

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

Delores Bolte
Amanda Larson
Eunice Peoples
Marge Rickertsen
Evalina Holcomb

Military

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 Martin
Rachel Smith
Mason Ogle

Areas to Serve

Today October 30th

Greeters Troy Kinney
Caronna Kinney
Parking Lot Chris Adams
Call to Worship Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer Nathan Leinen
Song Leader Parker Seilstad
Table Talk Jake Sola
Table Prayers Bobby Berg
Dylan Ford
Table Servers Brent Robbins
Austin Hunter
Closing Prayer Rick Ogle
Announcements Thad Kinney

Next Week November

Greeters Jake Sola
Madi Sola
Parking Lot Marv Cameron
Call to Worship Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer Mitch Dollen
Song Leader Dylan Ford
Table Talk David Montague
Table Prayers Jack Loftus
Justin Leinen
Table Servers Bobby Berg
Chris Adams
Closing Prayer Nathan Leinen
Announcements Matt Ogle

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	Woman'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.

OCTOBER 30TH 2022



Our Journey Through 2022

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

Parable of the Soil

Although this is often known as the parable of the sower and the seed, it can also be said this is a parable about the soil. All four types of soil are essentially the same dirt but are in different conditions and respond in different ways to cultivation.

What made one soil more responsive and the other less?

When the New Testament was written, communities were agriculturally based. A family would be appointed a section of land to farm. Every farmer’s plot was adjacent to their neighbor’s. In order to get to the fields, the farmers would walk along the boundaries bordering each field to avoid stepping on the growing plants. The “path” was held in common by all the farmers. Over time, the soil on the path would compact. It was never plowed and never fertilized. In the parable, the seed that is sown on the path is not able to penetrate the ground because of the constant use. The condition of the first soil is hard and impermeable.

The second type of soil mentioned in the parable is the “rocky” places” or the shallow soil where the plow didn’t cut deeply enough to break up the shale or hard ground just below the surface. This soil produced only plants with weak, shallow roots.

The third type of soil mentioned is the thorny soil, most likely found in the corners of the field where the plow couldn’t reach; here, weeds overtook what was planted.

All the types of soils mentioned here are actually in the same plot of ground with one major difference: Only one area was fully yielded to cultivation, to being changed and prepared for planting. That area was called the good soil.

The greatest amount of fruit produced was not determined by how rich the soil was, but how yielded to the plow it was. The soil in each condition received seed, but not all produced quality fruit.

Everyone receives seed, the Word of God. Everyone has potential for the harvest, living a fruitful life, but the ones who will produce the most fruit will be the ones most yielded to cultivation.

Congregational Scripture Reading
2 Timothy 1:7
For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Family News & Updates

Orphan Sunday

Just a reminder that November 13th is Orphan Sunday and we will be reviewing our mission work done in 2022. There will be a special collection taken during service for these works.

Ladies Brunch

Ladies, please mark your calendar for the next ladies brunch Tuesday, November 8th at 10:30 am in the home of Pat Dwyer.

Ignite 2022

The Southwest Church of Christ is hosting a youth rally November 11-13th. Please sign up will in the foyer before November 6th. Registration is \$20.

Thanksgiving Meals

A sign up is at the welcome center for items needed for the Thanksgiving meals. There are 13 families signed up to receive meals. One more than we expected. So if you can help out with the additional meal items or provide monetary donations please see Jack Loftus.

Family Updates

Please be in prayer for the following requests that were brought forward last Sunday: David Holcomb’s Aunt Edie passed, continued prayers for Evalina, Carol Pantoja fell.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 31st Lori Seilstad
November
1st Joni Hovey
3rd Chase Ogle
3rd Leon & Pat Dwyer
4th Bob Helton
6th Brody Hilton
12th Brian & Nova Deckman

- Elders
Troy Kinney 402-510-5267
Bill Leinen 712-325-8234
Minister
Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

Please Pray for

- David Holcomb Aunt Edie passed
Carol Pantoja recovery after fall
Deb Elam Dale father passed
Jake Sola Gpa Jim Cancer
Sue Cameron Daughter father cancer
Elaine Torneton heart surg recovery
Kevin Van Patten Sister Debbie health
Lori Seilstad Vivian Health hospital
Carol Pantoja Dialysis/health
Evalina Holcomb health
Mason Ogle Praise good scans
Delores Bolte Duane’s health
Paulette Leighton nursing care
Mason Ogle strength/health
Brian Deckman cancer/dialysis
Ryan S. father/cancer radiation
Delores Bolte Duane’s health
Jason Leinen protection and health
Ukraine Church protection
College Students Military
Shut-ins Eldership

Prayers Requests & Announcements

Series of horizontal lines for writing prayer requests and announcements.