

Welcome Visitors

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
If you, or others you know, have a need that we may help you with, please let us know. No matter what the situation, there is hope in Christ Jesus and it is our goal to Share him here.

Visitor Information

Please take a minute to fill out the information below & return to greeter.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____

Children: _____

How may we serve you? (please circle)

1st time visitor New to Area

Returning visitor Would like a visit

Place membership Want to know more

Prayers: _____

Those to Keep Wrapped in Your Prayers:

Shut-ins

Eunice Peoples, Marge Rickertsen, Betty Pennington,
Amanda Larsen, Ted Franklin, Delores Bolte

College Students

Lauren Deckman, Brooke Dollen, Juwan, Taylor Kinney, Thad Kinney,
Caleb Leinen, Elizabeth Ponce, Emma Seilstad, Keri Slyter, Collin Smith

Military

Bob and Terry's Son: Bobby Duncan
Nova Deckman's Brother: Billy Harris
Mike and Glenda Petersen's Son: Nate Petersen
Deb Kinney's Son & Daughter-in-law: Jon & Lynn Kinney
Cathy Buckles Son: Chris Buckles
Austin Hunter's Sister: Makenzie

Areas to Serve

Today May 17th

Greeters **SERVICES ONLINE**
Nursery
Parking Lot
Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Song Leader
Table Talk
Table Prayers

Closing Prayer
Announcements

Next Week May 24th

Greeters Troy Kinney
Caronna Kinney
Nova Deckman
John Leighton
Bill Leinen
Jonah Leinen
David Montague
David Seilstad
Nathan Leinen
Keith Smith
Austin Hunter
Jake Sola
Parker Seilstad

Closing Prayer
Announcements

Ministries

Media	Parker Seilstad	Worship Services	
Education	Bill Leinen		Jonah Leinen
Building Maintenance	Keith Smith	Secretary	Nova Deckman
	Rick Ogle	Women's Ministries	
Men's Bible Study			Andrea Leinen
	Mitch Dollen	Nursery	Cathy Buckles
Benevolence	Jack Loftus	Teens	Dylan & Jordan Ford

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are a Bible centered, unified family of believers called to an ever-deepening relationship with Christ. We will pursue Christ through study, prayer, and fellowship. We recognize that we are sent to the larger community surrounding us to plant the seed of the Gospel and to demonstrate God's love and Christ's life.

MAY 17TH, 2020



VISION 20/20

His mission. Our focus.

	Sundays		1st and 3rd Mondays	
Bible Class All Ages	9am	Men's Bible Study at Building	7pm	
Worship	10am	Women's Bible Study at Building	7pm	
Life Groups	1st /3rd Sunday			
All Church Fellowship Lunch	2nd Sunday			
		Wednesday		
		Bible Class All ages	7pm	

**“Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth;
keep watch over the door of my lips!”
Psalm 141:3 Proverbs 31**

Evidently, God meant for words to have power. We know that God, filled with love, care, and creativity, spoke and different areas of the world came into being. And we know from Scripture that our own words have incredible power.

Scripture says, "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver" (Proverbs 25:11, *New International Version*). That is a pretty picture - apples of gold set in silver. Scripture escalates a bit by saying, "Like as earring of gold or an ornament of fine gold is a wise man's rebuke to a listening ear" (Proverbs 25:12). In this case someone has listened to wise words and apparently redirected his course. In this situation, two things had to happen: someone first had to be wise enough and brave enough to speak at all, and secondly someone had to be humble enough to listen and take heed.

Realistically, according to author C.J. Mahoney "On our own, you and I will never develop a competency for recognizing our sin. We'll always need help. Never forget that others see what you do not Others can exhort you, encourage you, and correct you. They are a gift from God in your battle against sin. And you never grow out of this need. Never. And don't be put off when a friend's observations may not be 100 percent accurate . . . there's truth to be gleaned . . ." (*Humility: True Greatness*, p. 133-4). Does this mean you need to heed to every soul who is anxious to offer criticism? Certainly not! A key phrase is "a friend's observations," and I believe that infers one who cares about your spiritual growth. For you and for me, a key trait is to be approachable; and beyond that humble, desiring with your heart to willingly use your life and your words to be God's servant. To a large degree we do have control over whether our words will be used for good or not, and a rather short study of the Book of Proverbs, for example, can help us control the thoughts that we have in our heart which could eventually lead to words we would rather not say. The heart is like a wild thing, a stallion that once tamed is a thing of beauty though it was once dangerous.

Congregational Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
do it all in the name of the LORD Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

King David wrote in Psalm 139:23 "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." How wonderful for God to know us and to show us how to live our lives to the fullest. God has given us words for conversation and discussion as one gets to know another. He means for our words to be used wisely and for comfort and support of each other. He wants our hearts and, therefore, our mouths to be used by Him as a means of ministering to others. Thus, we need to know the words He has left behind for us.

Dr. Roy Zuck, a former dean and professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, wrote: "Many of us have . . . difficulty with our Bible study. We begin the process but fail to finish the task. We have the knowledge, yet we neglect to apply the fruits of our labor to our daily lives. Or we try to live by Scripture without the labor of study. Either method short circuits the Word of God. . . . We must apprehend Bible content and appropriate its commands.

**God's words must be continually engrained on our hearts
so that when temptation comes, when sadness comes,
when the need for wisdom comes, we are prepared by the
words of God himself.**

Ministry Updates

Registrations for NYC Campers and Counselors

Camp dates have changed! Registration for campers and counselors is open now online for Nebraska Youth Camp. Early Bird Discount is available until May 15 at \$10 for each week long session and \$5 for each half. Register online at nebraskayouthcamp.com

Ladies Tea—is on hold until the lobby of Panera is reopened.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

17th	Rumi Schulenberg
18th	Bill & Andrea Leinen
20th	Angela Hilton
26th	Judy & Dale Camp
28th	Rachel Dollen
29th	Matt & Jaclyn Ogle
31st	Breon Mathison

Elders

Ron Holcomb	712-352-1324
Troy Kinney	402-510-5267
Bill Leinen	712-325-8234
David Seilstad	712-323-4061

Minister

Brian Deckman	918-809-0681
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Please Pray for

Deb Elam	Loss of Mother Judy Camp
Elaine Torneton	Loss of Son Mike
Debra Helton	Cousin diagnosed w/CV-19
Brian Deckman	Continued chemo
Tim Pantoja	Praise No Cancer found
Iva Franklin	Colon cancer
Bob Koletzke	Knee pain
Carol Pantoja	Respiratory problems
Ford's friends	Cradock's loss of infant
Delores Bolte	Son Dewayne
Deb Ogle	Back surgery recovery
Mason Ogle	Leg Surgery Recovery
Ted Franklin	Overall health
Evalina H.	Health
Jason Leinen	Protection and Health
Roger May	Liver Cancer
Delores Bolte	Knee
Cathy Buckles	Kidney
Carol Pantoja	Jeff cancer

Those given diagnosis of CV-19	
Doctors	Nurses
First responders	healthcare workers
College Students	Military
Shut-ins	Eldership

Prayers Requests & Announcements
