

#### **Goodland Kansas & Learning to Trust in God**

Goodland, Ks? Where in the Sam Hill is that? We needed help with everyday life and talked about moving closer to the children and how they could help. There were several options across the country since they all decided to go in different directions. Goodland was our choice. I didn't know where or what Goodland was. I know that I'd never been to Goodland before. I read all I could on the internet. As you all know, the internet is not the ideal place to get your information.

When we arrived, I looked for the nearest Dillards store or maybe Macys department store to shop for new things for our home. I realized quickly that those new things I was looking for were going to come from "Wally World" or the big truck with the smile on the side, aka Amazon.

John and I both have seen our health declining in recent years. We have illnesses that has kept us from traveling to far away lands like we used to enjoy. Unfortunately, John's illness is untreatable and is life ending. The children were told and comforted while they tried to rationalize the news of their father's disease and impending passing. They have all gathered around to show love and support for both of us, trying to do the special things for him that puts a smile on his face—telling stories and memories of their life and times with John. Knowing that each one of the kids, six altogether, have their favorites to tell.

Our Hospice leader, Loreda, told us to celebrate his life while he was still here to enjoy the memories of the life he had lived. We decided to have a "Celebration Of Life" event so we could share with each other and the ways he has inspired us to be the best we can, in whatever we do. We made phone calls and sent messages to everyone that had touched our lives. John wasn't so keen on the idea, being such a private person, but he came around to our thinking after his cousins and uncles started making reservations in Goodland. Nikki & Dennis called Pastor Warren and asked about using the church as a good meeting place. "Of course" was his answer.

Old albums were showing up with the guests, as was food sitting on each table. The afternoon brought laughs at the pictures (especially those high school pictures that many hoped they would never see again). Some had not seen each other for a long time. The afternoon brought tears as each person wanted to sit with John and reminisce about their favorite person. Some individuals wrote letters of love about what knowing John had meant to them. John's daughter-in-law, wife of Mark, had put her tears in a letter, as she thanked him for being the man, the father, and the grandfather that he had been. John read it through tears. In the next few weeks, months, there will be tears and laughter and solace in our religion and our prayers.

When we came to Goodland we were searching for a church that met our spiritual needs. One day I was introduced to Don, a bridge player. We were invited to the First Christian Church on Eighth and Arcade. After one visit, we knew we had found our church and our pastor. This church was a breath of fresh air after our long journey. We were welcomed into the church with hugs and smiles from all there. We immediately joined First Christian, not only because we needed a place to worship God, but a place to call home, when we needed it so badly. When we got the news about John's illness, it was devastating to us all. The members of the church came to our rescue as soon as they heard. Prayers came down on "wings of Doves" from all who knew of our plight in life. I don't know how long we have together before he is called to service by Jesus, but I do know that there's a place in heaven for wonderful people like John.

There's a man in Goodland (Don Warren) that is a gift to us all. He nurtures our souls, tends our pains, quenches our thirst for messages in the Bible, and is forever within reach of our voices nor matter when we need him. Hospice asked me just the other day if I had someone to give comfort to me when the time comes. Yes, I said, Pastor Don will be at my and John's side doing what he does best, caring and comforting.

Glenda Hamilton



# **Extended Prayerful Considerations:**

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Sharon Bowker	Roger Collins
Galen Cooper	Lois Cossman
John & Glenda Hamil	ton
Charley & Janet (Cha	tfield) Johnson
Lonnie Kerr	Craig Lawson
Jennifer Martin	Vetha Petty
Jo & Bob Simmons	•
Bernie Taylor	Emma Van Vleet
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#### Please pray for our Active Military:

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

GENERAL FUND GIVING						
Date	Amt Needed	Offering	<b>Over/Short</b>	In-Person		
2/5	\$2452.77	\$1279.00	-\$1173.77	71		
2/12	\$2452.77	\$2885.00	+\$432.23	73		
2/19	\$2452.77	\$1768.00	-\$684.77	55		
2/26	\$2452.77	\$940.00	-\$1512.77	55		

#### Calling all food preparers and consumers thereof~

There will be a Potluck Fellowship Dinner at the church following the Worship Service on March 26th. Sooooooo, get those



recipes found and get ready for a wonderful time of eating and sharing. It has been a while since we have had one and this will be a REAL treat for everyone involved!!!

#### <u>Self-care isn't Self-ish</u>

Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow. - St. Augustine





3/2	Kenny Davis
3/4	Treson Clark
3/6	Jace Goin
3/7	Nona Mason
3/9	Morgan Hagerman
3/12	Tricia Meier
3/16	Stan Kibel
3/21	Gorda Adelgren
3/22	Marcia (Mike) Drake
3/23	Jerome Ontiveroz
3/24	Janet Schrieber
3/26	Jenifer Charles Helen Vignery Glenda Hamilton
3/29	Darla Brock Will Griffith



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

#### From the Church Mouse:

Thank you to the FCC Youth Group for the donation of chips to use at the Memorial Service. Your kindness was much appreciated and so are YOU!! Overheard from The Bereavement Committee





#### NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

Air Freshener Spray 39 gal trash bags (heavy/yard) A big THANK YOU to those who so generously give in this way!!



#### **Snippits from the** last Board Meeting

- Terri Hord Owens, General Minister & President of the Disciple of Christ denomination, has agreed to come for Pastor Don's long-coming installation. Several dates are being considered at this point.
- The youth group has upcoming fundraisers to include working a day at the New To You thrift store for profits.
- Worship & Music committee reported that Wheat ٠ Ridge has opened back up for church services to resume. We will be going on the third Sunday of each month to hold services @ 1:30pm.
- Purchase of a new computer was approved to try to ٠ improve the facebook services provided. The one currently used is 9 years old.
- The Elders are planning a retreat for April 27-29 in ٠ Great Bend. We will gain information that will help us be better equipped, so that we may serve the congregation with a full cup.



The 24 hour Prayer Vigil is scheduled for noon on Friday, March 3rd to noon on Saturday, March 4th.

If you would like to participate, there is a signup sheet in the entryway, or you may call the church office to get scheduled. The elders will be providing companioning support for the evening and nighttime hours, so you won't be alone in the building.

You may use the time reading, praying, singing, meditating, or whatever brings you closer to God.

Soooooo sweet of them!!

The Disciple Zone kids took time to make cookies for us as Valentines.

Bless your 'sweet hearts' and also the ones that you made for us. We all loved the interaction that came about when you delivered them as well!!



#### **USDA** Commodities Distribution

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



March 27?, 2023 @ 1:30pm

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

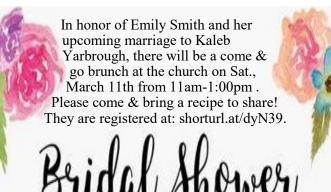
## The Combined Choir strikes again!

We are having such a great time singing together that we just couldn't keep it to ourselves!

The idea to take our talents on the road (so to speak) came up when Wheat Ridge Acres opened up their facility to groups and worship services from the covid restrictions. We brought them inspiration through our music, and through our enthusiasm.



There is talk of doing more, so be watching...



Borrowed from Dighton's newsletter. We are thankful that these folks are being taken care of in their time of healing and redirection in life!! Particularly thankful for the love & care given to one of our own.

*City on a Hill-Dighton* has infused energy, vim, vigor, and sprightliness into our Sunday mornings. The amount of Folgers and sweets consumed has tripled!!

*Giggles, smiles, laughter and talk of God has increased.* also. They have added to our congregation and worship service.

**For Our Information**: Those trying to kick an addiction may be unable to sit at length and some may sleep. It is usual for them to eat lots of sugary foods and consume drinks with caffeine. Consider these behaviors pretty normal. Christians must be understanding, patient and kind as they deal with addictions. God has called us to partner in their stay in Dighton and to strengthen their relationship with Him!

~Shared by Lisa Campbell \*

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# <u>Who Am I?</u>



Last month's "Who am I?" was Robert Dodge



- 1. What TV shows did you watch growing up? Rawhide, American Bandstand, KLOE Goodland, Ks. At an older age, I watched the Waltons with my children every Monday night.
- 2. What is your favorite food? Anything sweet of course, then potatoes and spaghetti.

3. What was your first job and at what age? Age 16, taking care of a husband and house cleaning. Then along came children—you call this "Day Care"

4. What makes you laugh? Some of the crazy things I do. Getting in the wrong car or putting on shoes that don't match. Love to laugh with others.

5. Are you willing to share an accomplishment that you are proud of? Marriage for 58 years and raising three children. Always loving "God".

6. What do you like to do in your spare time? Listening to "music" - the old "hymns" and "country" music. Draw free handed and paint.

7. How old were you when you were baptized and in what church? In my early 30's. Pastor Behrman—Assembly of God—at the Bonny Dam in Colo.

8. If you could enhance something about our church and money was no object, what would it be? More calling, including myself.

9. How long have you attended First Christian Church? Since 2016









<u>Can You Help??</u> In updating our lists, it came to our attention that there may be others who would be willing to donate time for helping in the kitchen, a salad, cake, cookies, etc. for the funerals/memorial services that take place in the church. Please let the office know if you can help in this way.

As always, if we call and it's not good timing for you, just tell us and all is well!

2023	
Christian Church in Kansas	6
Let us have a FruitFULL Summer	

YES! Summer is coming quickly and we need to get signed up for Church Camp. Below you will see the dates and cost. There is help from the church for the fee. Also, there is a Tier Pricing this year—those who can pay full price (tier 3) can help make camp possible for those who need to pay in the tier 1 & 2 scale. Let's support our camp & campers!! Also, we can help out by providing supplies:

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Camp	Dates	Completed	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	<b>Tawakoni</b>
Discovery/Primary Camp	July 5-7	K-3	\$226	\$301	\$350	<b>Supply Wish List</b>
Junior Camp	June 19-23	4-5	\$356	\$475	\$542	Paper Towels
Chi Rho Camp	July 10-14	6-7	\$421	\$562	\$640	Toilet Paper Antibacterial Hand Soap
Pre High Camp	July 10-14	8	\$421	\$562	\$640	(Refill Size) Bleach
CYF Camp	July 24-29	9-12	\$421	\$562	\$640	AA Batteries
Grand Camp	July 7-9	All Ages	\$160	\$214	\$243	Window Cleaner (Refill Size) Heavy Duty Foil (Long Rolls)

#### <u>Reflections from our Church Sign</u>

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly) \*\*Jesus' valentine message: Yours Forever! \*\*(announcements & weather delays) \*\*Good without God becomes 0!



#### Thank You...

...for braving the cold this past holiday season to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. The gift of your time allowed us to raise money to help members of our community who are in need. It is a blessing when neighbors help one another. The Board of Gensis

...Kara Smith, for all your hard work organizing the pantry last summer. If we didn't thank you formally then, we are now! The kitchen crews from recent events find it refreshing to be able to find things and find them quickly. You are a gem!! The Kitchen Guys & Gals

...to those who work behind the scenes, who aren't noticed because it 'just gets done'. You know who you are and maybe want it to stay that way, but know that you are appreciated nonetheless! We all should be looking and showing gratitude when we see these folks quietly working for the good of all. God sees and knows your servant heart—a jewel in your crown.

Those who DO know and see

<u>!Don't forget!</u>

Are you still praying about and considering these new ministries for our church in 2023?

Men's Ministry

Young Adults Ministry



....and POOF, just like that, Kara Smith transformed to George VanVleet one Sunday! Thank you, George, for



filling in so Kara could be gone. Thank you, Kara, for the wonderful way you interact with the children ages 0-99! It brings joy to us all. Thanks be to God!!

# Nifty Needlers

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

This basket belongs to Emma (right), but was created by Mary Ann Van Vleet!







#### Shut-In Communion Offered

The Elders of the church are offering a home visit with communion on a monthly basis to those who are unable to be present at church. This was suspended during Covid, but is now being restarted.

Please let the office know if you would desire a visit from the elders and they will be glad to come to your home.

# CWF EVENTS

The next meeting will be Wed., Mar. 8th, at 2:00pm. Debbie G will have the devotion and Jo Simmons will serve refreshments.

We will not be having the March Chowdown as planned. This may turn into a different function in the future, but the timing isn't good for many of the CWF members right now.

The Blessing Box money is due to Birkley Barnes by March 8th so she can get it sent in.





# **Bible Study**

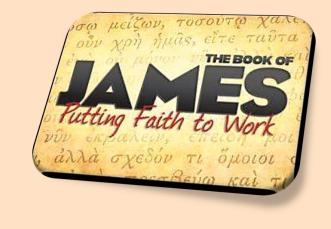
Looking for a study of God's word? Look no further. Pastor Don will be teaching two classes on Tuesdays—one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m.

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!

Started in January:





Spring 2023

# **FRIENDSHIP CLASS**

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

"The Life of Faith" March

The Spiritual Practice of Simplicity

Mar 5 ~ Sharing in Jesus' Cup Mar 12 ~ The Source of Jesus' Authority Mar 19 ~ What Do We Owe the Emporer? Mar 26 ~ Great Expectations



"ALL NEW!" *DISCIPLE ZONE 2,0* 

Every Sunday @ 10:30 a,m, Toddler—5th Grade

We are trying something new this fall -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!

Questions? Call Tricia Meier @ 785-728-7045



6th-12th Grade Each Sunday @ 5:30pm in the youth room !! Come, be a part !! Tricia Meier @ 785-728-7045

#### <<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



# March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1.	2.	3.	4.
			9:00am Exercise		9:00am Exercise	
				1:00pm Game Day Group	Prayer Noon	Vigil ——-Noon
			7pm Choir Practice			
5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0	9:00am Exercise	10:00 Bible Study	9:00am Exercise		9:00am Exercise	Bridal Shower for Emily Smith (see pg 3)
a Disciple Zone 2.0		2:00pm Nifty Needlers	2:00pm CWF Mtg.	1:00pm Game Day Group		TIME
5:30pm FCC Youth Grp		7:00pm Bible Study	7pm Choir Practice	5:00pm Worship & Music Meeting		CHANGE
<b>12.</b> 7:30am Board Meeting	13.	14.	15.	16.	17.	18.
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1:30pm Service at Wheat Ridge		2:00pm Nifty Needlers				
5:30pm FCC Youth Grp		7:00pm Bible Study	7pm Choir Practice	5:00pm Worship & Music Comm. Mtg.		
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31.	
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Friendship Class9:00 a.m.Fellowship Time10:00 a.m. (Refreshments served)Worship Service10:30 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,

To be a faithful, growing church, that demonstrates true community, deep Christian Spirituality, and a passion for justice. (Micah 6:8) RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 2023

	5	12	19	26	May the
Elders		Kim Cole, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Debbie Griffith, Off Kenny Griffith, Com	May the Lord
Worship Leader	Tim Armknecht	Robert Dodge	Joy Hayden	Kara Smith	and protect you. May the Lord
Greeter(s): Membership & Outreach Comm.	Emma Van Vleet	Debbie Martin	Connie Grieve	TBA	smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favor
A/V Tech-Closer	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Andrew Luna	and give you His peace.

Proverbs 16: 1–9 *In Keeping with Scripture OR Scripturally Speaking* 

The plans of the mind belong to mortals, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All one's ways may be pure in one's own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. The Lord has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. All those who are arrogant are an abomination to the Lord; be assured, they will not go unpunished. By loyalty and faithfulness iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one avoids evil. When the ways of people please the Lord, he causes even their enemies to be at peace with them. Better is a little with righteousness than large income with injustice. The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps.

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