

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

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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

Delores Bolte  
Ted Franklin  
Sharon Hauptman  
Amanda Larson  
Eunice Peoples  
Marge Rickertsen  
Viola Sorenson

### Military

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

### College Students

Jacob Duncan  
Ethan Leinen  
Luke Martin  
Madi Ogle  
Emma Seilstad  
Rachel Smith

## Areas to Serve

### Today September 19th

Greeters	Glenda Petersen Carol Koletzke
Parking Lot	Rick Ogle
Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Jonah Leinen
Song Leader	Dylan Ford
Table Talk	Justin Leinen
Table Prayers	Bob Helton Garth Hilton
Table Servers	Conner Adams Jack Loftus
Closing Prayer	Parker Seilstad
Announcements	Jake Sola

### Next Week September 26th

Greeters	Stephanie Slyter Carol Pantoja
Parking Lot	John Leighton
Call to Worship	Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer	Jack Loftus
Song Leader	Troy Kinney
Table Talk	Dylan Ford
Table Prayers	Jonah Leinen Thad Kinney
Table Servers	Christian Adams Brent Robbins
Closing Prayer	Rick Ogle
Announcements	Justin Leinen

## Ministries

Benevolence	Jack Loftus	Media	Parker Seilstad
Facilities & Safety	Keith Smith Rick Ogle	Outreach & Missions	Justin Leinen
Children	Jonah Leinen	Secretary	Nova Deckman
Discipleship	Bill Leinen Brian Deckman	Teens	Dylan Ford
Education	Bill Leinen	Worship Services	David Montague
Finance	Troy Kinney	Women's Ministries	Andrea Leinen

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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.*

### SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2021

# Always Hearing GOD



Jeremiah 33:3

# Growing 2 1 Goal

## Stronger . Deeper . Higher

### Sundays

Bible Class All Ages  
Worship  
Life Groups  
All Church  
Fellowship Lunch

9am  
10am  
TBA

### 1st and 3rd Mondays

Men's Bible Study at Building      TBA  
Women's Bible Study at Building      TBA

### Wednesday

2nd Sundays      Bible Class All ages      7pm

## God Hears Us

Sometimes when we pray, it can feel like our prayer is one of the millions of emails flooding into God's inbox. He couldn't possibly have time to care about what we're saying! Sometimes we feel like it's not worth praying, because God never answers.

But that couldn't be farther from the truth. Here are three truths about prayer that will reassure you that prayer is worthwhile.

### God listens

God is always listening to his children. How do I know this? That's what the Bible promises! Here are some verses that tell us this: *'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'* - Jeremiah 33:3 *In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.* - Psalm 18:6 *Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.* - James 5:16 *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.* - 1 John 5:14

### God keeps his promises

Throughout the Bible, God consistently keeps his promises. He promised that the Israelites would enter Canaan and make their home there – and it happened. He promised that Abraham's wife Sarah would have a son even though she was too old – and it happened. He promised to send Jesus – and he did. God has proved that he keeps his promises, so we can trust when we pray he will keep his promise to listen.

### God answers prayer

Even if we know that God keeps his promise to listen, sometimes it can seem like our prayers aren't that important to God – he's so big and busy and can feel so far away! When he hears our prayers, is he doing something about them? Or are they just sitting in the inbox of his computer? No matter what, God answers our prayers. The Psalmist expresses in Psalm 17:6, "I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer." Notice what he says: not "you MIGHT answer me", but "you WILL answer me"!

However, we need to be careful to recognize that sometimes God's answer is not what we wanted. Sometimes we might ask for something and God will say no or wait. Sometimes we'll pray consistently for something for years and it won't happen.

In those moments, God isn't ignoring our prayers. He is simply answering them in a way that aligns with his greater will for the world. Perhaps it isn't part of his overall plan to say yes to your prayer.

## Congregational Scripture Reading

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation is come; the old is gone, the new is here!"

But don't let this discourage you too much. We can trust that when God says no, or wait, he has a good reason. We may not understand that reason this side of the new creation, but God always keeps his promises, and he promises to do what's best for his children.

So, when you pray, pray with confidence. God says he will listen, he always keeps his promises, and he answers prayer in a way that aligns with his will. Always.

## Family News and Updates

### Fall Food Drive

Our food drive for the Mountain States Children's Home has been extended. Please make sure your dry goods and shelf stable items are dropped off in the outer foyer before October 17th. A detail list and collection table is located in the outer foyer.

### Come Back to Church Fellowship Meal

Visitors, friends and family please be out guest today following services for a special Come Back to Church Fellowship Meal.

### Ladies' Day at Bellevue

"As the Day Draws Near," a ladies' day hosted by the Bellevue Church of Christ will be held Saturday, October 2nd from 9:30 am—2:00pm. You can RSVP to (402) 291-3585. Additional information is on the announcement wall in foyer.

### Change a Life Change Cans

Please make sure to finish filling your change cans for Mountain States Children's Home. The goal is offset cost for clothing and perishable food items. Please remember to return your cans to the church building by October 10th. Your change adds up to make a big difference in a child's life.

### September Birthdays & Anniversaries

20th Jake Sola  
20th Joel Scheffler  
21st Tim & Carol Pantoja  
27th Dylan & Jordan Ford

### October

3rd Juan & Rachel Flores  
5th Mitch Dollen  
7th Cathy Shipley

### Elders

Ron Holcomb 712-352-1324  
Troy Kinney 402-510-5267  
Bill Leinen 712-325-8234

### Minister

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

## Please Pray for

Garth Hilton Gall Bladder  
John Leighton Covid recovery  
Paulette Leighton Nursing Care  
Marge Rickertsen Rehab Covid  
Marv Cameron Kayla for her marriage  
Mason Ogle Strength/Health & chemo  
Carol Pantoja great nephew called to go to Afghanistan

Jake Sola G-pa Jim Cancer  
Keith Smith Upcoming heart surg  
Marvin C. Brother Ed heart  
Elaine T. Niece kidney surgery  
Stephanie S. Mother in law broken hip  
Ryan S. Father/Cancer Radiation  
Carmen Ponce Breast Cancer  
Viola Sorenson Overall health  
Evalina H. Overall health  
Delores Bolte Duane's health  
Brian Deckman Cancer/Dialysis  
Ted Franklin Overall health  
Jason Leinen Protection and Health

College Students Military  
Shut-ins Eldership

## Prayers Requests & Announcements

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