

THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

September

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2021



In Isaiah 55:11 we hear the Lord saying:
*"so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and prosper in the thing for which I sent it."*

In our lives, we have spoken things from our limited perspective and then had to 'eat crow' later. I guess I'm assuming that someone other than myself has done this!? "I'll never do this or that!" we say. Then, as scripture points out, we end up doing the very thing we dislike (Romans 7:15). That is why we are encouraged to be humble, slow to speak, and quick to listen & forgive each other readily, which isn't always easy (James 1:19 ; Col. 4:12-13).

Our words and our thoughts – when we speak them or have them, how are they generated? They may be premeditated or spontaneous, born out of emotions or carefully chosen and put together with the best of intentions for a favorable outcome. However it is that they are formed, I, for one, get into trouble when the Spirit of God isn't my filter.



Speaking of speaking, isn't it amazing how creative God can get in how He speaks to each one of us? Of course we think of God speaking to us through the Bible as one way, then there are nudges from the Holy Spirit, also through nature, or prayer, not to mention devotionals, other people, and a host of other ways we could name.

Sometimes we receive a message before we even know we have a need. I will be more direct about this one and share that often times when I feel inspired to write, either for this segment or for something else, those are the very messages I end up needing later myself! That doesn't mean they were only for me, but also for me. These words when eaten (unlike the 'crow' mentioned above) are sweet and life-giving.

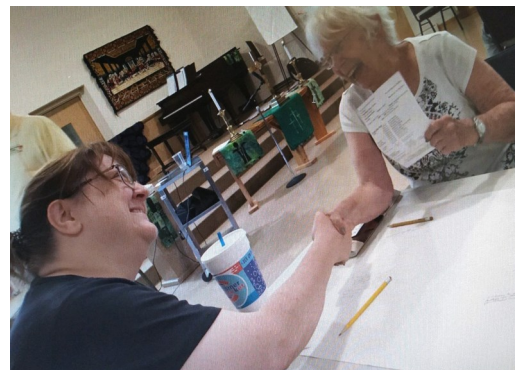
Thank you, God, for the messages You give us. Even as we think we are delivering an inspiration to others, You use it for our good as well. Your words & timing are always perfect!



How does God speak to 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

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



9/1	Elizabeth Busby Lon Kerr Tim Armknecht Jake Meier
9/2	Sean Davis
9/3	Jennifer Vignery Goin
9/4	Jonna Hill
9/8	Wm Cameron Pittman
9/9	Chase Topliff
9/10	Raelyn Hillmer
9/11	Emily Hansen
9/13	Ken Yoke
9/14	Michelle Coad
9/16	Jessica Von Lintel
9/17	Lindsey Martin Ludolph
9/20	Amanda Armknecht Dan Hayden
9/25	Brylie Fenner
9/26	Doug Amend
9/28	Donna Ruddell
9/30	Audra Keith Dirk Sheldon

GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
8/1	\$1994.75	\$3658.00	+\$1636.75	30
8/8	\$1994.75	\$1380.00	-\$614.75	27
8/15	\$1994.75	\$2621.25	+\$626.50	30
8/22	\$1994.75	\$1697.00	-\$297.75	37
8/29	\$1994.75	\$680.00	-\$1314.75	33

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

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



9/6	Tanner & Abby Jones
9/16	Cody & Abby Jolly Hutson
9/26	Daryl & Ariane Barber
9/27	Sean & Katrina Davis Ryan & Jonna Hill

Thank You...

...Where do we begin!? July and August were difficult to say the least, but our church family has been so supportive. Not only on a personal level, but in the many “fill-ins” that happened in the life of the church. Recently, **Kara Smith** took the office for a full week as well as several parts of the worship service that Sunday. **Connie Grieve** also filled in for a day in the office. **Terry Smith** has done the sound booth most of the Sundays for 2 months. **Terry S.** and **Kenny Grieve** have pulled extra weight in the property upkeep dept. **Debbie M. & Kara** have helped keep the Search Committee and board moving forward. Wow! God watered, and you all bloomed where He planted you! Bless you all, and we pray that this season is (dare I say it) over? Praise be to God, regardless of what is ahead!!

Kenny & Debbie Griffith

USDA Commodities Distribution

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

Monday, Sept 27 @ 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 has been changed to Sept. 15th at 2pm, with **Connie Grieve** giving the devotions and **Debbie Griffith** providing refreshments.

Discussion will continue regarding the upcoming CWF Soup Dinner, which will be on Sat., Oct. 23rd.



~Precious Gifting x2~

In the recent past, as he was cleaning Shaunna’s craft/ sewing room, **Tim Armknecht** donated many of the fabrics and crafting supplies that she had so skillfully used to the Nifty Needlers.

One particular unfinished project, that she left us too soon to complete, was a small quilt called **Splish Splash**. The skills of the group kicked in and completed this child sized quilt and gifted it back to him. It was hoped that daughter **Amanda**, when grown, could use this for her children with the precious memory that her mother had worked on this project. May it be a reminder that love has flowed in and through these stitches by so many who cared, especially her mother! Thanks be to God!!

Without Jesus, there is a hopeless end.
With Jesus, there is an endless hope.



Announcing Mr. & Mrs. Ace Jones

Ace Jones and **Elizabeth Richter** we married in Los Vegas on July 31, 2021.

We are excited for them and wish them a happy and blessed life together!!



Snippets from the August Board Meeting

- ◆ The Sinko game was carried out at the fair by the youth groups in conjunction with the Girl Scouts this year.
- ◆ Pulpit supply is covered through October with the exception of one Sunday in Oct. There are some surprises along the way—be sure to come and be blessed!!
- ◆ The Elders have reinstated the Elderado Shootout, which will be held on Sept. 12th @ 5pm.
- ◆ From the Property Committee: The pilot light for the oven is now functioning properly. The yard has been fertilized and treated for grubs. The drip line around the roses was destroyed and has been replaced. The vacuum needs repaired. Next meeting is Aug 26.



When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries.



When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C....compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don’t seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.



WHO AM I?



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

1. With fall around the corner, what do you enjoy most about this time of year? Least? I enjoy the nice cool temperatures and all the fall flowers. I dread the winter that comes next.
2. Who is the most interesting person you have met or someone you would like to meet? Everyone has a story to tell and everyone is interesting.
3. What is your biggest pet peeve? People who think they are better than others.
4. Name something we'd be surprised to know about you... My great-grandmother survived a shipwreck on an iceberg!
5. What is your morning ritual? Get up and enjoy a cup of coffee and a good breakfast.
6. What do you miss that has changed over the years? I miss my life before Covid.
7. What movie can you watch over and over? Lonesome Dove or Jeremiah Johnson.
8. You've served this church in many capacities, what was the most rewarding to you? Helping people at this church.
9. What's your favorite thing about worshipping at FCC? Communion every Sunday!



Elderado Shootout

Y'all come right on back to the church on Sept. 12th @ 5p.m. for hotdogs 'n hamburgers with all the trimmin's and some singin'. See ya there, Partner...

YEE-HAW!!

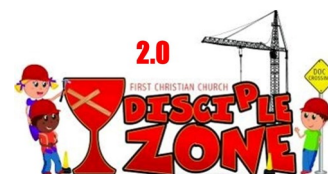


ATTENTION!

All children through 6th grade and adults!!

Disciple Zone will resume starting Sept 8th. This will include a light meal and classes for the children, as well as a book study for the adults. (See the Christian Education page for details!) Please contact Jessica Vignery @ 785-821-4603 if you can help teach or cook

~~Don't miss out on all the fun and learning~~



Meals on Wheels

Our church is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels in September from the 15th thru the 30th. Debbie Martin and Kara Smith will be getting the schedule together soon, so be ready to volunteer your time to this valuable service in our community!!



Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

**Seven days without prayer makes one weak

**The world needs a stable influence

**For every Goliath there is a stone

** Where will you spend eternity?
Smoking or Non-smoking



Nifty Needlers

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



Happy 80th,
Bernie
Taylor!!
(pictured on the
left with sister,
Jan, on the
right)



There's No Time To Waste— let's get back to it...

We will be starting the DOT
Choir back up again as usual on
Wed., Sept. 8th @ 7:00 pm.

We are as crazy and fun-loving as the clipart picture suggests, so come join in on the fun! If we can make a joyful noise to the Lord, then all is worth it.

Speaking of joyful noise, you might just hear the newest instruments that we have incorporated into our vast repertoire. Believe it or not, the piece actually called for them (and in harmony).

We have a chair with your name on it
and extra kazoos!



A special thanks to **Debbie Martin, Pam Sheldon, Lois Cossman, and Debbie Griffith** for helping with Bible School. Also, a special thank you to **Nona Mason and Janet Davis** for baking cookies – Yummm. I appreciate your helpful spirit in leading our future!

Jessica Vignery, Education Director

The Nifty Needlers (plus) gathered to celebrate a talented quilter/crafter/seamstress's birthday. Thanks to her family for letting us be a part of her special day and wish her many more years in service to God and others!

Hebrews 13:1 Let mutual love continue. (NRSV)

~This is the quilt that is being offered for raffle~



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 in-
cluding Veteran's
Quilts and quilts for
those who are ill or
in need.

(Measures 72"x90")

!! Retreat Time !!

Our Disciples Woman's 2021 retreat will be in person this year at Disciples Center at Camp Tawakoni!

The theme this year is "Who Needs a Bridge." The midweek retreat is scheduled for October 6-8 followed by the weekend retreat October 8-10.

The keynote speaker is Rev. Dr. Beth Rupe from Bloomington, Illinois and we know you will find her messages filled with inspiration and hope..

Go to www.kansasdisciples.org and register online or see the front bulletin board for printed copies of the full information & registration form.

If you are unable to attend the entire retreat, a partial registration is offered.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sermon Schedule

Sept 5	Rev. Dr. Kent Myron Scott
Sept 12	David Branda
Sept 19	Elder Tim Armknecht
Sept 26	A Special Surprise

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



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

September—Outside In

- Sept. 5 ~ Hospitality to Strangers
- Sept. 12 ~ Being Bold to Join
- Sept. 19 ~ Opening the Door to Christ
- Sept. 26 ~ Citizens of God's Household



!!!WE ARE BACK!!!

Beginning Sept. 8th, 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.

!!Now available on Zoom as well as in-person!!

NOON PRAYER CLASS

Come and be a part of this book study, prayer & fellowship. The book is being decided on, so "stay tuned for further information".

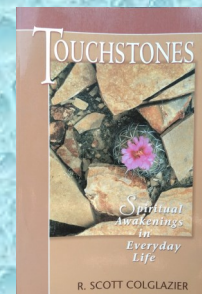
This study resuming Sept. 16th!! Come join us in study and prayer!!

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BOOK STUDY

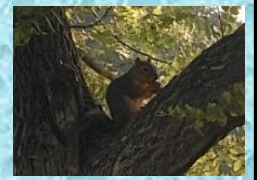
Wed. nights at 6:15 p.m.
(following the Disciple Zone meal)

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!!





September 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Photo: a little visitor was found in the tree by the front sidewalk, eating the tree's nuts for breakfast. I'm sure he was thanking the church for providing this meal!!</p>			<p>1. 9:00am Exercise</p>	<p>2.</p>	<p>3. 9:00am Exercise</p>	<p>4.</p>
<p>5. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online</p>	<p>6. 9:00am Exercise</p>	<p>7. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers</p>	<p>8. 9:00am Exercise 5:45pm DZ 2.0 Begins 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>9.</p>	<p>10. 9:00am Exercise</p>	<p>11.</p>
<p>12. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online 5:00pm Elderado Shootout</p>	<p>13. 9:00am Exercise</p>	<p>14. 2:00pm Nifty Needlers</p>	<p>15. Meals on Wheels 9:00am Exercise 2:00pm CWF Mtg. (chg'd from the 8th) 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>16. _____ 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class begins</p>	<p>17. _____ 9:00am Exercise</p>	<p>18. _____</p>
<p>19. _____ 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online</p>	<p>20. _____ 9:00am Exercise</p>	<p>21. _____ 2:00pm Nifty Needlers</p>	<p>22. _____ 9:00am Exercise 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>23. _____ 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class</p>	<p>24. _____ 9:00am Exercise</p>	<p>25. _____</p>
<p>26. _____ 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship In-person & Online</p>	<p>27. _____ 9:00am Exercise 1:30-2:30 pm Commodities Distribution</p>	<p>28. _____ 2:00pm Nifty Needlers</p>	<p>29. _____ 9:00am Exercise 5:45pm DZ 2.0 7:00pm Choir</p>	<p>30. Meals on Wheels ends 12:30pm Noon Prayer Class</p>		

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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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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)

September 2021

	5	12	19	26	
Elders	Tracy Hillmer, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Debbie M, Off Kim Cole, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Kenny Griffith, Com	Kim Cole, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Matt. 6:19-21
Worship Leader	Birkley Barnes	Jessica Vignery	Joan Reid	Joy Hayden	
Greeter(s): CWF	Lois Cossman	Connie & Kenny Grieve	Mary Daise	Donna Ruddell	
Servers	<i>"Do not store up for yourselves</i>	<i>treasures on earth,</i>	<i>Where moth and rust consume</i>	<i>and where thieves break in and steal;</i>	
Candlelighters	<i>But store up for yourselves</i>	<i>treasures in heaven,</i>	<i>Where neither moth nor rust consumes</i>	<i>and where thieves do not break in and steal.</i>	<i>For where your treasure is,</i>
Nursery					<i>there your</i>
A/V Tech-Closer	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	<i>heart will be</i>
Snacks	Generous Gifters	Generous Gifters	Generous Gifters	Generous Gifters	<i>also.</i>