

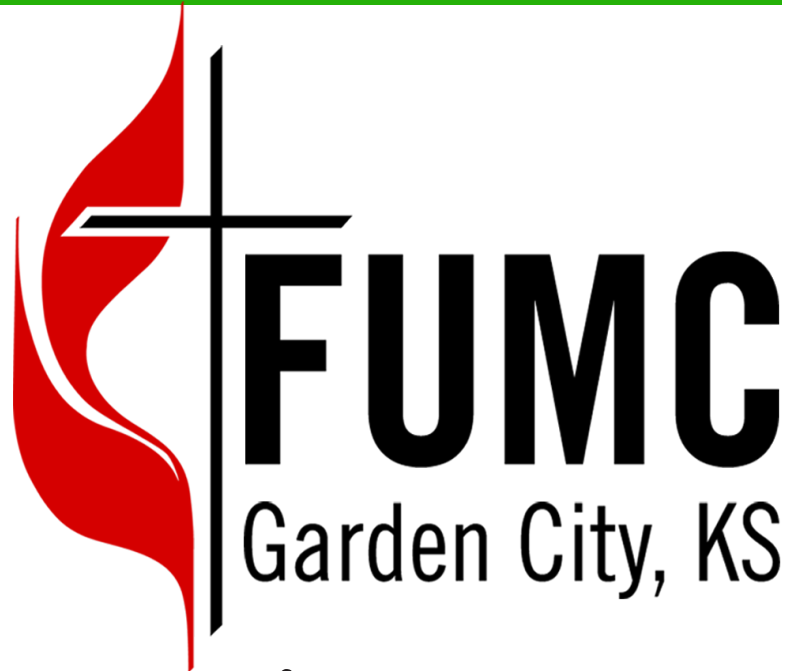
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Quarterly Newsletter of the  
First United Methodist Church  
Garden City, Kansas

February - March - April 2023

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*We are  
the hands  
of Jesus  
Christ*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

17 Winter Jam Christian Concert

22 Ash Wednesday

25 Yoga with Donna

26 Lent Study Begins

## MARCH

2-5 Men's Walk to Emmaus

6 Preschool Enrollment Begins

9-12 Women's Walk to Emmaus

13-17 Spring Break (No Activities)

25 Yoga with Donna

31 College Scholarships Due

## APRIL

5 Easter Celebration

6 Maundy Thursday

7 Good Friday (Office Closed)

9 Easter Sunday

10 Easter Monday (Office Closed)

29 Yoga with Donna

30 Confirmation Sunday

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*February 22nd, 2023*



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

*6:30pm Service*

Mark Your Calendars!

**WALK TO EMMAUS 2023**



WALK TO EMMAUS  
THE UPPER ROOM™

**MEN'S WALK**  
MARCH 2-5

**WOMEN'S WALK**  
MARCH 9-12

MORE INFORMATION ON: [WALKTOEMMAUSKS.COM](http://WALKTOEMMAUSKS.COM)

**2023 - 2024 FUMC College Scholarships**

**Due March 31**

Applications available in the church office



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**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*April Service Time:*  
*6th 6 PM*



**EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service**

**8:00 AM Easter Breakfast**

**9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship**

**10:30 AM Sunday School**



**YOGA WITH DONNA**

**FEB. 25, MAR. 25, & APR. 29 AT 9:00 AM**  
**NORTH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM & OWN YOGA MAT**  
**COFFEE & TEA TO FOLLOW AFTERWARDS**  
**FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**





# FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR'S DESK

*"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."*

Isaiah 46:10

Dear friends, this Dispatch comes to you amid a serious discernment process on the future of our congregation. I am glad that we have been able to talk and share our differing opinions about disaffiliation. As Garden City First United Methodist Church, we remain a family that has the capacity to talk over issues that confront us. As the verse says above, this is a clarion call for our congregation to be still and focus on what God is saying to us as we take our next steps of faith.

I am glad to share that the way forward discussions and listening sessions from September 2022 to January 2023 went well. Most of our membership had an opportunity to interact with different views, ideas, and information on the issue of human sexuality in our denomination. I sent a letter to every member of this congregation informing them of what is going on in our congregation and the steps we would take. On January 22, 2023, we had a test vote to determine what direction the congregation wants to go. We had 185 that participated, with one vote abstaining. The results of the Test Vote are located on page 13.

Following the results of the test vote, our Church Council invited the District Superintendent to schedule a Church Conference for an official vote. The District Superintendent has up to 120 days to schedule and officiate that Church Conference. According to the Book of Discipline ¶2553, for a congregation to disaffiliate from the UMC, 2/3rds majority of the vote must be in favor to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. You can read that paragraph, in its entirety, on pages 12 and 13 of this dispatch.

Once the District Superintendent has communicated the date for the Church Conference, I will write, once again, to every member of this congregation, inviting them to participate in the official vote.

In short, these are the steps we will take as we travel this way forward journey. I urge the whole congregation to not lose focus on what God has called us to do. As we always say, "We are the hands of Jesus Christ," in our community and beyond. Everyone is in my prayers, and I wish everyone well as we enter the Lenten Season. Amen.



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# ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

## Love, You CAN Take It With You!

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

It has been said, "You can't take it with you." That age-old proverb has been a great reminder that you can't keep your money or material possessions when you die. Another way that adage has been expressed is, "You never see a U-Haul following a hearse."

I recently heard a funny story about a man who had gained a great deal of wealth over his lifetime. He was an old miser who wrote in his will that when he died, he wanted all his money to be placed in his casket at his funeral and for the money to be buried with him.

Upon his death, many thought his dear widow would not honor his request, but to the surprise of all, she shared that she would, indeed, honor his request and have his wealth buried with him. At the end of his funeral service, just before the casket was closed, his widow stepped forward and gently dropped a slip of paper into his casket.

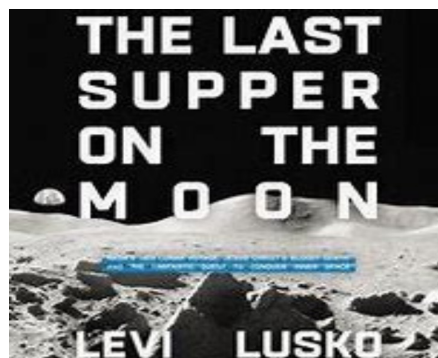
After his body was buried, guests gathered around her to ask about the slip of paper she placed in the casket. Without missing a beat, the widow replied, "I did not feel safe transporting such a large amount of money to the funeral home, so, instead, I wrote a check."

In 1 Corinthians 13, the Apostle Paul lists three things that you can take with you... three things that will remain long after we are dead and gone: faith, hope and love. He goes on to state that the greatest of these is love. Paul reminds the church that these virtues continue into eternity. They never end. Faith is the avenue that opens the door for us to have a relationship with our Creator. Faith never ends. Hope reminds us that we can rely on the promises found in God's word. Hope shouts to us at all times that eternity, in all its glory, is waiting for us. Hope never ends.

Finally, love is what brings everything together. We learn at an early age that God is love. Faith and hope lead us to that eternal love that God offers. Love never ends. We will spend eternity loving God and being loved by Him. If we want our lives to be something that will last, something that will never end, something that has eternal value, then our lives must be about love while we are alive.



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## 2023 Lent Study

Sunday Nights at 6 PM  
in Wesley Hall  
Beginning February 26





# CHILDREN, YOUTH AND EDUCATION MINISTRIES

## 3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL

### NO SCHOOL

February 23

March 13-17 (Spring Break)

## 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL

### NO SCHOOL

February 17 & 24

March 13-17 (Spring Break)

April 7 & 10 (Easter)

## TEACHERS NEEDED!

Sunday School and Bible Zone Teachers are needed!

Sign up with Miss Missy!



Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt!  
April 5th at 6:30PM

## Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ANNUAL EASTER CELEBRATION EGG HUNT!

PLEASE DROP ALL DONATIONS OFF IN THE WELCOME CENTER  
CANDY MUST BE SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT IN AN EASTER EGG



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JUNE 5 - 9**

 CAMP Horizon		<u>Summer Camp Dates!</u>	 CAMP Lakeside
3rd - 8th Grade	June 12-16	Horizon	
Ages 7-11	June 26-30	Lakeside	
High School	July 17-21	Horizon	



## YOUTH DRINK DONATIONS

YOUTH ARE IN NEED OF DRINKS FOR YOUTH GROUP EVERY WEEK

INDIVIDUAL PACKAGING PREFERRED. DROP DONATIONS OFF IN CHURCH OFFICE.

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# IMPACTING LIVES IN



The above picture was taken at Pastor Charles' home church, the Nyamakope United Methodist Church in his home village in Zimbabwe. Over the summer of 2022, the church's roof was destroyed by a severe storm. In September, FUMCGC raised funds for the roof to be repaired. We successfully did so in a matter of weeks, fully funding the project, with the extra funds going to help replace the windows, which you can see the old ones have been torn out and are currently being replaced. We want to thank our congregation for all the help it has supplied for those in need in the Nyamakope Village. They have been truly grateful for the work we have done, not only from this sanctuary rebuild, but also with the water project that has been going since 2020. We are truly the hands of Jesus Christ.



# ZIMBABWE, AFRICA



The 4th borehole has been completed, dedicated and handed over to the Isambulo UMC, thus the water project is now officially complete. Above are a couple of pictures, showing how people are now able to easily draw water from the borehole to be used to water crops and gardens. We want to again thank our congregation for giving ever so generously to a project that has been nearly three years in the making, and it all started with your generous contributions. Once again, we are truly the hands of Jesus Christ.

# BROKEN CHAINS MINISTRY

**“...But I’ve realized the ones of us that God has chosen to use in the times of darkness...the ones of us that He sends to find and pull some of the most beautiful lost souls to light through the love that He has given us all...is not a curse. It is the greatest blessing of grace that is gifted...because the true definition of love to me is leaving people better off than when we found them... I feel that is too a lot of what’s behind Broken Chains...”**

The above was taken from a letter our ministry received recently from one of the inmates with whom we have had the privilege to fellowship . The Holy Spirit seems to be getting His message across through us. We continue to be so honored and blessed to have the opportunity to share Jesus’s love with them—and to receive Jesus’s love from them.

We continue to visit the jail every first and third Sunday of each month. They call it church—and that makes me smile. At our last visit, a new face was seated at “my” table the moment we walked into the pod. He later told me that he had been looking forward to “church” because the other guys had told him all about it.

My next mission is to get an Oxford House—a transitional living opportunity—started here in Garden City. We often see the same inmates come in and out of the jail—largely because there is nowhere healthy for them to go—other than back to the same people and situations that led them to the jail in the first place. Let me know if the Holy Spirit is stirring you to join me in pursuing this mission.

We are always eager for new members as well, but your prayers are very much appreciated if direct jail ministry is not for you.

God’s blessings,

~ Lisa Dockter  
Broken Chains Ministry Leader



# A WORD FROM THE TRUSTEES

It's been quite a year for the Trustees! First and foremost, the heating (and a/c), that was damaged last fall by an electrical surge, is close to being restored. Central Consolidated has been hard at work, replacing the dozen damaged units and getting this very complicated system back online in time for winter to get here in earnest. We were blessed that they were able to repair the air in the sanctuary very early on, so that has been a huge plus.

The next big event will be the replacement of lighting in the sanctuary. A project more than ten years in the works is coming soon and the pools of darkness at various places in the sanctuary will finally be gone. The new fixtures are all LED, so will save money on electricity and last much longer without bulbs needing to be replaced. That will happen after Easter and require church services to be held in Fellowship Hall during the installation, as pews will need to be removed to allow for lifts to operate. Expect a three to four week stretch while that goes on.

The church has been without a maintenance person on staff for more than two years, so anytime you can offer a hand, there are always things to do in the building. Just check in the with office and there will be opportunities for service.

The Trustees anticipate that all the larger projects that had been in the works will be complete by the end of 2023. Smaller improvements (laundry is now conveniently located next to the kitchen instead of the boiler room) will continue but hopefully by next year, we can resume routine maintenance on the church building.

We appreciate your patience through the past two years as we have worked hard to make sure that the ministry of the church is not hampered by the facilities. A lot of what has been accomplished has been paid for by the Charles Norwood gift to the church – virtually none of the bigger projects were paid for with budgeted funds. As you plan for legacy giving, remember to keep this church on your list. This one act of extreme generosity has served us all and will for years to come.

**trustees**

~ Doug Harder  
Trustees Chairperson

# WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?



## The United Methodist Church

## Our Beliefs

The United Methodist Church finds itself in a season of splintering. The following document is prepared by the cabinet and conference staff following district gatherings to clarify the denomination's core doctrines and to answer key questions arising around church disaffiliations.

### God

We believe there is one living and true God who is eternal, holy, all powerful, all knowing, and ever present. God is the maker and preserver of all things — both what is seen and what is not seen. In the unity of the Godhead, there are three persons in one — the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



### Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity. The Spirit is at work in the world and the lives of individuals. It transforms, empowers, and guides believers. Through the Holy Spirit, we experience the fruit of the spirit and spiritual gifts.

### Mission

We believe the mission of the Christian life is summed up in the two great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbors. Scripture informs us that this is lived out as we love mercy, seek justice, walk humbly with God and “Go and make disciples of all nations.”

### The Bible

The Bible is the inspired word of God and is the primary source for Christian doctrine. It contains all things needed for salvation and living a life unto God.



### Jesus

We believe Jesus was born of a virgin. Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully human. Jesus is the very Word of God and the savior of all humankind who came to earth to live, to teach us how to love, and to restore us to God. Jesus willingly

endured the suffering, shame, and death on the cross in order to pay the debt for humanity's sin. He then rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. Jesus is acknowledged as the way to salvation.

### The Creeds

Core UM beliefs are summed up in various creeds. One is the Apostle's Creed (UM Hymnal #881). Another is the Nicene Creed (UM Hymnal #880), which is printed below:

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Resurrection

We believe that Jesus physically rose from the dead, walked the earth, ascended to heaven, and will come again to judge all humanity and establish his reign over the earth.



### Doctrine of Grace

We believe grace is the unearned and undeserved favor of God extended toward all humanity. United Methodists believe in three forms of grace:

- Prevenient grace that is at work in our lives drawing us to God prior to salvation.
- Justifying grace that brings us into right relationship with God through faith in Christ.
- Sanctifying grace that continues to work in us to transform us into the image of Christ.

The Bible is foundational for our beliefs, but United Methodists also look to the traditions of the Church, reason, and experience to help inform our faith and help interpret scripture.





# WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?



## The United Methodist Church

Our Truths

Much information is being shared regarding disaffiliation and the disaffiliation process. Below are some of the most common questions.

### Will We Change Our Articles of Religion?

While it's true that there are some United Methodists who don't share all of the beliefs in our Articles of Religion (Book of Discipline ¶104, Section 3), the vast majority of United Methodists hold dear to the teachings about the Trinity, the divinity of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, scripture and many other aspects that are central to our faith. It is nearly impossible to change our Articles of Religion under church law, so no, these important doctrines will not change.



### Where Should Our Attention Be Focused?

Jesus gave us an important directive in Matthew 28:18-20. We are to make disciples of all people. That is the mission. That is what The United Methodist Church stands for in the 21st century. And that is where all local churches are asked to place their focus.

### Will Every Church Need to Vote?



No vote is necessary. The only churches that need to vote are those

with a large part of the congregation desiring to leave. In these cases, it may be wise to conduct a straw poll of the membership before a Charge Conference for an official vote is requested from the District Superintendent.

### Why Should We Stay UMC?

Start by asking what you love about your church now.

And then here are some strengths of The United Methodist Church:

- **Your church is already part of your community** — For decades, in fact more than 100 years in many cases, your church has been part of the community. It's helped in times of need. It has welcomed people who are hurting. It has been part of weddings and funerals. And it is known by people who have not even set foot inside your doors.
- **Together, we make a huge impact on the world** — The UMC has more than 350 missionaries around the world and mission partnerships on most continents around the world. And when disaster strikes, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is there to serve as the hands and feet of Christ.
- **Our appointive system ensures a pastor for each congregation** — Our system works to ensure a pastor for each congregation. Those outside the connection may have to recruit their own pastors and then focus efforts on retention.
- **The annual conference provides expertise and resources** — Some examples include training, consultations, grants, and Zoom licenses.

### Why are traditionalists being forced to leave?

No one is being forced to leave the UMC. ¶12553 was added during the 2019 General Conference as part of the Traditional Plan as a means for progressive congregations, who so desired, to leave the denomination. When General Conference continued to be postponed some traditionalist leaders decided they could no longer remain in the UMC. This has resulted in some traditional-leaning congregations using ¶12553 to disaffiliate from the UMC.

### What If ...

#### The margin isn't enough to leave?

If a Church Conference vote does not reach 67% then a congregation will remain in the UMC. Congregations are encouraged to conduct a straw poll to see if there is adequate support of disaffiliation from the church membership prior to voting to limit further fracturing of a congregation.

#### We don't have the money?

The required payments were passed as part of the Traditional Plan. Churches that desire to leave must meet those requirements to disaffiliate.

#### A congregation disaffiliates but some members want to remain UMC?

Congregations that vote to disaffiliate should notify all members of the decision and provide options for those who want to remain UMC members. This would include assisting them to connect with another UMC either in person or online. Their membership can be transferred to any UMC where they desire to be active.

# BOOK OF DISCIPLINE ¶2553

## ¶ 2553. Disaffiliation of a Local Church Over Issues Related to Human Sexuality—

1. Basis-- Because of the current deep conflict within The United Methodist Church around issues of human sexuality, a local church shall have a limited right, under the provisions of this paragraph, to disaffiliate from the denomination for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which follow.

2. Time Limits--The choice by a local church to disaffiliate with The United Methodist Church under this paragraph shall be made in sufficient time for the process for exiting the denomination to be complete prior to December 31, 2023. The provisions of ¶ 2553 expire on December 31, 2023 and shall not be used after that date.

3. Decision Making Process--The church conference shall be conducted in accordance with ¶ 248 and shall be held within one hundred twenty (120) days after the district superintendent calls for the church conference. In addition to the provisions of ¶ 246.8, special attention shall be made to give broad notice to the full professing membership of the local church regarding the time and place of a church conference called for this purpose and to use all means necessary, including electronic communication where possible, to communicate. The decision to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the professing members of the local church present at the church conference.

4. Process Following Decision to Disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church--If the church conference votes to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church, the terms and conditions for that disaffiliation shall be established by the board of trustees of the applicable annual conference, with the advice of the cabinet, the annual conference treasurer, the annual conference benefits officer, the director of connectional ministries, and the annual conference chancellor. The terms and conditions, including the effective date of disaffiliation, shall be memorialized in a binding Disaffiliation Agreement between the annual conference and the trustees of the local church, acting on behalf of the members. That agreement must be consistent with the following provisions:

a) Standard Terms of the Disaffiliation Agreement. The General Council on Finance and Administration shall develop a standard form for Disaffiliation Agreements under this paragraph to protect The United Methodist Church as set forth in ¶ 807.9. The agreement shall include a recognition of the validity and applicability of ¶ 2501, notwithstanding the release of property therefrom. Annual conferences may develop additional standard terms that are not inconsistent with the standard form of this paragraph.

b) Apportionments. The local church shall pay any unpaid apportionments for the 12 months prior to disaffiliation, as well as an additional 12 months of apportionments.

c) Property. A disaffiliating local church shall have the right to retain its real and personal, tangible and intangible property. All transfers of property shall be made prior to disaffiliation. All costs for transfer of title or other legal work shall be borne by the disaffiliating local church.



# BOOK OF DISCIPLINE ¶ 2553

- d) Pension Liabilities. The local church shall contribute withdrawal liability in an amount equal to its pro rate share of any aggregate unfunded pension obligations to the annual conference. The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits shall determine the aggregate funding obligations of the annual conference using market factors similar to a commercial annuity provider, from which the annual conference will determine the local church's share.
- e) Other Liabilities. The local church shall satisfy all other debts, loans, and liabilities, or assign and transfer them to its new entity, prior to disaffiliation.
- f) Payment Terms. Payment shall occur prior to the effective date of departure.
- g) Disaffiliating Churches Continuing as Plan Sponsors of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits Plans. The United Methodist Church believes that a local church disaffiliating under ¶ 2553 shall continue to share common religious bonds and convictions with The United Methodist Church based on shared Wesleyan theology and tradition and Methodist roots, unless the local church expressly resolves to the contrary. As such, a local church disaffiliating under ¶ 2553 shall continue to be eligible to sponsor voluntary employee benefit plans through the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits under ¶ 1504.2, subject to the applicable terms and conditions of the plans.
- h) Once the disaffiliating local church has reimbursed the applicable annual conference for all funds due under the agreement, and provided that there are no other outstanding liabilities or claims against The United Methodist Church as a result of the disaffiliation, in consideration of the provisions of this paragraph, the applicable annual conference shall release any claims that it may have under ¶ 2501 and other paragraphs of The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church commonly referred to as the trust clause, or under the agreement.

## WAY FORWARD TEST VOTE RESULTS

<b>VOTES CAST</b>	<b>184</b>	
<b>YES, DISAFFILIATE</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>NO, REMAIN UMC</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>36%</b>

## WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

**THE D.S. HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND HE HAS  
120 DAYS TO RESPOND AND SCHEDULE THE  
OFFICIAL VOTE.**



**First United Methodist Church**  
Garden City

**WE ARE THE HANDS OF JESUS CHRIST**

# Join a Small Group!

Group times and locations subject to change  
Contact the church office for more information!

## Sunday

Sunday School | 10:30 AM  
Youth Group | 6:00 PM | Basement

## Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study | 8:30 AM | Room 206  
Senior Chicks Bible Study | 10:00 AM | Welcome Center  
Women's Bible Study | 12:00 PM | Wesley Hall  
Women's Bible in a Year Study | 6:00 PM | Hearthstone Room  
(also meeting Thursdays at Noon)

## Wednesday

New Covenant Bible Study | 9:30 AM | Wesley Hall  
Women's Bible Study | 1:00 PM | Hearthstone Room  
Bernadine Bell Choir | 6:30 PM | Sanctuary Balcony  
Bible Zone | 6:30 PM | Rooms 201, 208, & 210  
God's Crew | 6:30 PM | Room 217  
Youth Bible Study | 6:30 PM | Basement  
Soul Sisters Bible Study | 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall  
Young Men's Bible Study | 6:30 PM | Room 209  
Men's Bible Study | 7:00 PM | Room 214  
Pastor Joel's Zoom Bible Study | 7:45 PM | Zoom  
Praise Band | 8:00 PM | Sanctuary

## Monthly Groups

Prayer Warriors | 6:30 PM | Wesley Hall  
4th Sunday of Every Month

Broken Chains Ministry | 3:00 PM | Finney County Jail  
1st and 3rd Sunday of Every Month

Emmaus Community Gathering | 7:00 PM | Room 214  
3rd Saturday of Every Month

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

## 2022 CONTRIBUTIONS

\$ 670,770.89

## 2022 EXPENSES

\$ 744,782.19

## 2022 DIFFERENCE

- \$74,001.30

# FISH OFFERING

February: Emergency Fund

March: Emergency Fund

April: Summer Camp Scholarships



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# BEING THE HANDS OF JESUS CHRIST

As mentioned before in the word from our trustees chair, Doug Harder, we received a generous gift from a previous member of ours, Charles Norwood, back in 2019, upon the time of his death. He was always a very giving and selfless person, and always wanted what was best for the church. We held true to the biblical truth and tithed 10% of his overall gift to area, national, and global non-profit organizations who helped spread the good word and love of Christ. We split up the tithe, giving half in 2021, and the other half in 2022. The 2022 amount added up to \$73,839. We'd like to take this page to recognize all the organizations who received a portion of this gift from Norwood. They are all listed below.



**Faith Comes  
By Hearing**

**Emmaus House**  
Garden City, KS



**Garden City  
High School  
Food Pantry**  
Garden City, KS

**Holcomb  
Food Pantry**  
Holcomb, KS



**Second Baptist  
Church Missions**  
Garden City, KS



**SPRIT OF THE PLAINS CASA**



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Child  
Advocacy  
Center**

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## SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHT

5:45 PM Traditional Worship, Chapel

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9:30 AM Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:30 AM Sunday School  
Nursery care is provided

# Ongoing Prayer Concerns

- **Jesse Andrade**  
(father of Angela Garcia)
- **Diane Baker**
- **Wilbur Batchelder**  
(father of Janet Hands)
- **Pastor David Bell**
- **Derek Beltran**  
(grandson of Manuel Beltran)
- **Richard Beltran**  
(son of Manuel Beltran)
- **Thomas Beltran**  
(grandson of Manuel Beltran)
- **Mark Bridges**  
(friend of Rosemary Mehrer)
- **Renee Burell**  
(cousin of Kelley Bicket)
- **Alice Childers**
- **Kelly Chopp**
- **Barbara Clark**  
(sister of Mary Hamlin)
- **Keith Conley**
- **Richard & Sheila Cotton**
- **Rege Craft**  
(son of Pauline Craft)
- **Jane Embree**
- **Liam Fielding**  
(cousin of Stacie Near)
- **Tea Galloway**  
(niece of Cory & Maria Murray)
- **Paul Garrison**  
(brother of Silver Woodbury)
- **Ron Harman**
- **Mark Hale**  
(friend of Bob Tempel)
- **Kayla Henningsen**
- **Nancy Hitz**
- **Dorothy Holsted**
- **Sherina Huber**  
(cousin of Jacob Brungardt)
- **Abbie Huff**  
(granddaughter of Kitty Caldwell)
- **Betty Keilman**  
(aunt of Bonnie Molz)
- **Lori Kochanowski**  
(sister of Shelly Stroup)
- **Linda Koelzer & Family**  
(friends of Dena Crouch)
- **Andrew Larson**
- **Marlene Lee**
- **Piper Leigh**
- **Norb Liebig**  
(brother of Jane Crist)
- **Brooke Lopez**  
(daughter of Mary Hamlin)
- **Lisa Loving**  
(friend of Jacob Brungardt)
- **Larry & Sally Martin**  
(parents of Larilee Josserand)
- **Damon McDonald**  
(friend of Janet Hands)
- **Loretta Mehrer**  
(sister of Eldon Mehrer)
- **Roger Murray**  
(father of Cory Murray)
- **Meranda Newton**  
(friend of Jacob Brungardt)
- **Ray Nichols**  
(brother of Will Nichols)
- **Evelyn Ohde**  
(grandmother of Rhonda Soto)
- **Ron Olomon**
- **Isabel Orosco**
- **Linda Ortiz**  
(mother of Manny Ortiz)
- **Jemma Penner**  
(friend of Jacob Brungardt)
- **Mark Ploger**  
(son of Don Ploger)
- **Lydia Ramos**  
(mother of Temo Ramos)
- **Ronaldo & Amalia Rivera**  
(grandparents of Sammy Ortiz)
- **Sara Robinson**
- **Sandy Rodney**  
(mother of Mike Cook)
- **Jhayliegh Rosales**  
(granddaughter of Vicki Becker)
- **Ronnie Ruff**  
(friend of Katelynnne Sisk)
- **Nikee Salmans**  
(friend of Kyle Korf)
- **Rowan Schnider**  
(friend of Jacob Brungardt)
- **Mary Lou Shea**
- **Pamela Smith**  
(friend of Jenny Maier)
- **Roxie & Wayne Thompson**
- **Kelly Widows**
- **Karen Valencia**
- **Joe Vanderweide**
- **Duane West**