

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

November

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2024

LET OUR  
LIVES BE FULL  
OF BOTH  
thanks  
&  
giving

*1 Thess. 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

## Show & Tell

Remember, in our school days, the special times when we were permitted to bring an item for 'Show & Tell'? Maybe it was a recent birthday present, or that long-awaited something we bought with our saved allowance, or an item grandparents brought on a recent visit. Regardless, it was usually a coveted item – coveted for what the item actually was or from where/whom it came. Each beaming child was permitted to tell about the item with a joyful story!

(Can't help but share here - in second grade a classmate brought a shoebox with the newborn mice he found that morning in the barn. Mom got a call...)

No doubt, the children were thankful for these items and wanted others to know about it. How excited are we as adults, when we receive blessings? Do we thank God first of all? Are we not only showing our thanks to God with our words, but with our actions in response to His gift of faithfulness? Then, are we telling others about what we are experiencing?

It is good for us to purposefully take a moment to sit quietly and take inventory of what we have been given. Not only for the large, more obvious blessings, but even the most basic of provisions that we take for granted. The gift of ease of breathing each breath is something that someone with lung disease would love to have once again. When we dread having to go back to work on a Monday morning, someone without a job would love to have that problem.

We have so much to be thankful for! Let's Show & Tell our gratitude wholeheartedly, and live our lives in such a way that others are compelled to desire a life lived immersed in our Savior's love as well!!



"To express gratitude is gracious and honorable, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live with gratitude ever in our hearts is to touch heaven."

-Thomas S. Monson



a Grateful Heart sees many Blessings

Blessings,

Debbie Griffith

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Roger Collins	Galen Cooper
Lois Cossman	Marie Marsh
Lonnie Kerr	Janet Schreiber
Shawn Ryan	Bob & Mary Smith



### Please pray for our Active Military:

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

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amt Needed</i>	<i>Offering</i>	<i>Over/Short</i>	<i>In-Person</i>
10/06	\$2452.77	1768.00	-684.77	37
10/13	\$2452.77	2225.00	-227.77	37
10/20	\$2452.77	1463.00	-984.77	34
10/27	\$2452.77	2110.00	-342.77	46

## BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Elizabeth Louise Fenner**

Born 10-14-24

**Parents:** Peyton Fenner & Katryna Bauer ; **Grandparents include** Mike & Amy Fenner ; **Great grandparents include** Ken & Debbie Griffith and Vern & Sue Fenner ; **Great great grandparents include** Vola Fenner and Minnie Belle Imhof Jones



Pastor Monika wanted to send a big thank you to the church for giving appreciation for "Pastor Appreciation Month" in October. She received multiple letters & is grateful for the church family welcoming her in before she even arrives! She is excited to make Goodland FCC her home in just another month!

## Birthdays this month!

Jaxon Vignery	Nov	2
Jed Strnad	Nov	2
Gwen Jenner	Nov	4
Brian Jenner	Nov	4
Emily Smith	Nov	6
Jonathan Brown	Nov	10
Annalee Luckert	Nov	11
Dennis Daise	Nov	12
Ace Arteaga Jones	Nov	13
Michelle Ginn	Nov	13
Pam Sheldon	Nov	13
Harriet Warren	Nov	13
Brad Keirns	Nov	14
Stuart Pittman	Nov	16
Rooks Strnad	Nov	16
Lonnie Kerr	Nov	17
Mike Fenner	Nov	18
Annabelle "Ellie" Ploeger	Nov	19
George Van Vleet	Nov	20
Dawn Kibel	Nov	22
Justin Van Vleet	Nov	23
Lowell Coon	Nov	25
Birkley Barnes	Nov	26
David Griffith	Nov	28
Jeff Mason	Nov	28
Lucas Vignery	Nov	30

## Anniversary's this month!

Kameron & Britney-Ann Duncan	Nov	7
Josh & Helen Vignery	Nov	7
Richard & LaDona Frerichs	Nov	9
Robert & Michelle Coad	Nov	12

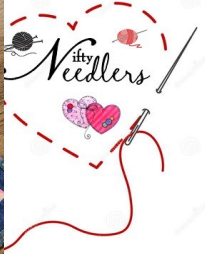
## Snippets from the last Board Meeting



- The elders decided that 25% of the free-will offerings from the Elderado Shootout & Elderetti Spaghetti Dinner will be split between the 6 yearly special offerings.
- The Tax Exempt form has been updated and Kim is working to get to the current vendors.
- Commodities Distribution was carried out on September 23rd, serving 47 family units.
- The additional over-the-ear wireless microphones that need to be purchased will cost \$209/ea for the "black box" portion, with the over-the-ear portion costing \$36/ea. It was previously discussed with the Van Vleet family about using Emma's memorial monies to purchase three of these, which would total \$735.
- A second ash tree on the north side was found to have bores as well and should also be removed. K. Griffith will take care of the removal of both.
- A side window of the back door was broken when a rock hit it during yard upkeep. It will be replaced soon.

## Nifty Needlers

Every Tuesday @ 2 p.m. in the Church's Sewing Room .  
Here are few pictures highlighting some fun moments.



## MARK YOUR CALENDER:



## Church Family

## Thanksgiving Dinner

# November 10

# AFTER SERVICE

**Turkey, ham, potatoes, paper goods & drinks are provided.**

***Please bring a dish or two to share.***

**Plan to attend that day to Give THANKS, while enjoying a meal with our members & guests.**

## USDA Commodities Distribution

The next distributions will be:

**November 25, 2024 @ 1:30 PM**

***More items will be given out so we will need extra helpers. Thanks to all who continue to volunteer.***



***If you would like to help, please let the church office know (785-890-5233). Please & Thanks for any & all help!***

**Who Am I?**

(Last month's "Who am I?" was Shelby Ruhs)

- \* What is your favorite Thanksgiving tradition? —Eating food
- \* What food do you most look forward to on the Thanksgiving Dinner table? —stuffing
- \* What do you like to do in your spare time? —Drive around
- \* Do you have a pet? If so, what's its name? —yes, Takoda
- \* Are you a morning person or night owl? —night owl
- \* Who has been the most inspiring for you on your Christian journey? —my grandma
- \* How long have you worshipped at FCC? — 2 months

**Those scheduled to bring us a message in November:**

- Nov 3 — Terry Smith
- Nov 10— David Branda
- Nov 17— Kary Zwegardt
- Nov 24— Kim Cole

**THE INCOGNITO GROUP**

**AA Meetings held in  
The First Christian Church  
711 Arcade St., Goodland, Ks  
Northwest gravel parking lot  
door  
(off of Arcade street).**

**Sunday—6 pm  
(Open Meeting)**

**For more info, contact:  
Dave—785-821-5390  
Craig—785-772-1883  
Brad—785-821-5329**

***Anticipating Arrival!***

Our new minister, Monika, will be arriving in Goodland around Nov. 20th and begins her official work on Sunday Dec. 1st!



It's not too late to sign up to join her **Advent Study in December on Tuesday's!**  
Call the office for more info or if you're interested!



**<<Game Day Group>>**

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



## Our Weekly Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)



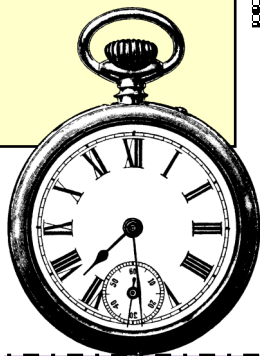
- Praying Will Give You a Calm-Plex!
- Harvest Soup Dinner
- Christ Behind You, Christ Beside You, Christ Before You!

## **CFW Harvest Soup Dinner**

**WAS A SUCCESS!** We had a great turnout of community and church members attend. If you provided or prepared food ingredients, pies, cakes, cookies, bought paper products, kitchen items, donated labor or money, **THANK YOU!!** To all the ladies who showed up to work this event, **THANK YOU!!** It takes a village. This is the primary fundraiser for CFW. We served almost 100 people, as well as some came for take-out. We have collected \$714.70 so far; reimbursed receipts are \$70.30. We will report back the final profit amount later.

Thanks everyone!!

**Don't forget to Turn clocks back this Sunday!**  
**(November 3rd)**



## Attention All Singers

Choir is weekly on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the parlor, soooooo exercise those vocal chords and join us.

No previous experience required, but be ready to have a great time with great folks who love music, too!!



## Sharing God's Word

**Thank you to those who have filled the pulpit in October, as we await our minister to arrive in December:**

Dennis Cherrington, David Branda,  
Rev. Patricia Schiefen,  
& Ron Vignery

On October 20th, Heritage Sunday, we had some creative train construction by Oscar during nursery time!



## **Thank You...**

- To the Griffith's for providing potatoes for our All-Church Thanksgiving Supper and to the men for mashing them.
- To Connie Grieve & all who donated, helped cook, and put on the wonderful community CFW dinner!
- To all our Sunday volunteers!!

## CFW News

CFW met on Oct. 9th for our regular meeting. Treasurer Birkley reported she sent checks to Christian Churches of Kansas (CCK) as per our budget, in the amount of \$275.00 in September. She sent in the Blessing Boxes collected amount of \$162.60 to CCK as well. The group discussed the preparations for our annual Harvest Soup Dinner on Oct. 26th. Our next meeting is Nov. 13th, at 2pm at Wheatridge Acres for a meet & greet, with an old-fashioned sing-along. Come join us. Next month/ devotion is by Jo Simmons  
Next month/ dessert is coffee and cookies (Wheatridge)



Membership & Evangelism will be selling calendars & notepads again this year. Get yours early. This campaign supports special days in the church year. Contact Connie Grieve or Debbie Martin.



# LEGACY OF JOHN

## Graceful Giving Day

**November 8th**

Kansas Christian Home | Newton, KS



### NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH



Toilet paper  
8.5 oz Styrofoam Coffee Cups

A big THANK YOU to those who so generously give in this tangible way.

## Birthday Celebrations!

Vola Fenner celebrated her 93rd Birthday on October 5th here at the church. She turned 93 on October 7th. All of her children were in attendance, Steve and wife Faylene, Vernon and wife Sue, Brian and Joie, and Marlene, (husband Don was not able to be there). Several grandchildren and great great grandchildren were in attendance. Vola got another great great granddaughter one week later.



Steve and Faylene, Marlene, Brian, Sue and Vern. Vola seated.



Mike and Amy, Sue and Vern. Vola seated.



picture of 5 generations: Steve, Rori, Shey. Vola seated with great great grandson Josiah.



Blow-up cake outside Vola's home.

# November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			(office closed) 9:00 am Exercise		1 9:00am Exercise  1:00pm Game Day Group	2
		2:00 pm Nifty Needlers	7:00pm Choir	7:00pm Praise Team		
3 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship Service	4 9:00am Exercise	5 2:00pm Nifty Needlers  5:00pm Worship & Music Meeting	6 (office closed) 9:00am Exercise  7:00pm Choir	7   7:00pm Praise Team	8 9:00am Exercise  1:00pm Game Day Group	9
10 7:30 Board Meeting 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship Service  <b>All Church Thanksgiving Dinner After Service!</b> 	11 9:00 am Exercise	12 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	13 (office closed) 9:00am Exercise  2:00pm CWF Meeting @ Wheat Ridge	14   7:00pm Praise Team	15 9:00am Exercise  1:00pm Game Day Group	16
17 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship Service (Thanksgiving special offering)  1:30 Wheat Ridge Service 2:30 Topside Service	18 9:00am Exercise	19 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	20 (office closed) 9:00am Exercise  7:00pm Choir	21   7:00pm Praise Team	22 9:00am Exercise  1:00pm Game Day Group	23 11am-1pm CWF Harvest Soup Dinner
24 9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Fellowship Time 10:30am Worship Service (Thanksgiving special offering)  4:00pm Elder Meeting	25 1:30pm Commodities Distribution	26 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	27 9:00am Exercise  7:00pm Choir	28 (office closed) THANKSGIVING DAY 	29 (office closed) Imhof Family Gathering @ Church	30

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**Church** (785) 890-5233  
**Pastor's Cell**  
**Church E-mail:** fccdoc@st-tel.net

**Fellowship Time** 10:00 a.m. (Refreshments served)  
**Worship Service** 10:30 a.m.

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[www.goodlandfccdoc.org](http://www.goodlandfccdoc.org)

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)

**November 2024**

	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>Elders</b>	Ron Vignery Debbie Martin	Dick Hayden Tim Armknecht	Kim Cole Andrew Luna	Kenny Griffith Terry Smith	
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Kara Smith	Birkley Barnes	<i>Contemporary</i>	Lois Cosman	
<b>Greeter(s):</b>	Dick/Joy Hayden	Debbie Martin	Nona Mason	Richard & LaDona	
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Terry	Andrew	Kenny	Terry	
<b>Nursery</b>	Shery Wamsley	Kay Lea Cole	Tehnee Hageman	Debbie Martin	