

THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

October

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2022



Fall is my favorite time of year. I love the changing leaves, the smell of autumn, wearing hooded sweatshirts, country drives with the windows down, and so many other things related to the temperature dropping (but not too low).

I also have a deep appreciation for the season as it relates to the harvest. This is the time of year when we shift from planting to gathering, when we reap the fruit of our past labors. “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” (Malachi 3:10).

This season of gathering also gives us the opportunity to review our harvest. We take notice of the numbers, the qualities, and the beauty of what we’ve gained from the seeds planted in seasons past. This assessment brings us to a place of gratitude, appreciation, and reflection. We appreciate how we are blessed by others; their love and support allow us to do what we do for the farm. We give thanks to God; the harvest is of God alone; no human has the capacity to take a seed to fruit. We can only sow and nurture alongside the miraculous work God is doing in our presence. What we can control are the actions we take going forward. Reviewing our harvest and assessing our own roles in that harvest, what changes can be made now that the next season will be more plentiful.

Every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23) Have Ye Fruit!?

Just Don

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Sharon Bowker Roger Collins
 Galen Cooper Lois Cossman
 John & Glenda Hamilton
 Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson
 Lonnie Kerr Jennifer Martin
 Sharon Mann Marie Marsh
 Vetha Petty Jeannie Pyles
 Kollins Smades Bernie Taylor
 Ione Todd



Please pray for our Active Military:

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



10/2	Rebekah Ross Clark
10/3	Connie Grieve Jacque Cooper
10/4	Kirkland Warren
10/7	Josie Hill Megan Murray Vola Fenner Chris Ross
10/8	Michael Warren Trevor Allen Mason
10/9	Emily Luckert
10/16	Sharon Finley Liz Hill
10/17	Emily Brown Katrina Davis
10/18	Amber Ontiveroz
10/20	Ione Todd—100 yrs! Jason Artzer
10/21	Tatum Ptacek
10/23	Catherine Ptacek Katie Coad
10/24	Ron Vignery
10/25	Angie Jones Katelynn 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
9/4	\$2,249.70	\$1546.00	-\$703.70	42
9/11	\$2,249.70	\$1500.00	-\$749.70	43
9/18	\$2,249.70	\$2843.00	+\$593.30	58
9/25	\$2,249.70	\$1330.00	-\$919.70	56

Blessed are the servants who esteem themselves no more highly when praised and exalted by people than when judged worthless, foolish, and to be despised; *since what a person is before God, that s/he is and nothing more.*"

- Francis of Assisi

(Pray for the grace to know who you are before God and to have your identity rooted in God.)

Airplane Ride Raffle

Winners of the airplane rides are:

Kenny Grieve (who "never wins anything"), Brody Ludolph, & Colt Von Lintel

We hope to hear about your experience soon and pray for a safe and fun time!!

The raffle raised \$670 (minus fuel costs) to be used for supplies that students and teachers need this year. Thanks to all who participated, Jeff Mason for making the tickets, & Pastor Don for flying them!



NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

Pumice stones
 Toilet bowl cleaner

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



10/2	Stephanie & Eric Marelo
10/3	LJ & Jessica Von Lintel



Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ♦ The back parking lot lighting is too bright to angle it out over the whole lot (neighbors object) and will need to be changed. A camera will be placed there and the whole lot needs to be illuminated.
- ♦ The church is searching for someone to hire for snow removal this winter.
- ♦ The baptismal needs resealed and repainted
- ♦ A new cleaning system which covers all cleaning needs is being purchased.
- ♦ Information on new ways to do a church directory will be looked in to and considered.
- ♦ The constitution Revision Task Force presented some proposals to the board. Subsequent changes were asked for and the committee will meet again to work these out.



Calendars for Sale

The Membership & Evangelism committee will have their annual calendars for sale very soon. Be sure to watch for them and get yours before they run out!!

The calendars will be \$8 each and are filled with uplifting pictures of God's creation.



Ione Todd will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 20, 2022. She has just recovered from covid for the second time so is celebrating in many ways!

She would love to hear from her Goodland friends on this special day. Her address is 2101 South Garfield Avenue, Good Samaritan Village, Apt 605, Loveland, CO 80537.

We love you and miss you being among us, Ione!



USDA Commodities Distribution

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

October 24, 2022 @ 1:30pm



If you would like to help, please let **Pastor Don** know. Our Lord asked us to feed the hungry, and so we shall!!



CWF EVENTS

The CWF ladies started the year out with much fun and fellowship!

The next meeting will be Wed., October 12th, at 2:00pm.

Glenda Hamilton is giving the devotion and Mary Smith is providing the refreshments. See you there!!



Used Bibles needed...

Trevor Wamundila, a pastor with Walk Out Missions is in need of used Bibles for the ministry. He is located in Livingston Zambia, Africa & has been following our church services on line. They will take care of the shipping if we can come up with the Bibles, any version/any condition (within reason). Place them in the entry-way box.

An opportunity to literally help spread the word!!

Beginners exercise class to begin

In addition to the 'experienced 9am class' (as seen below, there will be a beginners class from Oct 3-Nov 23. This class will be held on Mondays & Wednesdays at 10:30am with a few Fridays added in. It is a great way to keep flexible and use those muscles that help with balance, etc.

Call the office for more info.



WHO AM I?

Last month's "*Who am I?*" was **Glenda Hamilton**

1. Do you have a favorite memory of Halloween? My daughter's birth - I was driving a tow truck in a snowstorm trying to get to the hospital in time, but had to pause part way for her arrival. A Costume (a face of labor) Tradition—My Mom's birthday and Mom & Dad's anniversary
2. What do you like best about fall? color
3. What's the last thing you baked? Pizza
4. What store could you browse in for hours? Hobby Lobby
5. What is something about yourself that we probably didn't know? I am the 1st child born in Thorton, Co
6. If you could visit anywhere in the world, where would you like to go? Ft. Myers Beach, Florida
7. What is your favorite Halloween candy? Candy corn
8. If you had endless resources what would you like to see come to fruition @ FCC? More people
9. When did you start worshipping @ FCC? Feb 20, 2022



Lynn & Dee Ann Ihrig have been proudly cheering on their grandson Rooks Strnad. Rooks won the little boys tractor pull in Aug. at the Republic County fair. He went on to the Kansas State Fair where he again placed first in his age division for (5 year olds) two weeks ago. This past weekend he along with his family traveled on to Mitchell, South Dakota where he competed in the National tractor pedal pulling contest at the Corn Palace. Rooks placed 9th out of 28 kids in the 5 year old age group. Rooks is the son of Tranda & Jed Strnad of Belleville, Ks.



Think "outside of the box"...

In all the years I have donated food, I bought what I thought they wanted but have never asked what is needed.

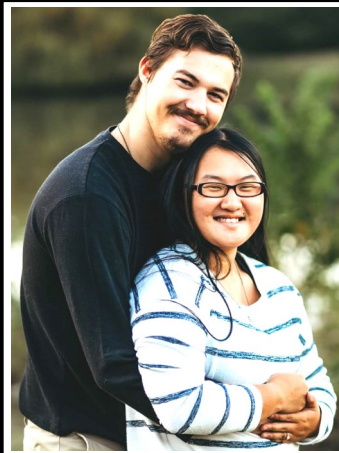
Think about these suggestions:

1. They can't always use boxed mac & cheese because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from food banks.
2. Oil is needed for Rice a-Roni, etc.
3. Spices or salt and pepper.
4. Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
5. Sugar and flour are treats.
6. Hamburger Helper needs ground beef.
7. Peanut butter and jelly requires bread.
8. Eggs are a real commodity.
9. Cake mix & frosting for a child's birthday cake.
10. Dishwashing detergent is always appreciated.
11. Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.
12. What would you like to receive if you were in their shoes??

Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- **It's always darkest just before dawn!
- **True worship is not lip service, but life service.
- **Exercise your faith—walk with God!
- **God cared enough to send His very Best



And she said, "YES!"

You guessed it ~ our sweet Sara Amend is engaged to Preston Leftwich IV.

The preparations are underway for a wedding on January 14, 2023 @ Camp Tawakoni.

We are soooooo happy for both of you and hope you will visit us sometime soon!

Spiritual Gifts of Waiting was a recent sermon topic. I am printing this composition here by request. "Beatitudes" help move us from victim status to blessed status.

The Beatitudes of Waiting

- Blessed are those in waiting,
for they will *develop* a greater degree of patience.
- Blessed are those in waiting,
for they will *learn* loss of control.
- Blessed are those in waiting,
for they will *experience* living in the present.
- Blessed are those in waiting,
for they will *become* compassion.
- Blessed are those in waiting,
for they will *see* opportunities to be grateful.
- Blessed are those in waiting,
for they will *practice* the art of humility.
- Blessed are those in waiting,
for they will *deepen* their trust in God.

To *develop, learn, experience, become, see, practice, and deepen*, one has to be flexible. Therefore,

- Blessed are those who are flexible,
for they will not be bent out of shape!



By Debbie Griffith



Have any to spare? The kitchen ladies are asking for small plastic containers with lids to use for leftovers. Soooo, bring those butter, cottage cheese, sour cream, etc. containers right on in and we will put them to good use!!

Nifty Needlers

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



Busy hands ~ Beautiful outcomes

A BIG thank you to everyone who prayed, called, and in many other ways contributed in helping me overcome the difficulty I recently went through. It is wonderful to have such a caring church family and I am more than thankful for you all! God Bless!!

Roger Collins



CWF SOUP DINNER

Saturday, October 22, 2022

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

**Vegetable, Chicken Noodle & Chili soups
Crackers, Beverage
Pies and Cakes**



A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted

Thank you to all who gave of their time to be a part of the Meals on Wheels program in September. It is an answer to God's call to be compassionate and feed the hungry! Bless you!!



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 10:00 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!



Now Studying:

The book of

Esther



FRIENDSHIP CLASS Every Sunday at 9 a.m.

“Freedom”

October– Justice

The Spiritual Practice of
Awareness

Oct. 2 ~ Sharing with the Vulnerable

Oct. 9 ~ Gifts of the Widows

Oct. 16 ~ Blinded by the Truth

Oct. 23 ~ Justice for the Persistent

Oct. 30 ~ Hospitality Without Boundaries



!!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

FCC



YOUTH

GROUP

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





October 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2. World Communion Sunday 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 5:30pm FCC Youth Group	3. 9:00am Exercise 10:30am Exercise for beginners	4. 10:00 Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	5. 9:00am Exercise 10:30am Exercise for beginners 7pm Choir Practice	6. 1:00pm Game Day Group	7. 9:00am Exercise	1. 8.
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Church E-mail: fccd@st-tel.net

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 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,
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 2022

	2	9	16	23	30
Elders	Kenny Griffith, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Kim Cole, Com	Dick Hayden, Off Kenny Griffith, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Debbie Martin, Com
Worship Leader	Mary Smith	Joan Reid	Kim Cole	Jo Simmons	TBA
Greeter(s): Board of Directors	Kenny Griffith	Jo Simmons	Debbie Martin	Kenny & Connie Grieve	Kara Smith
A/V Tech-Closer	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Andrew Luna	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith

Malachi 4: 1-3

In Keeping with Scripture OR Scripturally Speaking

1 "For behold, the day comes, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who fear my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go forth leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.