

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

September

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

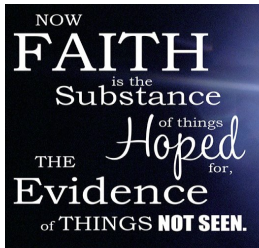
2023



## God Alone

“Sola Gratia. Sola Fide. Sola Scriptura.” (Grace alone. Faith alone. Scripture alone.) These are sometimes called the foundation upon which our faith rests and it is good to stop and think about them, especially as we are assailed by the media, social or otherwise, telling us what faith should consist of. These three pillars reflect the truths of Scripture about how God works forgiveness and life in us.

“Grace alone.” Our God is a loving God who desires nothing more than to forgive our sins and make us His very own. He wants to forgive and not punish us for our sins. He freely sent Jesus into our world to give His life as the sufficient sacrifice for ours. God initiates this and gives it as a gift to us. There is nothing in us that earns or deserves it. It is purely God’s gift to us.



“Faith alone.” We are on spiritual hospice. Spiritually dying in our trespasses and turned away from God we are unable to know Him on our own. Faith, trusting God’s promise of forgiveness and salvation, is a gift God gives us. We cannot do it on our own. Faith literally grabs hold of and hangs onto His promises. Faith, means that there is sure and certain hope for sinners like you and me,

“Scripture alone.” On our own, we cannot know God or come to Him. But He comes to us through His chosen means, His Word and Sacraments. The Holy Spirit works through Scripture to restore us to a living relationship with our God. He comes to us there, announces His Law and leads us to repentance. He announces His grace to us in loving words of the Gospel. Scripture alone is the rule and norm for all Christian doctrine, His teaching.



What all of this means is that we have certainty of salvation in Christ our Lord. We are not left with the uneasy, uncertain feeling of, “Have I done enough? Have I satisfied God’s requirements of me?” The answer is always no. But, by God’s grace alone, out of His love for us, we have a Savior. Through faith alone we grab hold of the promised salvation that He brings to us. Through Scripture alone God’s salvation is revealed to us.

He is a God who loves us, even as we are yet sinners. He is a God who willingly sent His Son to be our Savior, even while we were His enemies in our sins. He is a God who has chosen to reveal Himself to us, that we might know Him, acknowledge Him as God and receive all that He has for us, His people.

*Just Don*

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Roger Collins	Galen Cooper
Lois Cossman	Robert Dodge
Glenda Hamilton	
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson	
Lonnie Kerr	Braxton Meier & family
Vetha Petty	Bob & Mary Smith
Bernie Taylor	
Emma Van Vleet	The Warren family



### 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
9/5	Sherri Keith
9/8	Chalee Luther Laney Von Lintel
9/9	Chase Topliff
9/10	Raelyn Hillmer
9/11	Emily Hanson
9/13	Ken Yoke
9/14	Michelle Coad
9/16	Jessica Von Lintel
9/17	Lindsey Ludolph
9/20	Amanda Armknecht Dan Hayden
9/25	Brylie Fenner
9/26	Pastor Doug Amend
9/28	Donna Ruddell
9/30	Audra Keith Dirk Sheldon

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
8/6	\$2452.77	\$2283.98	-\$168.79	54
8/13	\$2452.77	\$5724.00	+\$3271.23	57
8/20	\$2452.77	\$1647.00	-\$805.77	58
8/27	\$2452.77	\$1275.00	-\$1177.77	50



Kansas Disciples Women  
Fall Retreat

"Renew, Refresh,  
Recharge, Restored!"

Oct 4-6 or 6-8  
Held at Camp Tawakoni  
Keynote speaker:

Rev. Terri Hord Owens



See bulletin boards or office for details

**YES!!!** The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) convened in Louisville, Ky., from July 29-Aug. 1, and during the assembly announced the re-election of Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens to a second term as General Minister and President.



In her sermon during closing worship, she invited the General Assembly to "imagine new ways of being church and to stay at the table no matter what we face. Our commitment to staying at the table is grounded in our covenant relationship with God and with one another."



9/6	Tanner & Abby Jones
9/10	Kevin & Wendy Oller
9/15	George & MaryAnn VanVleet
9/16	Cody & Abby Jolly Hutson
9/26	Daryl & Ariane Barber
9/27	Sean & Katrina Davis Ryan & Jonna Hill



**~BOARD MEMBERS~**  
Please note that the board meeting for September has been moved to Sept. 17th.

**~Wheat Ridge Services~**  
Services at Wheat Ridge will be changed to Sept. 10th. @ 1:30p.m.

**Thank You...**

...for all the nice cards, letters, phone calls, words of encouragement, etc. from my wonderful church family. They are so much appreciated in this difficult time of total change, uncertainty, and adjustment. Thank you also for taking us in, making us feel a part of the church family, all at a time when we didn't have a church. Much love, Bernie (& Gil)

**USDA Commodities Distribution**

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



**September 25(?), 2023 @ 1:30pm**

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

**Thank You...**

Its wonderful that the Church is continuing to maintain and upgrade the playground. I know Don's family is extremely touched that this project honoring his Niece Dusty and his Grandparents continues on. Thank you!

Lori McKenzie

**Welcome to the world Brett Anthony Ptacek!**

Brett was born July 28th, weighing 7 pounds & was 18 inches long. Brett couldn't be loved more than he is by brother Lyle age 4, & sisters Tatum 5 1/2, Heidi 3, & Catherine 21 months, and of course Mom & Dad (Doug & Kelsi Ihrig Ptacek)! Congratulations to all! Brett was named in remembrance of a special cousin in Heaven!



Proud Paternal grandparents are Ron & Virginia Ptacek of Bunker Hill. Maternal grandparents are Lynn & Dee Ann Ihrig.

**The check wasn't in the mail~**

On August 21st, our church was the recipient of a "large" check from the Sherman County Community Foundation to help with the upgrade of the playground. It was discovered in conversation that more than just the surrounding community uses THIS playground. People from across town drive over at the request of their children. We should be honored to provide such a safe place for parents and children to come. Thanks to all involved!!



Sometimes God shows up in nature when you least expect it or when you need to know He is still near (or both). Spend some time noticing the wonder of His creation and find hope in it!!



**Elderado Shootout**

**Y'all come right on back to the church on Sept. 17th @ 5p.m. for hotdogs 'n hamburgers with all the trimmin's and some singin' round the campfire. See ya there, Pardner...**

**YEE-HAW!!**



# Who Am I?

(Last month's "Who am I?" was Joseph Von Lintel)



1. With fall around the corner, what do you enjoy most about this time of year? Least? Most: The cooler weather. Least: Shorter days
2. Who is the most interesting person you have met or someone you would like to meet? I have met: Astronaut Joe Engle, commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Shuttle flight. There are too many people I would like to meet, both dead and alive, for me to pick one.
3. What is your biggest pet peeve? I'm sure those close to me can tell you better than I. Probably, last minute changes to things.
4. Name something we'd be surprised to know about you. A friend of mine and I rode our bicycles from our hometown to Salina in three days when we were in high school. This was before Bike Across Kansas existed.
5. What is your morning ritual? Get up and take a walk, unless the windchill is below 10 degrees. Shower, breakfast **with coffee**, off to work.
6. What do you miss that has changed over the years? The lack of respect from people under the age of 50, and the lack of parental discipline of children. This will show my age: When I was a kid, my parents assumed that I was the one in the wrong and we went from there, downhill usually.
7. What movie can you watch over and over? Christmas Vacation
8. What's your favorite thing about worshipping at FCC? The people



Who am I?

## Pray for us this school year!



## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

\*\*We get info online,

but wisdom comes from on high!

\*\*Forgiveness gives up the right to fight back

\*\*The heart is an organ, keep it in tune with Jesus

\*\*The last one deserves a picture—the lawn sprinklers hitting it from all sides made the message come to life:



## Meals on Wheels



Our church is responsible for meal deliveries from Sept. 16-30th.

If you want to get specific days within that time frame, be sure to call soon!

Contact: Connie Grieve—785-821-4433  
Debbie Martin—785-899-6937  
Kara Smith—785-728-7395

## CWF Events

The 2023/24 CWF year has begun. Here is what they have planned so far:

President: Connie Grieve  
Secretary: Jo Simmons  
Treasurer: Birkley Barnes



Thank you very much for your service as past Co-chairs, Mary Smith and Lois Cossmann. You did a great job. Blessings to you both.

Programs/Activities books are being updated:

On Wed, Sept 13th, we will be having a Luncheon/Welcome back Party at Noon at the church. Bring a dish to share. All ladies are welcome.

Harvest sale will be Sat, Oct 28th. 11am to 1pm. Serving 3 soups, veggies. Cakes and Pies, drinks, NO bake sale, NO auction items. More details to come.

Ladies, Please feel free to join us for CWF this season. We need all of us to continue to move forward with projects we work on throughout the year. As well as new ideas coming forth in the future. Thank you all.

In Christian Love. Connie Grieve

## Nifty Needlers

Every Tuesday @ 2 p.m. in the Church's Sewing Room.



**This is an invitation for YOU to join us.**

Any and all women (or men?) who have projects they are wanting to work on or get accomplished, this is the place for you!! Some just come to relax and enjoy the fellowship and conversation. We all need downtime as well. Hope to see you soon!!



Do you or anyone you know need a parttime job? We are needing someone to fill the job of 'Church Secretary' for our church. Please contact Board Chair Debbie Martin at 785-899-6937 for further information!

## NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:



Toilet bowl cleaner

Refill handsoap

39gal trash bags

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

## Small bread request



We have a *wonderful* problem. If you didn't know, visitors receive a bag of things from our church—information related to our church, as well as a small loaf of banana bread, zucchini bread, or any such sweet bread as that. We need more bakers to keep the supply stocked. Since it is zucchini season, maybe those with a surplus of zucchini can get with the bakers? Could you be a one of the bakers and help out? Even on an occasional or one-time basis? Please let the office know, or just bake some and we can get them placed in the proper spot!

## !!Naked Sunday is Oct 1st!!

Oh, no no no—don't worry—it's not like it sounds!

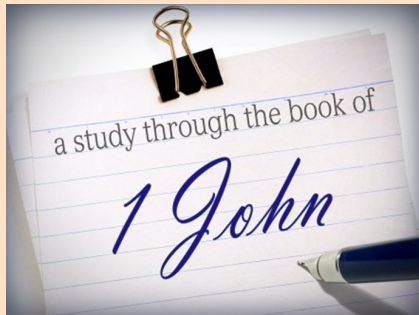
That day happens to be World Communion Sunday and the Worship & Music Committee is planning a service that focuses on the "bare-minimum" elements of the service. Of course, in true Disciples of Christ fashion, one of those is communion. Be sure to plan on attending!



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Bible Study

Looking for a study of God's word? Look no further. Pastor Don will be teaching two classes on Tuesdays—10:00 a.m. and 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!



## **!!Calling All MEN!!**

Pastor Don has started a:

### **Men's Fellowship**

**Monthly**

**at 6:30am here at the church**

**What will happen?? – There will be coffee (of course), fellowship, and enlightenment!**

**Come and enjoy each other's company and learn a few things as well!**



**Resuming  
on  
Sept 10th!!**



**!!ALL NEW!!**

## **DISCIPLE ZONE 2.0**

Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m,  
Toddler—5th Grade

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**

**Restart date is Sept. 10th**

**@ 5:30-6:30pm**

**at the church**

**See YOU there!!**

## **<<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 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1. 9:00am Exercise	2.
3. 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship	4. <b>Labor Day</b>  Office Closed	5. <del>10:00am Bible Study</del> 2:00pm Nifty Needlers <del>7:00pm Bible Study</del>	6. 9:00am Exercise  7:00pm Choir begins	7. 1:00pm Game Day Group 7:00pm Praise Team Practice	8. 9:00am Exercise	9.  (12:30pm-2pm Private Blessing)
10. 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0  1:30pm Service at Wheat Ridge (moved from the 17th) 5:30pm Youth Group	11. 9:00am Exercise	12. 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	13. 9:00am Exercise 2:00pm CWF Mtg "Welcome Back Party" 7:00pm Choir	14. 1:00pm Game Day Group 7:00pm Praise Team Practice	15. 9:00am Exercise	16.  <b>Meals on Wheels begins</b>
17. <b>7:30am Board Meeting (moved from the 10th)</b> 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0  5:00pm Elderado Shootout 5:30pm Youth Group	18. 9:00am Exercise	19. 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	20. 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Choir	21. 1:00pm Game Day Group 7:00pm Praise Team Practice	22. 9:00am Exercise	23.
24. 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0  5:30pm Youth Group	25. 9:00am Exercise??  <b>Commodities??</b>	26. 10:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Nifty Needlers 7:00pm Bible Study	27. 9:00am Exercise 7:00pm Choir	28. 1:00pm Game Day Group 7:00pm Praise Team	29.	30.  <b>Meals on Wheels ends</b>

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Pastor's Cell (870) 692-7242 (Pastor Don Warren)  
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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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[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)

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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 2023

	3	10	17	24
<b>Elders</b>	Terry Smith, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Tim Armknecht, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Kim Cole, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Dick Hayden, Com
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jo Simmons	Joy Hayden	Ron Vignery	Kara Smith
<b>Greeter(s): CWF</b>	Sharon Finley	Mary Daise	Kara Smith	Joanne Swan
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith	Andrew Luna	Terry Smith



**The Perfect Church** (borrowed from Colby's FCC newsletter—credit listed as "Roseville Bulletin")

I think that I shall never see  
A church that's all it ought to be;  
A church whose members never stray  
Beyond the straight and narrow way;  
A church that has no empty pews  
Whose preacher never has the blues;  
A church whose deacons always "deak"

And none is proud and all are meek,  
Where gossips never peddle lies  
And all to others' faults are blind.  
Such perfect churches there may be,  
But none of them are known to me.  
But still we'll work and pray and plan  
To make this one the best we can.