

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

May

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2022

Have you ever wished for a  
do over or reset button?



## Do Overs

As a child I remember that there were times when I was at play, and I didn't like the result of whatever I was doing. I would call a "do over" and then try to hit the ball again (or whatever else it was that I was doing).

At times I long for those days... Imagine the possibilities! Forget a loved one's birthday? No problem just call a "do over" – it's as if the forgetfulness never occurred! Buy a car you regret. Just call for your handy dandy "do over" and magically the car returns to wherever it came from, and the money spent on it returns to your bank account. Injure yourself skiing – "do over" – shoulder and knee good as new!

Of course, we don't live in a world of "do overs". The decisions we make and the actions that we do have rewards and consequences. We know this all too well. Some of us struggle with consequences from our past and find it hard to move forward. Some of you reading this may well feel the burden of guilt or regret for things in the past and wish with all your heart that "do overs" were real. One of the hardest lessons that I have learned in my life is that we serve a God of "do overs". And while there is nothing that we can do change the past, we can move on with hope for the future. God gives us second chances and third chances and fourth chances, and on and on. Sometimes that is hard for us to accept.

God bless and keep you!

*Just (In Time) Don*



# 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



5/1	Joni Guyer
5/2	Jessica Vignery
5/3	Pat Nelson Peyton Fenner
5/4	Kaiden Kibel
5/7	Kelsi Ihrig Ptacek
5/8	Etta Mae Keirns Travis Jones
5/12	Kelly Hawkins
5/13	Andrea Grieve Graves Terry Smith
5/14	Juanita Baldwin Bryan Guyer
5/17	Bob Smith
5/19	Glenn Snider
5/20	Judi Vignery Bruce Gleason Heidi Marie Ptacek
5/21	Betty Hageman
5/22	Taitem Jones
5/26	Jaydn Vignery Lois Cossman Tracy Hillmer
5/27	Robert Coad
5/30	Matt Ploeger
5/31	Andrew Taylor

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
4/3	\$2,249.70	\$2146.00	-\$103.70	44
4/10	\$2,249.70	\$2350.00	+\$100.30	49
4/17	\$2,249.70	\$5102.00	+\$2852.30	83
4/24	\$2,249.70	\$10905.00	+\$8655.30	43



God simply keeps reaching down into the dirt of humanity and resurrecting us in Christ from the graves we dig for ourselves through our violence, our lies, our selfishness, our arrogance, and our addictions. God keeps loving us back to life over and over.  
- Nadia Bolz-Weber

5/2	Don & Harriet Warren
5/13	Nathan & Brooke Heiter
5/23	Kenny & Janet Davis
5/24	Jeff & Julie Vignery
5/28	Zeb & Andrea Graves
5/30	Dick & Joy Hayden Mike & Amy Fenner
5/31	Brian & Gwen Jenner



### NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

Pinesol  
Disinfectant spray cleaner  
13 gal trashbags

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



## Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ◆ Property Committee: Bids are being accepted for the repair of the exterior brick where the air conditioner was located in the office.
- ◆ Membership & Evangelism Committee: Meals on Wheels is May 1-15th ; Senior Graduation Sunday & Fellowship Dinner are planned for May 15th. Towels were supplied for the Maundy Thurs. service as a take home item—the DOC chalice was stitched in the corner.
- ◆ CWF is entertaining the idea of holding a garage sale.
- ◆ Pastor reports that the Ministerial Alliance is planning a “Bibles & BBQ” on June 12. This will be a BBQ competition in the park.
- ◆ Donations of bottled water are being sought. We will put our own label on them and had them out.
- ◆ Kara Smith developed “pew papers” so the church’s information is more available to visitors, as well as a sermon notes paper, and a visitor communication page.
- ◆ VBS is in the planning stages.

## ~~Wedding Bells Ring~~

Bryan Guyer & Trista Plumisto were married here at the First Christian Church on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Such a heartfelt, beautiful wedding!

They are living here in Goodland with two lively little boys—John & Brenner Guyer—adding joy to the family as well. Bryan is the son of Barry & Joni Guyer.

Be sure to get to know this wonderful couple and support them as only a church family can.



## USDA Commodities Distribution

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

**June 2022**



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!!

## Psalm 23...how well do you know it?

Can you spot all of the alterations that have been made? Without looking it up? There just might be a prize involved if you are the first to report the correct number of alterations to the office! (Yes, Pastor Don, I used the King James Version)

The Lord is my shepherd; Shall I not want? He maketh me to lie down in grass pastures: He leadeth me along the flowing waters. He fills my soul: He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for his goodness sake. Yea, though I wander through the valley of the shadows of death, I will feel no evil: for thou art beside me; Thy rock and thy staff they are comforting. Thou preparest a tablet before me in the presence of mine enemy: Thou anointest my head with oils; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life: And I will be in the house of the Lord for ever and ever.

## CWF EVENTS



In May, the CWF plans to meet Wed., the 11th at 12:00 p.m.

Devotions will be given and a potluck meal will be shared. This will be the final meeting until fall. Come enjoy the fellowship!



It pays to come to church early. You just might be blessed by some singing that you wouldn't have heard otherwise. What an inspiring way to prepare our hearts for worship!! ❤️





## WHO AM I?

Last month's "Who am I?" was **Reese Hillmer**



1. With Mother's Day in May, name something you admired about your mother when you were a child? My mother always cooked, provided, & protected me.
2. Name something you admire about your mom now that you are an adult. Her strength & faith, and she's always there for me. Also, how she loves to cook!
3. How are you most like your mother? Compassionate, loving, & putting everyone else first.
4. How are you different than your mother? Mostly that I can't cook like her! (as much as I try!)
5. What is something you hope your children learn from you? Mostly to have faith! How to cook, clean, manage money, & all the life skills they need to take care of themselves.
6. Is there something about being a mom that is much different than you expected? Watching/letting your children learn from their mistakes! No matter how much it hurts!
7. What do you like to do in your spare time? What spare time? Crafts, gardening, sewing, volunteering
8. What is something we would be surprised to know about you? I'm not a very good cook.
9. What drew you to FCC and what convinced you to stay? My job—and church family & our music!
10. Your prayer for our church would be... that we can grow in our faith in God and that Just Don will never leave!



***Thank you to all who are giving of their time to feed the community and bring a bright spot in these people's day!!***

### **May 2022 (West side ; East side)**

Sun 1— Tricia and Jake Meier ; Deb Martin  
Mon 2— Lori McKenzie ; Connie Grieve and Joan Reid  
Tues 3— Bill Mehling (West Side) ; Connie Grieve and Diann Ross  
Wed 4— Jo and Bob Simmons ; Dick & Joy Hayden  
Thurs 5— Bill Mehling (West Side) ; Pam Sheldon and Connie G.  
Fri 6— Dick & Joy Hayden ; Tracy Hillmer  
Sat 7— Terry and Kara Smith ; Deb Martin  
Sun 8— Kim Cole ; Bertha Aguilar  
Mon 9— Lori McKenzie ; Connie Grieve and Joan Reid  
Tues 10— Sherida Shoff ; Connie Grieve and Diann Ross  
Wed 11— Sherida Shoff ; Jo and Bob Simmons  
Thurs 12— Pam Sheldon and Connie G. ; Tracy Hillmer  
Fri 13— Kevin and Kim Rasure ; Debbie G. Don W. and Ron V.  
Sat 14— Terry and Kara Smith ; Kim Cole  
Sun 15— Tricia and Jake Meier ; Kim Cole





## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

**\*\*Weather forecast: God Reigns &  
the Son Shines!**

**\*\*He Is Risen!!**

**\*\*Jesus is my Rock—My name is on His Roll.**

Thank you, Ron, for trying to get these messages up between the wind storms!!



We are still asking for cases of water bottles. New labels will be made with our church's information on them & they will be handed out when & where they are wanted or needed.



### **!!Calling All Chimers!!**

Yes, YOU! The Chalice Chimers will begin practicing their handchimes in June. If you would like to join in, please let Debbie

Griffith know so music & a favorable practice day/time can be established.

Newcomers Welcome—learn as you go!

## Nifty Needlers

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



## **Palm Sunday/Maundy Thurs in review...**

Don't Make the Rocks Cry Out—  
Speak Now or Forever Hold Your Peace





# 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 10:30 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!

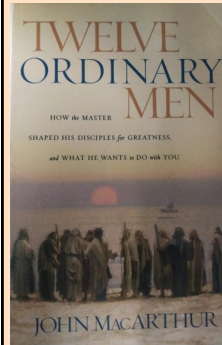
Each Wednesday evening, Disciple Zone 2.0 will meet.



It will start with a light dinner at 5:45 p.m. Following dinner, the children will begin their classes on the east end of the building and the adults will begin their class in the parlor. (See information below) As always, Disciple Zone will end at 7:00pm.

Come join in on a time of food, fellowship, and fun!!

## 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*

## 2022 PENTECOST OFFERING TURNING STRUGGLE INTO STEADFASTNESS

**SUNDAYS MAY 29 + JUNE 5**

Each year, half of these gifts go to your own region to support local new church development. The other half goes to New Church Ministry, which trains, equips, assists, and multiplies new church leaders across the United States and Canada through programs such as coaching, New Church Hacks, and Water the Plants.



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

**"Follow"**

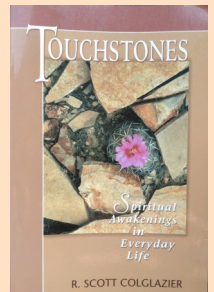
**May—The Steps You Take**  
(The Spiritual Practice of Creation Care)

May 1 ~ A Sabbath Jubilee  
May 8 ~ Faithful Stewardship  
May 15 ~ In Awesome Wonder  
May 22 ~ The Redemption of Creation  
May 29 ~ Acts of Generosity

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BOOK STUDY

Wed. nights at 6:15 p.m.  
(following the Disciple Zone meal)

In the book Touchstones, by R. Scott Colglazier, we will be led with a blend of theology, philosophy, and psychology, in showing us how we can find precious encounters of spiritual awareness in our everyday relationships, art, work, play, community and more. Be sure to join us for great reading and meaningful discussion!!



**!! Available by Zoom as well !!**



# May 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1.</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online  (Meals on Wheels begins)	<b>2.</b> 9:00am Exercise 10:00am Bible Study	<b>3.</b> 2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	<b>4.</b> 9:00am Exercise  3:45pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	<b>5.</b> 12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	<b>6. Friendship Day</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>7.</b>
<b>8. Mother's Day</b> 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	<b>9.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>10.</b> 10:30am Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	<b>11.</b> 9:00am Exercise  12:00pm CWF Pot- luck Fellowship Mtg.  3:45pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	<b>12.</b> 12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	<b>13.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>14.</b>
<b>15. Graduation Sunday</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online  <b>Fellowship Dinner</b>  (Meals on Wheels ends)	<b>16.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>17.</b> 10:30am Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	<b>18.</b> 9:00am Exercise  3:45pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	<b>19.</b> 12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	<b>20.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>21.</b>
<b>22.</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online  4:00pm Elder's Mtg	<b>23.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>24.</b> 10:30am Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	<b>25.</b> 9:00am Exercise  3:45pm Woodwinds	<b>26.</b> 12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	<b>27.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>28.</b>
<b>29.</b> 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	<b>30. Memorial Day</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>31.</b> 10:30am Bible Study  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  7:00pm Bible Study	<b>27.</b> 9:00am Exercise  3:45pm Woodwinds	<b>28.</b> 12:30pm Noon-Thirty Book Study	<b>29.</b> 9:00am Exercise	<b>30.</b>

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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)

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### 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)

## May 2022

	1	8	15	22	29
<b>Elders</b>	Tracy Hillmer, Off Kim Cole, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Kim Cole, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Debbie Griffith, Off Tracy Hillmer, Com
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Mary Smith	Connie Grieve	Jo Simmons	Joy Hayden	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Greeter(s):</b>	Roger Collins	Mary Daise	Ariane Barber	Diann Ross	Sharon Finley
<b>Servers</b>	<i>I thank God always</i>	<i>when I remember you</i>	<i>in my prayers,</i>	<i>because I hear</i>	<i>of your love</i>
<b>Candlelighters</b>	<i>and of the faith</i>	<i>which you have</i>	<i>toward the Lord Jesus</i>	<i>and all the saints,</i>	<i>and I pray</i>
<b>Nursery</b>	<i>that the sharing of your faith</i>	<i>may promote the knowledge</i>	<i>of all the good</i>	<i>that is ours in Christ.</i>	<i>Philemon 1: 4-6</i>
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Andrew Luna