or leave a hole when not. None are interchangeable. Through community and fellowship, we are encouraged, doubts are dispelled, and wisdom & knowledge is shared. In our connecting, we never lose our individual identity, but become an important part of the greater good, for the good of all.



When YOU say that you are a Christian, what are YOU really saying?

### When I say, "I am a Christian"...

...I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!", I'm whispering, "I get lost sometimes"

...I don't speak with human pride, I'm confessing that I stumble.

...I'm not trying to be strong, I'm professing that I'm weak and need strength to carry on.

...I'm not bragging of success, I'm admitting that I've failed and cannot ever pay the debt.

...I don't think I know it all, I submit to my confusion asking humbly to be taught.

...I'm not claiming to be perfect, my flaws are all too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

...I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heart-ache, so I seek God.

...I do not wish to judge as I have no authority. I only know that I am loved.

## Nifty Needlers

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



These hands are always busy. Creating, giving, loving, utilizing what is available so that nothing goes to waste - good stewards! No idle hands for mischief found here, just big hearts.



### Thank You...

...to **Pastor Doug** and **everyone** for all the visits, phone calls, & cards while I was in the hospital.  
...to the **Nifty Needlers**: Thank you very much for thinking of me on Valentine's Day and for the cupcakes, candy, and the appliques. It was a great surprise and I enjoyed it. God Bless all of you!

Your friend, Mary Daise

...to my **church family** for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls. I have been able to tolerate the chemo well. I appreciate each and every one of you. May God bless you all.

Emma VanVleet

### World Day of Prayer - March 5th

**World Day of Prayer** is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common **day of prayer** each year. They af-



firm that prayer & action are inseparable and have *immeasurable* influence on the world.



Motto: "Informed prayer & prayerful action"

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## March 2021 Sermon Schedule

- Mar. 7      **Signs of the Covenant:**  
                  **Becoming a Community**  
 Exodus 20: 1 – 7, Old Testament, Page 58
- Mar. 14     **Signs of the Covenant:**  
                  **From a Serpent to the Son of Man**  
 Numbers 21:4 – 9a, Old Testament, Pg 122  
 (John 3: 14 – 21)
- Mar. 21     **Message by Ron Vignery**  
 TBA
- Mar. 28     **Signs of the Covenant:**  
                  **A Song of the Servant**  
 Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a, Old Testament, Page 594
- April 4      **Easter**  
**Signs of the Covenant:**  
                  **Let Us Rejoice in His Salvation**  
 Isaiah 25: 6 – 9, Old Testament, Page 568  
 (John 20: 1 – 18)



Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?      -Corrie Ten Boom

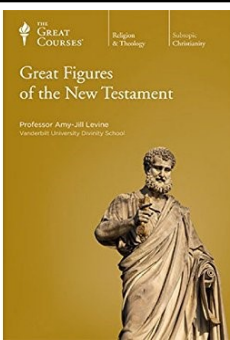



Watch for the kick-off to the 2020-2021 season coming our way as decisions are made!!

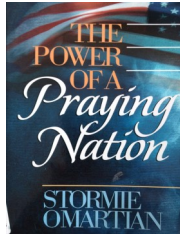
### BOAT CLASS

Sunday mornings  
 @ 9:15 a.m.

With the interruption of class due to Covid-19, we are continuing with the book “Great Figures of the New Testament” written by Amy-Jill Levine.



It is a look into the lives of many of the figures common to the New Testament.



### 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!

**On hold at this time.**  
**Watch for the resume date.**

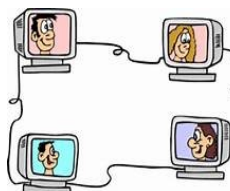
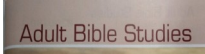
*Every Thursday @ 12:30 p.m.*  
*Church Parlor*

### Tuesday Morning Zoom Bible Study

Be sure to sign in for Pastor Doug’s Zoom Bible study every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Discussion each week will be on the scripture that is to be used for the next Sunday’s sermon.

Connect with others as we share our experiences, questions, and insights, and learn together!!


### FRIENDSHIP CLASS

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

### “Encounter”

We will be catching up on the material that was not used in this time of being apart.

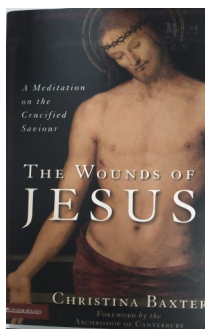
Come check it out!!



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ZOOM CLASS (Sept-April)

Wed. nights at 7:00 p.m.  
 ~with Pastor Doug Amend~

Feb. 24th we started the book  
**The Wounds of Jesus**  
 By Christina Baxter



Be sure to join us for this Lenten journey of learning.



# March 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1.</b> 9:00am Exercise  1:30-2:30 pm Commodities Distribution	<b>2.</b> 8:30am CWF Gen- eral @ church parlor  10:00am Zoom Bi- ble Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers	<b>3.</b> 9:00am Exercise   7:00pm Zoom book study	<b>4.</b>   Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	<b>5. World Day of            Prayer</b>  9:00am Exercise	<b>6.</b>
<b>7.</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15 a.m. Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	<b>8.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>9.</b> 10:00am Zoom Bi- ble Study  1:30pm Martha's Goldenrod Group @ church parlor  2:00pm Nifty Needlers 5:30 Worship Mtg	<b>10.</b> 9:00am Exercise   7:00pm Zoom book study	<b>11.</b>   Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	<b>12.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>13.</b>
<b>14.</b> 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15am Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	<b>15.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>16.</b> 10:00am Zoom Bi- ble Study  2:00pm Niftly Needlers	<b>17.</b> 9:00am Exercise   7:00pm Zoom book study	<b>18.</b>   Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	<b>19.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>20.</b>
<b>21.</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15am Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 1:30pm Wheat Ridge Services	<b>22.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>23.</b> 10:00am Zoom Bi- ble Study  2:00pm Niftly Needlers	<b>24. Lily Order            Deadline</b>  9:00am Exercise   7:00pm Zoom book study	<b>25.</b>   Noon Prayer Class (In-person & Zoom)	<b>26.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>27.</b>
<b>28. Palm Sunday</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 9:15am Boat Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online  4:00pm Elder's Mtg & Study	<b>29.</b> 9:00am Exercise  1:30-2:30 pm Commodities Distribution	<b>30.</b> 10:00am Zoom Bi- ble Study  2:00pm Niftly Needlers	<b>31.</b> 9:00am Exercise   7:00pm Zoom book study	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Maundy Thursday is a day to remember the Last Supper and Jesus washing the disciples' feet, both preparing for the events of Good Friday.</p> </div> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;">  <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p> </div> <div style="flex: 1;">  <p>The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe.</p> <p><small>John 19:2</small></p> </div> </div>		



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**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)

**March 2021**

	7	14	21	28	
<b>Elders</b>	Tracy Hillmer, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Dick Hayden, Off Kim Cole, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Kenny Griffith, Com	<i>Proverbs 3: 5-6</i> <i>NRSV</i>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Trust</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>the Lord</b>	<b>with</b>	<b>all</b>
<b>Greeter(s):</b>	<b>your</b>	<b>heart,</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>do not</b>	<b>rely</b>
<b>Servers</b>	<b>on</b>	<b>your</b>	<b>own</b>	<b>insight.</b>	<b>In</b>
<b>Candlelighters</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>your</b>	<b>ways</b>	<b>acknowledge</b>	<b>him,</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>he</b>	<b>will</b>	<b>make</b>	<b>straight</b>
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	<b>your</b>
<b>Snacks</b>	Thanks to the Church Members	Thanks to the Church Members	Thanks to the Church Members	Thanks to the Church Members	<b>paths.</b>

