## 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:		
	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** 

**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 July 9th		Next Week July 16th	
Greeters	Rick Ogle	Greeters	Lori Seilstad
	Deb Ogle		Caroline Seilstad
Parking Lot	Mary Cameron	Parking Lot	Jack Loftus
Call to Worship	Troy Kinney	Call to Worship	Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer	Justin Leinen	Opening Prayer	Mitch Dollen
Song Leader	Dylan Ford	Song Leader	Troy Kinney
Table Talk	Mitch Dollen	Table Talk	Garth Hilton
Table Prayers	Matt Ogle	Table Prayers	Bob Helton
·	David Montague	·	Joe Davis
Table Servers	Nathan Leinen	Table Servers	Brent Robbins
	Jonah Leinen		Thad Kinney
Closing Prayer	Roman Perez	Closing Prayer	Parker Seilstad
Announcements	Justin Leinen	Announcements	Matt Ogle

## Elders

**Troy Kinney** 

Bill Leinen

Children

402-510-5267 712-325-8234

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

Minister

## **Ministries**

Benevolence Jack Loftus Media Parker Seilstad

Facilities & Safety Outreach & Missions Keith Smith

Justin Leinen

**David Montague** 

Rick Ogle Jonah Leinen

Nova Deckman Secretary

Dylan Ford Teens

Discipleship Bill Leinen

Brian Deckman **Worship Services** 

Bill Leinen Education

Woman's Ministries

**Troy Kinney** Andrea Leinen Finance

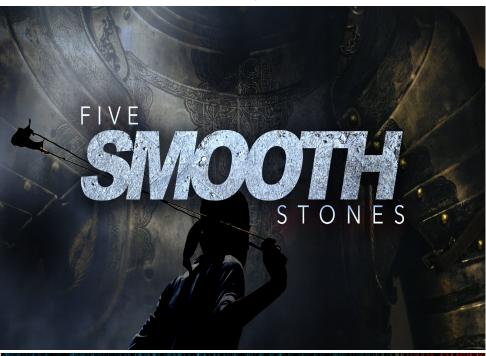
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## McPherson Ave.

## 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.

## JULY 9TH, 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 the Madison 7am & Bennett Hy-Vee

Wednesday Bible Class All ages

7pm

## 5 Smooth Stones

Before King David faced Goliath in 1 Samuel, he had to fight four other giants. They weren't physical giants, but they were giants in his mind.

You are far more likely to face mental giants than a physical Goliath. But mental giants can be just as big and intimidating. And they can keep you from becoming who God wants you to be and fulfilling the dream that God has put in your heart.

The first giant in facing your dream is **delay**. No dream is fulfilled instantly. God gives you the dream one day, but he doesn't fulfill it the next day. It may be years before you see the fulfillment of your life dream. There is always a waiting period.

After the prophet Samuel anointed David as king, David's father, Jesse, told David to get back to tending the sheep. Talk about a delayed dream! It was about 15 years before David actually became king.

But God used that time to build David's character, teaching him to be obedient even when things didn't seem to make sense. As David waited for God to fulfill his promise, he learned to trust in God's sovereignty. The lesson is that God is faithful, and he will complete his work in you in his time.

The second giant you may face is **discouragement**. Goliath created a climate of fear in Israel. Everyone was convinced they were going to lose the battle against him.

Sometimes you just need a fresh voice, like a shepherd boy with fresh eyes who says, "This guy's nothing. We can take him down."

The third giant standing in your way is **disapproval**. In David's case, his own brother questioned his motives and disapproved of him going after Goliath.

When God gives you a dream that other people are afraid of and you go for it anyway, you will be misjudged, maligned, and misunderstood. You have to decide what matters more to you: the approval of other people or the approval of God.

The fourth giant you may have to face is **doubt**. Nobody was a greater expert on war than King Saul. He told David he was crazy for thinking a boy could fight a warrior like Goliath. Maybe an expert is saying you can't do it either. And that's enough to

## **Congregational Scripture Reading** I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## 5 Smooth Stones Cont...

make you start doubting yourself.

Remember, experts are often wrong! You won't be deterred by the naysayers when you focus on God's promises and trust the Lord is faithful to fulfill your dream.

## Family News & Updates

## **Pot Luck Luncheon**

Visitors, friends and family please join us following services for an all church pot luck luncheon. We would love to have you join us and fellowship.

## **SCUBA VBS**

Our church VBS will be on July 12-14 for 3 years-5th grade from 6:15-8:00pm. VBS fliers are in the fover for you to share with neighbors and friends. Preregistration is open and sign ups are in the fover also.

## **Park and Praise**

Join us on Wednesday nights at 7pm on the annex front lawn through the month of July. Bring camp chairs and singing voices.

## **Ladies Brunch**

There will be no ladies brunch in the home of Pat Dwyer for the month of July.

## 5th Sunday Singing

Each 5th Sunday we will have time to learn new songs and practice others. The next one will be during adult class time Sunday morning, 9 am, July 30th.

## **Family Updates**

Please pray for requests that were brought forward last Sunday: Our campers and members out at NYC and also Evalina Holcomb's health.

#### **July Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Lukas Ford 16th Garth Hilton 17th Diane Loftus 24th Ron Holcomb 24th 28th Stephanie & Roger Styler

August

9th Andrea Leinen 9th Jeremy Nuzum

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## Please Pray for

Angela Hilton travel to Ukraine Evalina Holcomb Health Mom hospital/recovery Rvan S. Brother hospice Mary Cameron Mitch Dollen Surgery recovery Grandmother health/hip David Holcomb Austin Hunter Friend John heartattack Adams Family McKenzie hm stability Jack Loftus Son Randy's health Brian Deckman New chemo treatment Carol Pantoja **Dialysis** Strength & health Mason Ogle Ryan S Father cancer/radiation Delores Bolte Health Jason Leinen Protection & health Protection Ukraine church College Students Military Shut-ins Eldership

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