

THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

September

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Goodland, Kansas

2022

2 Cor 12: 10

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

WWJD? WDJDI? WWYD?



In times past, the saying, “What would Jesus do?” (WWJD?) was a popular saying. This was on bracelets, signs, coffee cups, and about any other thing you could imagine. Even though it seemed to be ‘overdone’, it is in fact always good for us to ask this question when we are faced with a dilemma. After all, Jesus DID show us how to live, act, react, etc. as well as teach us about spiritual matters and redeem us.

A child thinks their parents always ‘know’ what to do, but I can tell you (if you don’t already know) that there are times of uncertainty as well as mistakes. That has been one of my greatest surprises as I grew to be an adult – not hitting that point where I would just ‘know’ what to do in each situation. To go through that struggle and play out those 99 scenarios, getting lost in it all...still not knowing what is the best choice.

In addition to WHAT Jesus would do, I think it is also a good thing for us to explore WHY Jesus did what he did. Looking at this side of the equation helps us to develop a thought process which leads to doing what Jesus would do. I’m sure the humanity side of Jesus experienced things that we experience and that is comforting to know that at least He understands what we are dealing with. However, there was a *calm decisiveness* in whatever action was taken (or not taken).

Besides the crucifixion, there were other situations in which Jesus made tough choices. In Luke 4 we read about Jesus healing the seemingly endless number of sick and afflicted people, who came to him after hearing about the healing of Simon’s mother-in-law. All night he tended to their needs, but when it was time to move on, they wanted him to stay and continue healing. He had to turn them away and leave anyway. Knowing the compassionate nature of Jesus, that had to be a hard thing to do. How could he heal some but not others? How would you choose? How were the unhealed feeling about this choice? But Jesus knew the will of the Father for his life, and needed to do the thing he had been sent for – preach the good news of the kingdom of God.

Sometimes we can be distracted from what we know the calling on our lives is. The distraction doesn’t have to be a bad thing, but it will be if it we let it interfere with what God wants us to be doing in this place and at this time. What Would Jesus Do - WWJD? What God had asked him to do. Why Did Jesus Do It - WDJDI? Knowing, despite how he may have felt, that trusting in God’s will is always best. Taking our eyes off of the dilemma/distraction/difficulty and focusing on the One who ‘knows’, will cause the things of earth to grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace (as the great hymn states). Sooooo, WWYD?



As we live and journey together,

Debbie Griffith

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Roger Collins	Galen Cooper
Vetha Petty	John & Glenda Hamilton
Doug Hilty	Lonnie Kerr
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Jennifer Martin	
Sharon Mann	Marie Marsh
Braxton Meier	Jeannie Pyles
Kollins Smades	Bernie Taylor
Ione Todd	Shelley Wamsley



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	Roberta Webb 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 Ross 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
8/7	\$2,249.70	\$1689.00	-\$560.70	49
8/14	\$2,249.70	\$2456.00	+\$206.30	56
8/21	\$2,249.70	\$1736.00	-\$513.70	69
8/28	\$2,249.70	\$733.00	-\$1516.70	47

Can you find the other ticket hidden in another part of the newsletter? First person to report it to the secretary gets a free raffle ticket for the airplane ride! (3 chances to win—you could also gift it to someone else)



The most miserable prison in the world is the prison we make for ourselves when we refuse to show mercy. Our thoughts become shackled, our emotions are chained, the will is almost paralyzed. But when we show mercy, all of these bonds are



broken, and we enter into a joyful liberty that frees us to share God's love with others.

- Warren W. Wiersbe

(Where might you be called to be more merciful these days?)



NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:

Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Paper—20 lb

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



Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ◆ No official business could be conducted as there weren't enough in attendance to make a quorum. Discussion only.
- ◆ Connie Grieve has agreed to be the Chair of the Membership & Evangelism Committee. Debbie Martin is stepping down to be Board Vice Chair.
- ◆ A Revision Committee has been formed to review the Constitution & Bylaws. They will meet and bring proposals back to the board.
- ◆ The new security system is mostly in place and has been a valued asset. There is more activity, even at night, than we knew.



Pastor Don says that September is "FRAngelism Month". Do you know what in the world THAT is??? Maybe you better look it up, but if you do, you have to do it!!

Airplane Ride Raffle

The Elders are raffling chances for an airplane ride with Pastor Don Warren. The drawing will be at the Elderado Shootout (right). Your ticket will have 3 chances to win!! Proceeds will go to support the needs of teachers & for the students they teach who have needs.

Tickets are \$5 each
Or 6 for \$25. They
are going fast!!



USDA Commodities Distribution

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

October 2022 @ 1:30pm



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

CWF EVENTS



CWF LADIES—

LET'S GET THIS BALL A ROLLIN'!!

On September 14th @ 2:00pm we will meet in the parlor for food, fellowship & fun. Bring finger foods and a big helping of love to share. I'm sure a story, joke, or any other cause for laughter will also happen (usually)!!

Elderado Shootout

**Y'all come right on
back to the church on
Sept. 18th @ 5p.m. fer
hotdogs 'n hamburgers
with all the trimmin's
and some singin' round
the campfire. See ya
there, Pardner...**

YEE-HAW!!



A Blast from the Past

Remember these days?

Choir will begin on Sept 7th @ 7:00 pm and let's see if we can be about letting God grow us in number and in effectiveness for His glory!! <Sing for Joy>

My, my, have we all changed—but change isn't all that bad...



WHO AM I?

Last month's "*Who am I?*" was **Terry Webb**



1. Where were you born? Miller's Crossing—A small farming community outside Foreman, AR. Born on the kitchen table. 1947
2. How many children and grandchildren do you have? 6 children, 13 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren
3. What is something you hope your family has learned from you? The ability to bounce back from every hardship.
4. What excites you about fall coming? The changes of color, brisk air, root veggies.
5. What was your favorite part of this summer? Family get-togethers, fresh fruit, less wind, growing my flower garden.
6. What is your favorite time of day? First thing in the morning on the porch with a fresh cup of coffee
7. Share with us an accomplishment that God blessed you with. The ability to accept what I cannot change & trust in Him.
8. What do you like to do in your spare time? I love to cook & invite friends over for a game of bridge or Farkle—and crafts.
9. What drew you to our church? Pastor Don



My name is
Jackson Douglas Jolly Sisson
(Jack)

...Introducing cousin babies...

I was born on Aug 29, 2022 @ 10:38 pm, which happened to be my mom's birthday, too—Happy birthday, Mom!

The scales tipped at 6lbs 14oz & measured 19 1/2 inches.

My parents, Nick & Amanda (Jolly) Sisson brought me home to my big brother, Henry, who will teach me all the things I need to know about being a kid!!



My name is
Theodore Michael Hutson
(Theo)

I was born on Aug 12, 2022 @ 4:33 pm, so I'm the older, more experienced one!

The scales tipped for me at 6lbs 13oz & measured 20 inches.

My parents, Cody & Abby (Jolly) Hutson brought me home to live with my big half sister, Payten, who will fill in the blanks for a well rounded raising!!



Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- **The Church:
Band of the Free, Home of the Brave
- **The Golden Rule works only when you make
the first move
- **Is your passport for eternity in order?



Baptism is a thing to be celebrated, but even more so, is the internal change that it represents!! What a blessing for Andrew Luna and the body of Christ as this took place on August 21, 2022. He is a gift to our church and to the children that he teaches in the school system. I'm sure it was especially good for those students present in worship that day!!



Multi-Church Fellowship & Worship Service

This is a time of fun, fellowship, food, and worship. All you have to do is show up at Chamber's Park with your lawn chair and enjoy!

It will begin at 5:30pm with the fun and fellowship—bounce houses, sidewalk chalk, pickleball, yard games and snacks. Then a meal will be served.

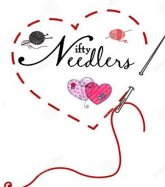
At 7:00pm a worship service will begin.

The participating churches are: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, First Baptist Church, King's Way Ministry, United Methodist Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, and the First Christian Church.



Nifty Needlers

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



A BIG thank you to those who have taken the time to show concern for me while out with Covid. Also, to those who had to pick up the extra duties at church—there is no way to name you all, but God knows. I pray that God will bless you all abundantly!! Hope to see you soon!

Debbie Griffith

It's our turn to deliver the

Meals on Wheels



From Sept 15-30, our church is responsible for delivering meals to people in our community. It is such a privilege to share a caring smile as we see that food is available to those who want of need it.

It may not be too late to volunteer!! Please contact Connie Grieve (785-821-4433) or Debbie Martin (785-899-6937) or Kara Smith (785-728-7395)

Do this in partnership with someone else and have some fellowship while you are serving others!!

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. 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!

Now Studying:

The book of

Esther



FRIENDSHIP CLASS Every Sunday at 9 a.m.



"Freedom"

September– Rescue
The Spiritual Practice of
Living With Intentionality

Sept. 4 ~ Standing Up Against Oppression
Sept. 11 ~ Freedom Song
Sept. 18 ~ The Redeemer's Provision
Sept. 25 ~ From Obedience to Freedom



!!ALL NEW!!

DISCIPLE ZONE 2.0

Kickoff is on
Sunday, September 11th @ 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

All youth are invited to a

Pizza and Chill FCC Youth Group Kickoff



Sunday, September 11th
5:30-7:00pm

Come see all the fun we can have!

RSVP: 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





September 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1. 1:00pm Game Day Group 7pm Property Mtg	2. 9:00am Exercise	3.
4. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship	5. Labor Day Office Closed 9:00am Exercise?	6. 10:00 Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	7. 9:00am Exercise 7pm Choir Practice	8. 1:00pm Game Day Group	9. 9:00am Exercise	10.
11. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 Kickoff 5:30-7:00pm FCC Youth Group Kickoff	12. 9:00am Exercise	13. 10:00 Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	14. 9:00am Exercise 2:00pm CWF Mtg 7pm Choir Practice	15. 1:00pm Game Day Group	16. Meals on Wheels Begins 9:00am Exercise (4pm Wedding Rehearsal)	17. ----- 4pm Wedding 5:30-8pm Multi- Church Fellowship & Worship Ser- vice (see pg 5)
18. ----- 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 5:00pm Elderado Shoot- out & raffle drawing	19. ----- 9:00am Exercise	20. ----- 10:00 Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	21. ----- 9:00am Exercise 7pm Choir Practice	22. ----- 1:00pm Game Day Group	23. ----- 9:00am Exercise	24. -----
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Pastor's Cell (870) 692-7242 (Pastor Don Warren)
Church E-mail: fccdoc@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)

September 2022

	4	11	18	25	God's Creation
Elders	Kim Cole, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Kim Cole, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Tim Armknecht, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Debbie Martin, Com	
Worship Leader	Connie Grieve	Birkley Barnes	Terry Smith	Joy Hayden	
Greeter(s): CWF	Mary Daise	Jo Simmons	Glenda Hamilton	Dick & Joy Hayden	
A/V Tech-Closer	Kenny Griffith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Andrew Luna	

Ephesians 1: 3-8

In Keeping with Scripture OR Scripturally Speaking

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.