## 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:	<u> </u>		
Address:			
	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

**Military** Nova Deckman's Brother: Billy Harris Mike & Glenda Petersen's Son:

Nate Petersen Deb Elam's Son & Daughter-in

-law: Jon & Lynn Kinney

#### **College Students**

Jacob Duncan Ethan Leinen Luke Martin Madi Martin Mason Ogle Rachel Smith

#### Areas to Serve

Today December 11th		Next Week December 18th	
Lori Seilstad	Greeters	Glenda Petersen	
Caroline Seilstad		Carol Koletzke	
Jack Loftus	Parking Lot	Marv Cameron	
Troy Kinney	Call to Worship	Bill Leinen	
Jake Sola	Opening Prayer	Thad Kinney	
Dylan Ford	Song Leader	Troy Kinney	
Parker Seilstad	Table Talk	Jonah Leinen	
Matt Ogle	Table Prayers	Bob Helton	
David Montague	·	Garth Hilton	
Nathan Leinen	Table Servers	Ryan Schulenberg	
Jeremy Nuzum		Jack Loftus	
Justin Leinen	Closing Prayer	Parker Seilstad	
David Holcomb	Announcements	Matt Ogle	
	Lori Seilstad Caroline Seilstad Jack Loftus Troy Kinney Jake Sola Dylan Ford Parker Seilstad Matt Ogle David Montague Nathan Leinen Jeremy Nuzum Justin Leinen	Lori Seilstad Caroline Seilstad Jack Loftus Troy Kinney Jake Sola Dylan Ford Parker Seilstad Matt Ogle David Montague Nathan Leinen Justin Leinen Call to Worship Opening Prayer Song Leader Table Talk Table Prayers Table Servers Jeremy Nuzum Justin Leinen Closing Prayer	

# Elders

Troy Kinney

Bill Leinen

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#### **Ministries**

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Outreach & Missions Facilities & Safety Keith Smith

Justin Leinen

Rick Ogle

Nova Deckman Secretary

Children Jonah Leinen

Dylan Ford Teens

Discipleship Bill Leinen Brian Deckman

**Worship Services** 

Bill Leinen Education

**David Montague** 

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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.

# DECEMBER 11TH, 2022





Bible Class All Ages

Fellowship Lunch

Worship

Life Groups

All Church

# Our Journey Through 2022

**Sundays** 

9am 10am TBA

2nd Sunday

1st and 3rd Mondays Men's Bible Study at Building Women's Bible Study at Building

Wednesday

Bible Class All ages

7pm

TBA

TBA

# Looking at the World through the Eyes of God

Jesus' final words to his disciples at the time of his Ascension, also known as the Great Commission, are recorded in Matthew 28:18-20: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The singular command of the Great Commission is to "make disciples." More than just a "convert to Christianity" or to some "particular 'faith and practice'", a disciple is a learner, a pupil, or an apprentice – a person who has decided to follow their master and become like him or her. Christians are to apprentice themselves to Christ and allow Christ to shape their lives after his life. Discipleship does not end with conversion, rather it is a life-long relationship of walking with and growing in Christ.

Three words (participles) in the text characterize the mandate of disciple-making. 1) Go – the thought is, "as you are going," make disciples of those you encounter in your daily living. Disciple-makers do not simply build a church on the corner and wait for disciples to come to them. Going suggests a lifestyle of reaching out, patterned after the life of Jesus. 2) Baptizing – baptism in biblical times was an act closely associated with salvation in which individuals identified themselves with the Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the church. Disciple-makers direct people to faith in Christ by their words and relationships. 3) Teaching -teaching involves equipping people to live, walk, think, and act like Jesus. Becoming a disciple is a lifelong process that is never fully achieved.

The task that Jesus entrusted to his disciples and to us is to make disciples of "all nations." The word "nations" might be better translated as "people of every kind." Jesus' call to make disciples "right where we are" also comes with the promise of his presence, the Holy Spirit, to guide and to empower his disciples in fulfilling their calls.

# **Congregational Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:16**

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

# Family News & Updates

## **Congregational Potluck**

Friends and family please join us following services upstairs in the fellowship hall for a congregational potluck. Please stay and enjoy this time of fellowship.

# **Game Night**

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31st at 6:30pm we will be having a game night at the building. Bring a game and a snack to share to join in the fun and fellowship.

## Life Group

The Kinney life group will be meeting at David and Terri Montague's house on January 14th at 6 pm for potluck and games. Bring your favorite dish and game.

# **Family Updates**

Please take some time this week to be in prayer for those prayer requests that were brought forward last Sunday: Glenda Petersen's daughter, Jody, who is awaiting results from biopsy; Austin Hunter's family after the passing of his Aunt Sandy; Carol Koletzki's extended family, Maggie, in hospital; Bobby Berg who had foot surgery Friday and his wife who had a heart stint placed Wednesday.



#### **December Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Mike & Glenda Petersen 11th

23rd Trudy Lowe

Evalina Holcomb 30th Bob & Debra Helton 30th Ron & Evalina Holcomb

31st January

Brandon O'Dell 1st 1st Pat Dwyer

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# Please Pray for

Jen & Jeff Prayer for family Jake Sola G-pa Jim Cancer Thad Kinney Friend's loss of mother Austin Hunter Loss of Aunt Kevin Van Patten Health after hosp stav Grandmother's health Amber Felt Carol Pantoia Health & Dialysis Elaine Torneton Recovery heart surg Paulette's health John Leighton Evalina Holcomb Health Strength & health Mason Ogle Brian Deckman Cancer & dialysis Father cancer/radiation Rvan S

Delores Bolte Health Jason Leinen Protection & health

Ukraine church Protection

College Students Military Shut-ins

Eldership

# Prayers Requests & Announcements