

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

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 January 15th

Greeters Glenda Petersen
Carol Koletzke
Parking Lot Jack Loftus
Call to Worship Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer Justin Leinen
Song Leader Dylan Ford
Table Talk Joe Davis
Table Prayers Marv Cameron
John Leighton
Table Servers David Holcomb
Ryan Schulenberg
Closing Prayer Bob Helton
Announcements Mitch Dollen

Next Week January 22nd

Greeters Stephanie Slyter
Carol Pantoja
Parking Lot Rick Ogle
Call to Worship Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer Jonah Leinen
Song Leader Troy Kinney
Table Talk Dick Sladky
Table Prayers Garth Hilton
Matt Ogle
Table Servers Connor Adams
Brent Robbins
Closing Prayer Joe Davis
Announcements Jake Sola

Elders

Troy Kinney 402-510-5267
Bill Leinen 712-325-8234

Minister

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

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

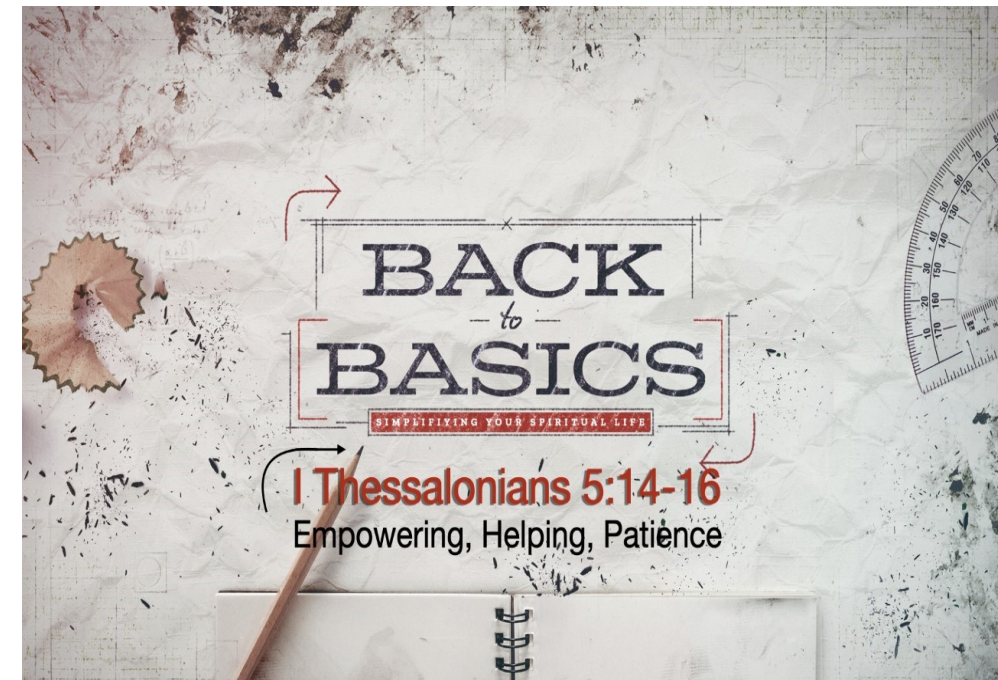
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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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.

JANUARY 15TH, 2023



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 Fellowship Lunch	2nd Sunday	Wednesday	
		Bible Class All ages	7pm

Back to Basics

We urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.—1 Thessalonians 5:14

God commanded that his people encourage each other because he knows we need it. In the Gospel of John, Jesus warned that “in this world you will have trouble,” which he then followed with a much needed encouragement: “But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

We live in a broken world where everything calls us toward selfishness and despair. Sin steals joy, our bodies break down, our plans falter, our dreams die, our resolves weaken, our perspective dims. We are promised suffering (1 Pet. 4:12), persecution (John 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:12), and trials of various kinds (James 1:2-3).

When encouragement is absent from the life of a church people will feel unloved, unimportant, useless, and forgotten. God knows his people are in need of grace-filled reminders, so he calls us to encourage each other every day until his Son returns (Heb. 3:13).

WHAT IS ENCOURAGEMENT?

Biblical encouragement isn't focused on complementing someone's haircut or telling them how good their homemade salsa tastes. That kind of encouragement is important, but the encouragement the Scriptures refer to is explicitly Christian encouragement.

Encouragement is shared with the hopes that it will lift someone's heart toward the Lord (Col. 4:8). It points out evidences of grace in another's life to help them see that God is using them. It points a person to God's promises that assures them that all they face is under his control.

The New Testament reveals that encouragement was a regular part of the early church's life together (Acts 13:15, 16:40, 18:27, 20:1-2, 27:36). They shared Scripture-saturated words with each other to spur one another on in faith (Acts 14:22),

Congregational Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

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hope (Rom. 15:4), unity (Rom. 15:5; Col. 2:2), joy (Acts 15:31), strength (Acts 15:32), fruitfulness (Heb. 10:24-25), faithfulness (1 Thess. 2:12), perseverance (Heb. 10:25), and the certainty of Christ's return (1 Thess. 4:18).

Encouragement was and is an essential way of extending grace to each other.

Family News & Updates

Brother 2 Brother

A new men's accountability ministry: Brother 2 Brother were men are paired up with the responsibility of getting to know each other better by providing social and spiritual support to each other. See Brian for more details.

Jesus with a side of Joe

Join Brian Thursday mornings at 7am at the Hy-Vee at Bennett and Madison. Come enjoy a hot coffee with scriptures and prayer to start your day.

Leinen Life Group

The Leinen life group will be meeting in the fellowship hall following services on January 15th for a potluck lunch.

Deckman Life Group

The Deckman life group will be meeting at Dylan and Jordan Ford's home on January 15th at 5pm for potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Family Updates

Please pray for requests that were brought forward last Sunday: David's stepmother Heidi passed; Andrea Leinen had knee replacement and is recovering; Carol Pantoja is in hospital and doctors are evaluating her fingers and fistula.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

19th Cooper Ford
26th Ashton Nalley
26th Deb Ogle
26th Eric Newton
31st Marge Rickertson
February
10th Sarai Schulenberg

Use our church QR code for a quick and easy option to give for weekly contributions. Earmark a donation by adding a note under your donation amount.



Please Pray for

Carol Pantoja	Hospital/fingers/fistula
Andrea Leinen	Knee surgery recovery
John Leighton	Passing of wife Paulette
Glenda Petersen	Daughter biopsy results
Carol Koletzke	Maggie in hospital
Bobby Berg	Foot surg & recovery
Bobby Berg	Wife heart surg recovery
Jake Sola	G-pa Jim Cancer
Austin Hunter	Loss of Aunt
Elaine Torneton	Recovery heart surg
Evalina Holcomb	Health
Mason Ogle	Strength & health
Brian Deckman	Cancer & dialysis
Ryan S	Father cancer/radiation
Delores Bolte	Health
Jason Leinen	Protection & health
Ukraine church	Protection
College Students	Military
Shut-ins	Eldership

Prayers Requests & Announcements
