## 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

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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 February 12th		Next Week February 19th	
Greeters	Lori Seilstad	Greeters	Glenda Petersen
	Caroline Seilstad		Carol Koletzke
Parking Lot	John Leighton	Parking Lot	Jack Loftus
Call to Worship	Bill Leinen	Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Jake Sola	Opening Prayer	Jonah Leinen
Song Leader	Parker Seilstad	Song Leader	Dylan Ford
Table Talk	Roman Perez	Table Talk	Thad Kinney
Table Prayers	Bob Helton	Table Prayers	Dick Sladky
	Garth Hilton		John Leighton
Table Servers	Brent Robbins	Table Servers	Christian Adams
	Chris Adams		Ryan Schulenberg
Closing Prayer	Dylan Ford	Closing Prayer	Bob Helton
Announcements	David Holcomb	Announcements	Rick Ogle

## 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 Outreach & Missions Keith Smith

Justin Leinen

Rick Ogle

Children Jonah Leinen

Nova Deckman Secretary

Dylan Ford Teens

Discipleship Bill Leinen Brian Deckman

**Worship Services** 

**David Montague** 

Bill Leinen Education

Woman's Ministries

**Troy Kinney** Andrea Leinen Finance

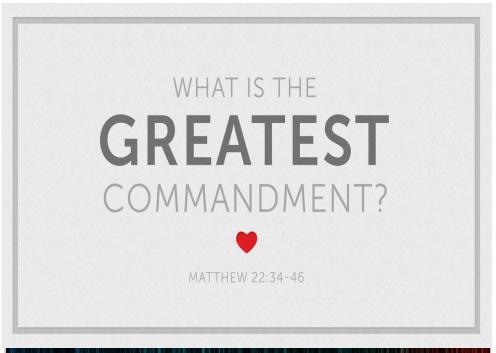
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## McPherson Ave.

## 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.

FEBRUARY 12TH. 2023



# **Empowering Spiritual DNA**

**Sundays** 

Bible Class All Ages Worship Life Groups All Church Fellowship Lunch

9am 10am TBA

2nd Sunday

**Thursdays** Men's Bible Study at Building at the Madison & Bennett Hy-Vee

Wednesday

Bible Class All ages

7pm

7am

## What is the Greatest Commandment?

"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these." - Mark 12:30-31

Nobody wants to live passive, inactive lives. We want the opposite. We want a captivating life that brings a sense of fulfillment. When Jesus lays out the most important commandment for mankind, He starts with loving the Lord with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Since we are told to love the Lord with all our hearts, soul, mind, and strength, that is exactly what we should do. But how do we go about doing it?

Loving God with your heart means to love Him with your life. Love God with your heart by living a loving, faith-filled, and purpose-driven life. This requires letting God lead the way. It means living each day in close connection with Him so we can recognize our calling. Once we do this, once we let Him lead, lives will be changed. We will experience joy. And sharing that joy with others and loving God with our whole heart will become our primary mission. It's hard to love someone you know nothing about, so it's important to make an effort to get to know God. By spending time in prayer, reading Scripture, we learn about who He is, what He cares about, and why He is so deserving of our love.

Loving God with your soul means to love Him for eternity. When our hearts stop beating, our souls keep living. And God wants our relationship with Him to last forever. Loving God with your mind means to love Him unconditionally-because we know that He is worthy of love-even when we don't feel like it. Even when we feel like life is unfair or when we think He's abandoned us: even though He never leaves our side.

Loving God with all my strength means stepping out in faith. It means stepping out of my comfort zone. It means stepping out to help someone. Faith without works isn't worth much. But faith with works can change a piece of the world for the better. Like the other concepts, loving God with all my strength is simple to say but not always easy to do. We need to remember that we don't work any of this out by ourselves. We have a strength working within us that enables us to keep on going forward. In reality, loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength is simply a response. For we love because He first loved us.

As followers of Christ, we are called to fearlessly love God with all our hearts, all our souls, minds, and strength. Fueled with that complete and perfect love, we are empowered to take that love and share it with the world. And our broken, lost world desperately needs His love.

## **Congregational Scripture Reading** 1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

## Family News & Updates

## Youth Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser

Couples, singles and those who love, love please join the youth as they serve a Valentine Dinner to raise funds for the mission trip. This dinner will be Saturday February 18th at 6pm at the building.

## **Super Bowl Life Group**

The Deckman life group would like to invite everyone to join them for food, fun and games while enjoying the big game this evening at 4:30. Please join in the fun by bringing an appetizer to share.

## **Men's Breakfast**

All men please join us Saturday, March 4th at 8 am here in the fellowship hall for a early morning breakfast and a time of fellowship.

## Youth Rally Sign ups

If you are able to help out with housing or any additional support for the youth rally here at our building March 24-26th please see Dvlan Ford.

## Women Walking with God

Registration for the 2023 Women Walking with God is open at womenwalkingwithgod.org Conference dates are April 14-15th. Please see Andrea for additional details about hotel and travel plans.

## **Family Undates**

Please pray for requests that were brought forward last Sunday: Chris Adam's coworker Lori who is in ICU; David Holcomb prayers for job opportunities; Garth Hilton also prayers for job opportunities; Continued prayers for Taris and the Ukraine church; Carol Pantoja continued recovery; Brian Deckman for health and beginning radiation.

#### February Birthdays & **Anniversaries**

Cindy & Joel Scheffler 14th Ann Newton 16th

Jack Loftus 17th 22nd Kaden Ogle

Noni Deckman 22nd

Maple Leinen 27th 28th Justin Leinen

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## Please Pray for

Chris Adams coworker Lori in ICU David Holcomb new job opportunities Garth Hilton Job openings Carol Pantoja Recovery and Health **Austin Hunter** Grandpa surg recovery Lindsey adoption Jake & Madi Brian Deckman Pain radiation Andrea Leinen Knee surgery recovery Daughter biopsy results Glenda Petersen Carol Koletzke Maggie in hospital Jake Sola G-pa Jim Cancer Evalina Holcomb Health Strength & health Mason Ogle Rvan S Father cancer/radiation Delores Bolte Health Jason Leinen Protection & health Ukraine church Protection College Students Military Eldership Shut-ins

Prayers Requests & Announcements