## 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.

	or recurre 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:		
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# Those to Keep Wrapped in Your Prayers:

**Shut-ins** Delores Bolte Amanda Larson **Eunice Peoples** 

**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 March 5th		Next Week Ma	Next Week March 12th	
Greeters	Rick Ogle	Greeters	Lori Seilstad	
	Deb Ogle		Caroline Seilstad	
Parking Lot	Chris Adams	Parking Lot	Jack Loftus	
Call to Worship	Troy Kinney	Call to Worship	Bill Leinen	
Opening Prayer	John Leighton	Opening Prayer	Jake Sola	
Song Leader	Thad Kinney	Song Leader	David Montague	
Table Talk	Bob Helton	Table Talk	Parker Seilstad	
Table Prayers	Jonah Leinen	Table Prayers	Matt Ogle	
·	Dylan Ford		Joe Davis	
Table Servers	Conner Adams	Table Servers	Nathan Leinen	
	Brent Robbins		Jeremy Nuzum	
Closing Prayer	Nathan Leinen	Closing Prayer	Justin Leinen	
Announcements	Justin Leinen	Announcements	David Holcomb	

# Elders

Minister

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

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

## **Ministries**

Benevolence Jack Loftus Media Parker Seilstad

Outreach & Missions Facilities & Safety Keith Smith

Justin Leinen

Rick Ogle Secretary

Nova Deckman

Children Jonah Leinen

Dylan Ford Teens

Discipleship Bill Leinen

Education

Bill Leinen

**Worship Services David Montague** 

Brian Deckman

Woman's Ministries

Andrea Leinen **Troy Kinney** Finance

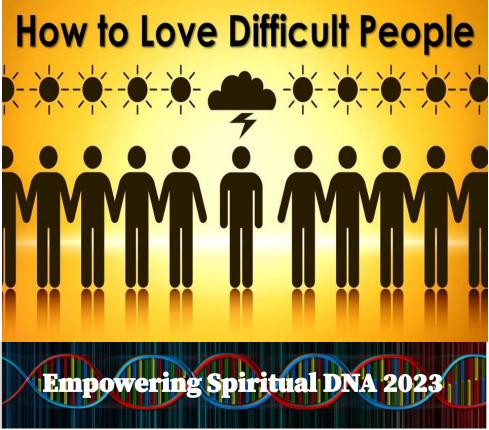
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# McPherson Ave.

# 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.

MARCH 5TH, 2023



### **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

# How to Love Difficult People

For all of us today difficult people are a part of everyday life. Just when you finish with one, there's another not too far behind. Whether it's a customer, a co-worker, a neighbor, or your boss you're bound to meet difficult people.

In their defense, everyone has a bad day. Even nice people might say and do the wrong thing when they're stressed. The harsh reality is I can't control the way people act, but I do have the ability to choose the way that I act in response.

Luke 6:32-33, is more than a statement. It's a challenge to all who say they love God. We love when it's easy, but can we love when it's hard?

For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? For sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? For sinners also do even the same. (Luke 6:32-33, KJV)

King Saul was relentless when it came to his pursuit of David. With 3,000 young men by his side, he set out on a journey to find him and to kill him. And yet, when David had a clear opportunity to take Saul's life, he honored his king saying,

"The Lord forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord." (1 Samuel 24:6, KJV)

It should go without saying that no one is truly unlovable. They may be incredibly difficult at times, but always in need of some love, and David shows us how to do that, God's way.

Remember, we don't love because it's easy or because others are deserving, we love because God loved us while we were yet sinners and still loves us now. We forgive much because we're forgiven so much. And finally, we're patient with others, because the Lord is patient with us.

# **Congregational Scripture Reading Romans 14:19**

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

# Family News & Updates

#### Men's Breakfast

Please join the men for a men's breakfast Saturday morning, March 11th at 8 am in the fellowship hall. Following the breakfast those men who are able will be going to the home of Carol Pantoja and building a ramp to help her mobility in and out of her home.

## **Potluck Luncheon**

We will be having an all church potluck March 12 following services Sunday, March 12th. Please bring a dish to share and come enjoy 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 Dylan 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.

# **Mountain States Children's Home Food Drive**

We are collecting food for the Mountains State Children's Home. A table is set up in the outer fover for donation drop off and a detailed list of the items needing to be collected

# **Family Updates**

Please pray for requests that were brought forward last Sunday: Mitch Dollen is recovering from a recent fall; Bobby Berg 's wife is recovering from recent surgery; Praise report for Garth Hilton's job situation; Carol Pantoja rehab and recovery.

#### **March Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Lauren Morales 7th Evelvn Fulmer 10th 11th Ethan Leinen 17th Jason Leinen Rick & Deb Ogle 24th Deb Elam 24th Sandra Dollen

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Earmark a donation by adding a note under your donation amount.

# Please Pray for

Carol Pantoja Rehab and recovery Garth Hilton Praise job situation Mitch Dollen recent fall recovery Cousin/mental health James Best Sola families Loss of father and Gpa Evalina Holcomb Health Chris Adams coworker Lori in ICU David Holcomb new job opportunities **Austin Hunter** Grandpa surg recovery Jake & Madi Lindsey adoption Brian Deckman Pain radiation Andrea Leinen Knee surgery recovery Daughter biopsy results Glenda Petersen Carol Koletzke Maggie in hospital Mason Ogle Strength & health Ryan S Father cancer/radiation Delores Bolte Health Protection & health Jason Leinen Protection Ukraine church College Students Military Shut-ins Eldership

# Prayers Requests &

Announcements