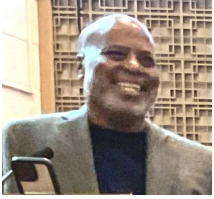


THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

March

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2024



“Take My yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

~ Matthew 11:29

It was about a year ago the first time someone seriously encouraged me to think about a sabbatical/vacation. For those who do not know what a sabbatical is, it is based on the biblical term sabbath, which means to rest. On the seventh day of creation God rested from all His creative work and established the sabbath. He then commanded His people, the Israelites, to observe sabbath. Each Saturday is a sabbath for the Jews where no work is to be done. They also have annual sabbaths where work is suspended for a week at a time to observe special festivals, and there are whole year sabbaths where the land is to be given rest after six years of planting. So, a sabbatical for a pastor is intended to be an extended time of rest. I have been pastoring now ten consecutive years, and I have never taken a sabbatical. It had not really crossed my mind at that point. It has only been in the last year that I have felt both the personal need and the divine approval for a sabbatical. We have talked about it in business meetings, my taking some of the accumulated time that I have, and I have finally concluded that it is time.

Pastor Don will be on sabbatical/vacation from March 10th through March 16th. I know it sounds like a vacation, but it really is not, at least for me. I will be in prayer most, if not all the time, resting with and in God, just as he has commanded. Harriet and I will be able to spend some well-needed time together also. Our schedule still has some flexibility, but we plan to take some time for a marriage retreat, family (grandkid-time), and a pastor’s retreat. Other than that, it will be a wonderful time to connect with family, do some work around the house, and hopefully experience church from the congregation. One thing I hope to do is attend worship alongside other pastors. The plan for the church is that David Dubovich of the regional office will preach. He is capable and is more than willing. My hope and expectation is that the vacation for me will be an exciting time for the church to take inventory of where we were two years ago, where we are now and to determine if we are willing to go where God is leading. When I return, I will be refreshed, and the church will be encouraged.

Finally, let me say, God ordained a day of rest for a reason. Jesus said that man was not made for the sabbath, but that he sabbath was made for man. In other words, God intends for us to seek rest and do so as part of our regular pattern of life. Sometimes I have failed to take the rest I need. I know how easy it is to keep busy. That is why rest needs to be intentional. I would like to encourage you. Do not wait until you drop or burn out. Plan your time off. Get away for a day or a week. Take the rest you need. It is not a bad thing, and it is not being lazy. God intended for us to get well deserved rest after we have worked hard. It really might be just what you need, not just physically, but to find rest for your soul as well.



Just Don

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Roger Collins	Galen Cooper
Lois Cossman	Robert Dodge Family
Glenda Hamilton	
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Lonnie Kerr	Braxton Meier & family
Vetha Petty	Bob & Mary Smith
Bernie Taylor	Don Warren family
	Family of Phyllis Black



Please pray for our Active Military:

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

Happy Birthday

3/2	Ken 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
3/19	Helen Warren
3/21	Gorda Adelgren
3/22	Crystal Van Vleet Marcia Drake
3/23	Jerome Ontiveroz
3/24	Janet Schrieber
3/26	Glenda Hamilton Jenifer Charles Helen Vignery
3/29	Darla Brock William Griffith

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
2/4	\$2452.77	\$1692.80	-\$759.97	62
2/11	\$2452.77	\$1515.00	-\$937.77	49
2/18	\$2452.77	\$3798.00	+\$1345.23	56
2/25	\$2452.77	\$1260.00	-\$1192.77	58

Elderetti Spaghetti Dinner

Hosted By Your Elders

The dinner was held Sunday February 4th at 5 PM in the Fellowship Hall. The dinner had 88 people in attendance and raised \$780.00 in freewill offering. It was an evening filled with music and delicious food!



Happy Anniversary

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



VBS Meeting

Sunday, March 10th

1:00 PM

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

If you would like to help please contact Pastor Don McMillan at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. 785-890-6161

Supplies Needed!

- Air Fresheners
- 39 Gallon Yard Waste Trash Bags

The church Thanks You for your donations!

Snippets from the last Board Meeting



- There was a quickly formed meal held in our church on Feb 9th for the Senior Center participants due to illness and closure of the center. The need was expressed by Mary Daise and Joy Hayden for a place to gather, so these ladies made it happen (with Pastor's blessing). Supplies were purchased for the meal and a receipt for \$135.58 was presented for consideration of reimbursement. The motion was made and approved and carried to take the amount requested from Bob Weeteling memorial.
- Undesignated giving for January was \$9,588.00 which was under the budgeted amount needed by \$29.80. Total expenses were \$11,193.24.
- Elderetti Spaghetti Dinner on 2/4/24 was attended by 88 and the freewill offering received was \$780.00. Plans are being made to purchase supplies for the pantry using some of these funds.
- CWF had their After-Christmas Party and next meeting will be Feb 14th.
- A teacher is still being sought out for the Friendship Class.
- No Worship & Music meeting since last board meeting.
- Commodities Distribution was successful with last minute organization in January, with 64 households being served. Thanks to Randy Carri & Frank Windle for going after the goods in Colby. Interim coordinators of Randy Carri, Connie & Diann Ross will be sure this continues until a permanent leader is identified.
- Calendar/note pad sales are finished with a profit of \$189.50.
- The baptistery is in the final phases of being painted and then the picture can be hung back up.
- All of the supplies for the playground project are being stored and the start of the construction will depend on the weather and temperatures.
- A request has been received to restore the hallway water fountain(s) to working order. The one by the kitchen has a drain issue and little one by the nursery is being questioned if it is even needed or used. Property is doing some checking with McClure's to replace the one by the kitchen with bottle filling station or combination filling station and fountain.
- Updated contract with Pastor Don was done as instructed and has been signed. It has been decided that up to 2 weeks of vacation time be allowed to be carried over into the next year so as not to exceed 6 weeks to begin any given year.
- Kenny Griffith has offered to be the Vice Chairman this year and it has been accepted.
- Dave Hageman, as a representative of the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) program, is asking for permission to use the church for meetings on Sunday evenings. This would likely include Al-Anon as they go hand in hand to support the families as well. Don mentioned there is currently a meeting place at Rock House, but a second one is necessary for the health of that community. The board approved this request for both meetings to take place on Sunday evenings in our building.
- It has been approved to allow Debbie Griffith to take several hymnals & praise books to several retreats this spring and motion carried to allow this each year.
- Taylor Schulte has submitted a resignation as Church Secretary as of April 30, 2024. The HR Committee is reaching out to the congregation first for anyone interested in applying for this position then will extend the offering to the community.
- Floor polishing by Nathan Bohl is scheduled for Saturday, Feb 24th at 2:00 PM.
- Kim Cole and Connie Griffith have volunteered to be a sub-committee under the Property Committee to investigate what the kitchen area needs to have done.
- Kenny Griffith announced that more help may be needed with projects this spring and summer, particularly with the playground and lawn care.

Ongoing playground update~



- ♦ The playground equipment arrived December 20th!!! It will be installed as soon as the weather warms up!

USDA Commodities Distribution



The next distribution will be:

March 25, 2024 @ 1:30 PM

2024 Schedule

January 22

March 25

May 20

July 22

September 23

November 25

If you would like to help, please let the church office know. Please & Thanks for any & all help!

Our Lord asked us to feed the hungry, and so we shall!!

CWF Events

The next meeting will be Wednesday March 13th @ 2:00 PM. It will be a regular meeting at church in the parlor.

Devotion: Joanne Swan
Dessert: Jo Simmons



Page 5 Answer: The frog in the back left has blue eyes because it is gluten free for Connie Grieve.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

**Friday March 1st—Saturday March 2nd
12:00 PM—12:00 PM**

If you would like to participate, there will be a signup sheet in the entryway for half hour increments 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.

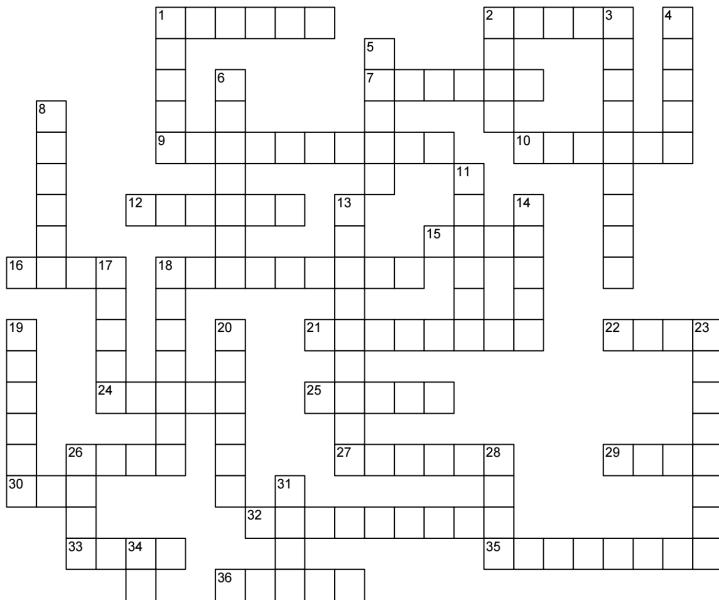
Who Am I?

(Last month's "Who am I?" was Darlene Windle)

1. I was born in and have spent most of my life in?
California
2. My favorite Easter tradition is?
Prayer
3. What is your favorite TV Show or Movie?
Don't watch TV
4. What was your very first job?
Dishwasher
5. Share with us an accomplishment that you are proud of?
Writing
6. Tell us something that we'd be surprised to know about you.
I'm a writer/composer
7. What drew you to FCC and keeps you coming?
God
8. How long have you attended First Christian Church?
3 months

Who am I?

THE CRUCIFIXION, DEATH, AND BURIAL OF JESUS Matthew 27:32-66; Mark 15:21-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:17-42



Across

- 1 Place where the curtain was torn (Matthew 27:45)
- 2 Pilate prepared a notice written in this language (John 19:19-20)
- 7 Who gave orders to have the tomb guarded? (Matthew 27:35)
- 9 Miracle on the day Jesus died (Matthew 27:54)
- 10 The day of the week when Jesus died was _____.
- 12 Who set Barabbas free? (Mark 15:15)
- 15 Jesus was offered a drink of _____ mixed with gall. (Matthew 27:34)
- 16 The sign on the cross read, "This is the King of the _____." (Matthew 27:37)
- 18 Who said, "Truly, this man was the Son of God"? (Mark 15:39)
- 21 Jesus said, "It is _____." (John 19:30)
- 22 Darkness covered the entire _____. (Matthew 27:45)
- 24 These were placed into the hands and feet of Jesus (John 20:25)
- 25 Pilate used this to wash his hands (Matthew 27:24)
- 26 Who was commended into the care of John? (John 19:26-27)
- 27 Jesus said, "Father, into Thy hands I commit my _____." (Luke 23:46)
- 29 Person who took care of Jesus' mother (John 19:26-27)
- 30 Number of criminals who were crucified with Jesus (Matthew 27:38)
- 32 Holy city where the temple is located
- 33 The sign on the cross read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the _____ of the Jews." (John 19:19)
- 35 Criminal who was set free (Luke 23:15)
- 36 Person who died to forgive us our sins

Down

- 1 Number of hours darkness was over the entire land (Luke 23:44)
- 2 The soldiers cast _____ for Jesus' garments. (Matthew 27:35)
- 3 Who helped Joseph of Arimathea lay the body of Jesus in a tomb? (John 19:39)
- 4 Jesus said, "_____ you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)
- 5 The soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a _____. (John 19:34)
- 6 What was torn in the temple from top to bottom? (Luke 23:45)
- 8 The man who carried the cross of Jesus was from this place. (Matthew 27:32)
- 11 Some thought this prophet would save Jesus. (Matthew 27:49)
- 13 Those who were crucified with Jesus were called _____. (Luke 23:32)
- 14 Became a friend to Pilate (Luke 23:12)
- 17 Who was forced to carry the cross of Jesus? (Matthew 27:32)
- 18 The people shouted, "_____ Him!" (Mark 15:13)
- 19 Jesus said, "I _____." (John 19:28)
- 20 This man asked for the body of Jesus; he was from Arimathea. (Matthew 27:57)
- 23 Condition of the sky when Jesus died (Luke 23:44)
- 26 The chief priests, teachers of the Law, and the elders did this to Jesus. (Matthew 27:41)
- 28 Joseph of Arimathea laid the body of Jesus in a new _____. (Matthew 27:57-60)
- 31 What did the soldiers break to hasten the death of the two criminals? (John 19:31-32)
- 34 Did the soldiers break the legs of Jesus? (John 19:33)



Happy Easter

Our Weekly Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

“Elderetti Spaghetti Meal 5 O Clocka Sunday
Public Invited!!”

“Instead Of Pointing A Finger Hold Out A Hand!!”

“Its Better to Wear Out Than To Rust Out!!”

“Daily Prayers Lessen Daily Cares!!”



Nifty Needlers

Every Tuesday @ 2 p.m. in the Church's Sewing Room .



Here are few pictures highlighting some fun moments they had this past month.



CFW News

The CFW meeting took place on Feb 14th. Past minutes and Treasury Reports were approved. Discussions involved creating a budget soon; possibly purchasing Song Books for Topside Manor & Wheatridge Acres. Joanne Swan made delicious snacks to enjoy. They were "toad"ally awesome frogs!!!



Can you tell which one of these is not like the other?

Answer: On Page 3 in CFW Events

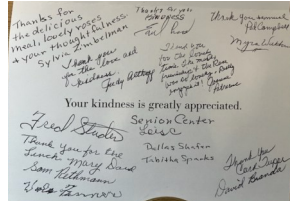
2024 Tawakoni Summer Camp

Online Registration Is Now Open
Until May 15

	Grade / Age	Dates	Early Bird Price (Before 4/30)	Full Price (After 4/30)
Discovery / Primary Camp	K-Grade 3 (ages 6-9)	May 28-30	\$231	\$281
Junior Camp	Grade 4-5 (ages 10-11)	June 3-7	\$385	\$435
Chi Rho Camp	Grade 6-7 (ages 12-13)	July 29-Aug 3	\$462	\$512
Pre-High Camp	Grade 8 (age 14)	July 29-Aug 3	\$462	\$512
CYF Camp	Grade 9-12 (ages 15-18)	July 8-13	\$462	\$512
Grand Camp	All Ages	May 31-June 2		Child: \$150 Adult: \$197
Family Camp	All Ages	July 19-21		Child: \$150 Adult: \$197

Senior Center Luncheon Feb 9th

There was a last minute luncheon in our church on Friday, Feb 9th for the Senior Center participants. The Senior Center was closed due to illness so Mary Daise and Joy Hayden (with Pastor's blessing) made this lunch happen. The Senior Center was very grateful and sent a Thank You for this kindness.



Contact the church office for more details!

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!

Now Studying the book of John



!!ALL NEW!!

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!

ON HOLD

Friendship Class Sunday Mornings

@ 9:15am

Reading Through
The Bible In One Year



Now Starting March 3rd!

Children's

SUNDAY SCHOOL



9:45-10:15 am

Kindergarten-3rd Grade

FCC



YOUTH

GROUP

ON HOLD

@ 5:30-6:30pm
at the church

<<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 Friday @ 1:00 p.m.
Church Parlor



Look Here!

**Has God placed a ministry on your heart?
Have you felt the desire to lead or start a
class or outing? Please pray about it and
let's talk!**



March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:00am Exercise 12:00pm Prayer Vigil Begins 1:00pm Game Day Group	2 12:00pm Prayer Vigil Ends
3 9:15am Friendship Class 9:45am Children's Sunday School 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship Service 6:30pm Music Club Mtg	4 9:00am Exercise	5 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Property Mtg	6 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Choir Practice	7 7:00pm Praise Team Practice	8 9:00am Exercise 1:00pm Game Day Group <i>Pastor Gone</i>	9 <i>Pastor Gone</i>
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Pastor's Cell (870) 692-7242 (Pastor Don Warren)
Church E-mail: fccdoc@st-tel.net

Friendship Class 9:15 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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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)

March 2024

	3	10	17	24	31
Elders	Dick Hayden, Off Terry Smith, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Kim Cole, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Terry Smith, Com	Dick Hayden, Off Debbie Griffith, Com
Worship Leader	Debbie Martin	Moira Romine	Connie Grieve	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
Greeter(s):	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>
A/V Tech-Closer	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith
Nursery	KayLea Carri	Kim Cole	Pam Sheldon	Nona Mason	Debbie Martin

