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.

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City:	State:			
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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 Military
Nova Deckman's Brother:
Billy Harris

Mike & Glenda Petersen's Son: Nate Petersen Deb Elam's Son & Daughter-in

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 April 23rd		Next Week April 30th	
Greeters	Stephanie Styler Carol Pantoja	Greeters	Troy Kinney Caronna Kinney
Parking Lot	Rick Ogle	Parking Lot	Mary Cameron
Call to Worship	Bill Leinen	Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Justin Leinen	Opening Prayer	John Leighton
Song Leader	Parker Seilstad	Song Leader	Dylan Ford
Table Talk	Garth Hilton	Table Talk	Jake Sola
Table Prayers	Nathan Leinen Marv Cameron	Table Prayers	Dick Sladky Bob Helton
Table Servers	Bobby Berg Brent Robbins	Table Servers	Brent Robbins Austin Hunter
Closing Prayer	Matt Ogle	Closing Prayer	Nathan Leinen
Announcements	Parker Seilstad	Announcements	Dylan Ford

Elders

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

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

Minister

Ministries

Benevolence Jack Loftus Media Parker Seilstad

Facilities & Safety Outreach & Missions
Keith Smith Jus

Justin Leinen

Rick Ogle

Troy Kinney

Children Jonah Leinen

Secretary Nova Deckman

Discipleship Bill Leinen

Teens Dylan Ford

Brian Deckman Worship Services

David Montague

Education Bill 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.

APRIL 23RD, 2023



Empowering Spiritual DNA 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

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Wednesday
Bible Class All ages

7pm

7am

"Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!" Psalm 132:7

Worship through song is one of the most powerful ways to connect directly to the love, compassion, power, and grace of God. In worship, walls we've placed between God and us get torn down, iust as God tore the veil at the death of Christ. In worship, our hearts become soft, aware, and open to the glorious majesties of God's nearness. In worship, God makes his nearness known to us and fills us anew with the power of his manifest presence.

The Psalms are filled with exhortations to worship. Psalm 95:1-3 says, "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods." We are created to worship our Creator. When we give glory to God, we place him on the throne of our hearts and posture ourselves in the only position in which we will find peace: one of submission and humility. In the act of worship, we lay down everything we've allowed to matter more than God's perfect will for us and receive the grace to love him above all else.

Psalm 132:7 says, "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!" When we worship, we enter into direct contact with our all-powerful, all-loving, all-knowing heavenly Father. God's desire in worship is to draw us near to himself, fill us to overflow with his love, and wait patiently for us to love him in return.

The more often we receive his love through worship, the more consistently we will love and honor him in all we do. God is not a prideful King who demands inauthentic praise from his people. He is in no way insecure or needy. He is simply after true communion with you where he loves you and you love him in return.

Congregational Scripture Reading John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Family News & Updates

Ladies Day Planning

All ladies are encouraged to join a planning session for our upcoming Ladies' Day after services today. Please grab a quick drive through meal and meet upstairs. We are excited to get started on this event and are hoping for a lot of participation.

5th Sunday Singing

Next Sunday during Adult class time at 9am we will have a 5th Sunday singing class. Please plan to join us for a time to learn new songs and practice others.

Ladies Monthly Brunch

Ladies please join the woman Monday, May 1st at 10:30am in the home of Pat Dwyer, 11075 Red Ridge, Council Bluffs. Bring a dish to share and please RSVP at 402-699-0015.

Men's Bible Study

Come join Brian and other men for a bible study on Thursday mornings at 7am each week held in the Madison Hy-vee café. This is a good time for a deeper study into the word.

Mountain States Children's Home Food Drive

Today is the last day for collections to stack the stage. Thank you for everyone who has brought pantry items for the Mountain States Children's Home.

Family Updates

Please pray for requests that were brought forward last Sunday: Garth Hilton asked for prayers for Noah's rash and please be in prayer for Cathy Shipley family as her cousin Kim passed.

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Brian Deckman 24th Rachel Smith 30th May

3rd 5th

Juan Flores Ryan & Rumi Schulenberg

6th David Montague

11th Emma Seilstad 11th Jonah & Amanda Leinen

Use our church OR 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

Garth Hilton Noah's rash Cathy Shipley Cousin Kim passed Son Randy's health Jack Loftus Brian Deckman New chemo treatment Jeremy Nuzum family passing of Aunt Mitch Dollen Earthquakes victims Neighbor Scott **Austin Hunter** David Holcomb Grandmother health David Holcomb Staff members health Evalina Holcomb Health McKenzie hm stability Adams Family Mary & Sue Daughter Carol Pantoja Dialysis & recovery Bobby Berg Wife recovery from surg Mason Ogle Strength & health Ryan S Father cancer/radiation Delores Bolte Health Jason Leinen Protection & health Ukraine church Protection College Students Military Shut-ins Eldership

Prayers Requests & Announcements