

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 May's Son: Chris Buckles  
Austin Hunter's Sister: Makenzie

## Areas to Serve

### Today July 26th

Greeters      Marv Cameron  
                 Sue Cameron  
Parking Lot      Roger May  
Call to Worship      David Seilstad  
Opening Prayer      Jack Loftus  
Song Leader      Dylan Ford  
Table Talk      Mitch Dollen  
Closing Prayer      Nathan Leinen  
Announcements      Matt Ogle

### Next Week August 2nd

Greeters      Rick Ogle  
                 Deb Ogle  
Parking Lot      Jack Loftus  
Call to Worship      Ron Holcomb  
Opening Prayer      John Leighton  
Song Leader      Parker Seilstad  
Table Talk      Garth Hilton  
Closing Prayer      David Holcomb  
Announcements      Rick Ogle

## 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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# McPherson Ave.

## 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.*

**JULY 26TH, 2020**



# VISION 20/20

His mission. Our focus.

	<b>Sundays</b>		<b>1st and 3rd Mondays</b>	
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			
		<b>Wednesday</b>		
		Bible Class All ages	7pm	

## I Choose You

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you” (Ephesians 4:31-32 NIV).

Too many of us don't really understand what forgiveness is. We struggle through all kinds of misconceptions about what it means to forgive others. If more people knew what real forgiveness looked like, they'd be much more willing to forgive instead of holding on to past hurts at an unhealthy level.

The Bible clearly calls us to forgive others. Galatians 6:1 says, “Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently” (NIV).

So if God expects us to forgive others, what does healthy, biblical forgiveness look like? Here's a four-part process that we should walk through as we're dealing with pain brought upon by others.

1. Recognize no one is perfect. When we hate somebody, we tend to lose our perspective about that person. When we're filled with resentment and bitterness and hurt, we tend to dehumanize the offender. We treat that person like an animal. But we're all in the same boat. The Bible says, “Not a single person on earth is always good and never sins” (Ecclesiastes 7:20 NLT). We're all imperfect.
2. Relinquish your right to get even. This is the heart of forgiveness. The Bible says, “Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it” (Romans 12:19 TLB). You deserve to retaliate, but you must commit not to do so. It's not fair, but it's healthy. This isn't a one-time decision but a daily one that may even require moment-by-moment decisions.
3. Respond to evil with good. This is how you know you've fully released someone from the wrong that has been committed against you. Humanly speaking, it's nearly impossible to respond to evil with good. You'll need God's help. You'll need the love of Jesus to fill you up. Why? God's love doesn't keep track of wrongs (see 1 Corinthians 13).
4. Refocus on God's plan for your life. You stop focusing on the hurt and the person who hurt you. Instead, you refocus on God's purpose for your life, which is greater than any problem or pain you might be currently facing.

As long as you continue to focus on the person who has hurt you, that person controls you. In fact, you can take it a step further. If you don't release your offender, you will begin to resemble your offender.

So don't sit another day in your resentment. If you've been holding on to pain caused by someone else, go through these four steps and move on to the rest of the life you were created to live!

## Congregational Scripture Reading

**Joshua 24:15**

**“...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, ...But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”**

## Ministry Updates

### **School Supply Carnival**

On Sunday evening August 16th we will host the Foster Family School Supply Carnival. Due to the concerns with covid 19 dinner will not be provided this year and only 10 stations will be set up to provide an open space for social distancing. A complete list of items needed will be posted next week.

### **Bible Classes**

There will be no bible classes at this facility. When we return to our McPherson Ave location bible class will resume. Lessons, Seilstad Sister Story Time, and the bulletin will continue to be available online at [councilbluffscoc.com](http://councilbluffscoc.com) and in our “Our Church” app each week.

### **Park & Praise**

Come praise our Lord together Wednesday nights at 7pm on the lawn of our McPherson Ave location. We invite you in your car or park yourself on a lawn chair or blanket while we worship together.

### **Website and App**

Please be sure to take a look at our website at [councilbluffscoc.org](http://councilbluffscoc.org) You can also download our app to your cell phone to stay up to date on the events and additional content available online. Simply go to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, search and download the **our church** app.



## Please Pray for

Will Pennington	Recovering from surgery
Wendell Dishman	Saitic Nerve pain
Jackie Brady	Aunt Covid 19
Cathy May	Recovering from surgery
Brian Deckman	Continued chemo
Bob Koletzke	Knee pain
Delores Bolte	Son Dewayne
Ted Franklin	Overall health
Evalina H.	Health
Jason Leinen	Protection and Health
Roger May	Liver Cancer
Delores Bolte	Knee

Camp Sessions at Nebraska Youth Camp

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

## Prayers Requests & Announcements

Ladies Tea—is on hold until further notice.

### **July Birthdays & Anniversaries**

28th	Stephanie & Roger Slyter
30th	Emilia Hunt
<b>August</b>	
7th	Terry Duncan
9th	Andrea Leinen
9th	Ted Franklin
10th	Terry & David Montague
17th	Iva & Ted Franklin

### **Elders**

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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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