

THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

October

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2021

Faith in God's facts
makes them real
in your experience.

Hebrews 10:1—Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

This writing was inspired by a portion of a book which was written by a former instructor of mine – Philip St. Romain. The book is “Growing in Inner Freedom: A Guide for Today”, and the segment was entitled *Live by Faith, Not Feelings*. I will be sure to give credit to him for the portions I use.

FAITH vs FEELINGS

HALT is an acronym for some of the times in which we should not trust our feelings – when we are Hungry, Angry (anxious), Lonely, or Tired. These can be times in which what we feel is either skewed or magnified out of proportion. On the other hand, sometimes our feelings can be very helpful and we should pay close attention to them. This comes into play in situations of looming danger or just knowing something is or isn't right. Feelings can be necessary tools or they can get in the way of right thinking.

H·A·L·T
Am I
Hungry
Angry
Lonely
Tired?



The Spirit of God does stir and use our feelings or emotions. After all, they were made and given to us by our Creator as useful. These are often thought of to be found wrapped in joy and love when we have blissful mountain top experiences. But what do we do with the feelings we have in the valley times? Do we embrace those feelings as readily and consider them useful as well? We can actually ‘love’ the ‘good’ feelings enough to seek them above seeking God without realizing it.

As for faith, Philip St. Romain suggests that everyone has faith in one form or another. When we go to a restaurant, we have faith that those who prepare our food won't poison us, or that fellow travelers will stay on their side of the road. He goes on to say that these kinds of faith are very much like trust.

Religious faith involves trust as well, but is much deeper than that. St. Romain goes on to say that living by faith means we trust that God has ordained life as meaningful and “*we live as though we are loved and desired by God, even when our life experiences seem to fly in the face of this conviction. No matter what anyone says, we hold fast to our conviction that nothing can separate us from the love of God (see Romans 8:35-39).*”

He also says, “*Faith as conviction and life-stance means that we do not always have to feel the confirmation of our beliefs. We should not evaluate our closeness to God in terms of feelings. God is as close to us when we are dry and cranky as when we are filled with charitable exuberance.*”

How do YOU let faith and feelings coexist? Is your faith swayed by feelings? Are your feelings swayed by faith? In this time of “high-emotion living”, it is something to think about for sure. I am asking God to help me find/keep a healthy balance, how about you?

Blessings as we journey together,

Debbie Griffith



FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

George Adelgren	Roger Collins
Galen Cooper	Vetha Cormier
Alice Jackson	
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Carolyn Kerr	Lonnie Kerr
Sharon Mann	Marie Marsh
Catherine Parisi	Yolanda Petty
Wanda Schneider	Mike Stamm
Ione Todd	Emma VanVleet
Kay Weeks	

Wheat Ridge (main building)

Dwight "Bud" Perrey Etta Mae Keirns

Please pray for our Active Military:

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



10/2	Rebekah Clark
10/3	Connie Grieve Jacque Cooper
10/7	Catherine Parisi Josie Hill Megan Murray Vola Fenner Chris Ross
10/9	Emily Luckert
10/16	Sharon Finley Liz Hill
10/17	Emily Brown Katrina Davis
10/18	Amber Ontiveroz
10/20	Ione Todd Jason Artzer
10/21	Tatum Ptacek
10/23	Katie Coad
10/24	Ron Vignery Mason Neal
10/25	Angie Jones Katelyn Hill Lexus McCord
10/28	Jaxton Topliff
10/30	Keith Daise
10/31	Phyllis Daniels

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
9/5	\$1994.75	\$1017.00	-\$977.75	25
9/12	\$1994.75	\$3445.00	+\$1450.25	35
9/19	\$1994.75	\$1668	-\$326.75	23
9/26	\$1994.75	\$682.12	-\$1312.63	30

Tawakoni Gala Auction



Update on Tawakoni Gala & Auction:

The annual Tawakoni Gala and Auction provides an opportunity for you to financially support your regional camp, conference and event center.

This year, you have two opportunities to participate: virtually from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, and in-person at Tawakoni 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6.

Proceeds from the Tawakoni Gala and Auction support camp operational costs, capital projects and summer camp scholarships. This year's capital improvement project focus is a new camp security gate and monitors. The 2021 fundraising goal is \$25,000. (Register online at www.kansasdisciples.org/gala)

NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:



Pumice stone scouring sticks
Swiffer refill duster heads
Clorox Wipes (generic is ok)

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



10/3	LJ & Jessica Von Lintel
10/22	Jim & Tammy Neal
10/25	David & Ashley Griffith

Thank You...

...to the many people from my church family who have called, sent cards, and prayed for me in this unsettling time of cancer. I am responding to treatment and the Dr's are pleased. Bless you all! Jeannie Pyles

...We wish to thank everyone for the care and kindness shown to us while Bernie was in the hospital. The phone calls, cards of encouragement and hospital visits were appreciated. Thank you and God bless you! Bernie & Gil Taylor

...to Bob Weeteling for the gift of disposable plates. He also made a great suggestion that we hope to be able to carry out in the near future. Thanks, Bob! FCC

...We are so blessed to have such caring and wonderful people in our church family. The Elders have done a fantastic job of filling in for the pastor and we appreciate them and all they have done for us. Thank you, Elders. God Bless You! Gil & Bernie Taylor

...to Kara Smith, who most often does the Children's Chat & to Nona Mason, Kim Cole, and Debbie Griffith who have filled in—what a wonderful job you do with us 'children'. Simplicity can often be the best teacher! (You do have to be ready for anything, however.)

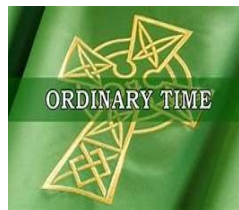
The 0-99 y/o Children of FCC



We are planning the **All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner** for November 14, 2021.

The following items will be supplied: turkey, ham, potatoes, stuffing, gravy, rolls. If you are able to supply any of these items, contact Debbie Martin or the church office. We will leave the rest of the goodies to the wonderful cooks of FCC to bring!

We have so much to be thankful for!



ORDINARY TIME...

We are in the time of the church year that is called Ordinary Time. It will last until we start the church year over again, beginning with Advent. The color is a symbolic green.

This is a time to focus on Christ in every way: his life, his teachings, his parables, his miracles. We are to be getting about the Gospel business of mission and service.

As the color suggests, it is a time of growing & learning—that would mean personally as well as growing the body of Christ.

So, the question is: how are we doing?

USDA Commodities Distribution

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

Monday, Oct 25 @ 1:30-2:30pm



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!!

CWF EVENTS



The next meeting will be Oct 13th at 2pm, with Jo Simmons giving the devotions and Lois Cossman providing refreshments.

Final plans will be made for the upcoming CWF Soup Dinner, which will be on Sat., Oct. 23rd.

Thank you, Connie & Lois for heading this up!

Snippets from the Sept. Board Meeting

- ◆ Disciple Zone has restarted with 9 children so far, and are studying the creation. The adults are forming for the book study—in person and by zoom.
- ◆ Pulpit supply is covered through mid-Dec now. There are still some surprises coming—be sure to come and be blessed!!
- ◆ The Elders have delivered our 'all-in-one' communion cups to those who are shut in and watch our service. This way they can feel more like they are a part of the service. They were well received!
- ◆ Commodity distribution continues monthly. Numbers seem to be down.
- ◆ Property comm. reports that the vacuum has been fixed, again. Also, looking at how to remove Pastor Doug's name off of the lighted sign. It was decided not to have the minister's name on the sign.
- ◆ The Search & Call Committee reports that they have had 2 Zoom meetings with a minister candidate, and he will be coming for an in-person visit Sept. 28-30. Information will be forthcoming as to the schedule of events during that time.
- ◆ Nifty Needlers have requested that the freezer be moved out of that room as they need the additional space.
- ◆ Ken Marston recommended that we participate in a survey that explores the impact of the pandemic on the church. The board approved.
- ◆ The (used to be) annual Imhof family Thanksgiving gathering will possibly be able to resume this year. It was approved that they use the church on Nov. 26th, provided local Covid numbers allow.





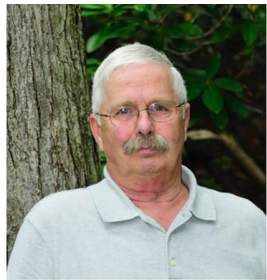
WHO AM I?

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

1. My favorite thing about Halloween is: Actually everything
2. My favorite Halloween costume would be a: Dinosaur
3. I want to be a Doctor when I grow up.
4. My favorite food is: Pizza with olives
5. Tell us something you like to do when you are at home: Watch the ipad
6. My least favorite chore at my house is: the chickens
7. My favorite color is: blue
8. My favorite part of school is: recess
9. I have been coming to FCC for 6 years.
10. What I really like about our church is: the toys



Who Am I ?



March 16, 1947 - September 3, 2021

(excerpts from the writing of his life) Bob & Darla Brock moved to Goodland in 1973, and Bob eventually ended up working for Yellow Freight Trucking as a driver, then as a relay manager. He was recognized for driving 1.7 million miles accident-free. Bob was a member of the Masonic Lodge #321 and Northwest

Kansas Shriners. Bob enjoyed fishing and hunting and he was very good at both. In 1974, while bow hunting north of Goodland, Bob shot a non-typical mule deer that landed him in the record books. His deer scored 224 6/8 points, making him the Kansas Archery Mule Deer record holder, a title that he held for almost twenty years.

Later in life, Bob enjoyed metal detecting and drone flying. Because they ended up in Enfield, Conn., he found many artifacts from early American history.

Our sympathies to wife Darla, and children Clint, Coby, & Casie and families. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

He was a veteran of the US Army and served in Vietnam.

Always remember that you are unique.....just like everyone else.



Quilt of Valor Gifted

The most recent gifting of a quilt of valor was given to Gary Wittmuss. His service was in the U.S. Navy from May 1956-May 1976. He retired as a Chief Cryptologic Technician.

Thank you, Gary, for your service! We are so thankful for those years you were in the Navy, as well as the many others who don't get their due recognition.

Also, thanks to the Nifty Needlers for their hours of work in seeing to it that this project is carried on.



Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

**Don't have a prayer? Free refills inside!

**The season may change, but God
remains the same

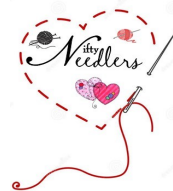
**We were all saved by a blood donor!

** God gives you peace when you go to pieces



Nifty Needlers

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



Clothes line and clothes pins are a charming way to display single blocks in a sewing room!!



A receiving blanket for "whomever" is the next great-grand baby to be received.

Was this wishful thinking, Emma??



A pillow made out of favorite shirts from someone who has left us all too soon for our liking. They can be held as a tangible reminder of the love once shared!

CWF Soup Dinner

Saturday, October 23, 2021

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Vegetable, Chicken Noodle & Chili soups

Pies and Cakes

Crackers, Relishes

Beverage

(Free will offering)



~!Raffle ends October 23rd!~



Tickets are \$2/each or 5 for \$5.

See Joni Denton, Joy Hayden, or the church office for tickets!

Your support of this project enables the Needlers to complete future projects including Veteran's Quilts and quilts for those who are ill or in need.

(Measures 72"x90")

Meals on Wheels

Many thanks to all who participated in delivering the meals to those who utilize this program. They include:

Mary Beth Hess, Pam Sheldon, Connie Grieve, Birkley Barnes, Debbie Griffith, Terry & Kara Smith, Kim Cole, Tricia Meier, Tracy Hillmer, Kevin & Kim Rasure, Joni Guyer, Lori McKenzie, Bill Mehling, Debbie Martin, Jo & Bob Simmons, Ron Vignery, Sherida Shoff, and Dick & Joy Hayden.



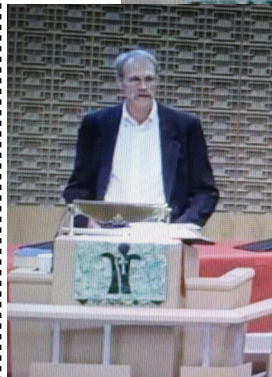
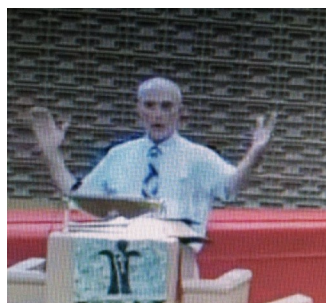
Please thank these people when you see them. Someday we may need this service ourselves, and we would appreciate people caring for us in this way, also!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sermon Schedule

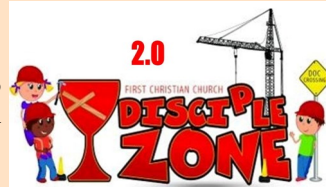
Oct 3	Rev. Dr. Kent Myron Scott
Oct 10	David Branda
Oct 17	Elder Tracy Hillmer—Drama
Oct 24	Owen Freiburger
Oct 31	Kary Zwegardt

Many thanks to those who delivered messages in August. God speaks to each of us through willing vessels like YOU!!



!!!WE ARE BACK!!!

Each Wednesday evening, Disciple Zone 2.0 will meet.



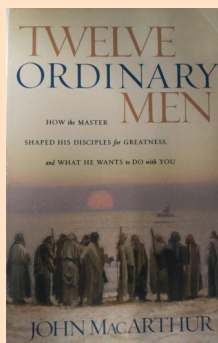
It will start with a light dinner at 5:45 p.m. Following dinner, the children will begin their classes on the east end of the building and the adults will begin their class in the parlor. (See information below) As always, Disciple Zone will end at 7:00pm.

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

**Currently looking for a leader...
YOU!?!?**

BOAT CLASS

Sunday mornings @ 9:15 a.m.



NOON PRAYER CLASS

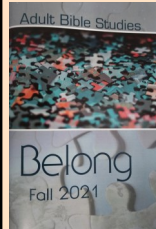
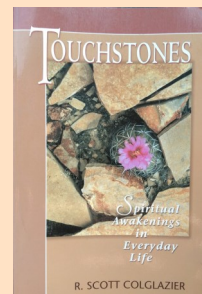
Come and be a part of this book study, prayer & fellowship. The book is "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. The subtitle describes it well: How the Master shaped His disciples for greatness, and what He wants to do with you.

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

**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!!



**FRIENDSHIP CLASS
Every Sunday at 9 a.m.
"Belong"**

October—Into the Future

- Oct. 3 ~ The Church's Activities
- Oct. 10 ~ The Church as One Body
- Oct. 17 ~ The Church as a Discerning Body
- Oct. 24 ~ The Need for Spiritual Renewal
- Oct. 31 ~ Covenant Renewal



October 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. 9:00am Exercise	2.
3. World Communion Sunday 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	4. 9:00am Exercise	5. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	6. 9:00am Exercise 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	7. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class begins	8. 9:00am Exercise	9.
10. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	11. 9:00am Exercise	12. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	13. 9:00am Exercise 2:00pm CWF Mtg. 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	14. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class begins	15. 9:00am Exercise	16.
17. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online	18. 9:00am Exercise	19. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	20. 9:00am Exercise 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	21. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class	22. 9:00am Exercise	23. CWF Soup Dinner 11am-1pm
24. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 4:00pm Elder's Meeting *****	25. 9:00am Exercise 1:30-2:30 pm Commodities Distribution	26. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers	27. 9:00am Exercise 4:00pm Woodwinds 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir	28. 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class	29. 9:00am Exercise	30.

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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)

October 2021

	3	10	17	24	31
Elders	Dick Hayden, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Kim Cole, Com	Tracy Hillmer, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Debbie Griffith, Com
Worship Leader	Debbie Martin	Lois Cossman	Terry Smith	Connie Grieve	Mary Smith
Greeter(s): Board of Directors	Terry Smith	Jessica Vignery	Kim Cole	Kenny & Connie Grieve	TBA
Servers	<i>I consider</i>	<i>that the</i>	<i>sufferings</i>	<i>of this</i>	<i>present time</i>
Candlelighters	<i>are not</i>	<i>worth</i>	<i>comparing</i>	<i>with the</i>	<i>glory</i>
Nursery	<i>about</i>	<i>to be</i>	<i>revealed</i>	<i>to us.</i>	<i>Romans 8:18</i>
A/V Tech-Closer	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith