

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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	Military	College Students
Delores Bolte	Nova Deckman's Brother:	Jacob Duncan
Amanda Larson	Billy Harris	Ethan Leinen
Eunice Peoples	Mike & Glenda Petersen's Son:	Luke Martin
	Nate Petersen	Madi Martin
	Deb Elam's Son & Daughter-in-law: Jon & Lynn Kinney	Mason Ogle
		Rachel Smith

# Areas to Serve

Today July 16th		Next Week July 23rd	
Greeters	Lori Seilstad Caroline Seilstad	Greeters	Glenda Petersen Carol Koletzke
Parking Lot	Jack Loftus	Parking Lot	Chris Adams
Call to Worship	Bill Leinen	Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Mitch Dollen	Opening Prayer	Roman Perez
Song Leader	Troy Kinney	Song Leader	Thad Kinney
Table Talk	Garth Hilton	Table Talk	Dick Sladky
Table Prayers	Bob Helton Joe Davis	Table Prayers	Mitch Dollen Nathan Leinen
Table Servers	Brent Robbins Thad Kinney	Table Servers	Conner Adams Jeremy Nuzum
Closing Prayer	Parker Seilstad	Closing Prayer	Marv Cameron
Announcements	Matt Ogle	Announcements	Parker Seilstad

# EldersMinister

Troy Kinney	402-510-5267	Brian Deckman	918-809-0681
Bill Leinen	712-325-8234		

# 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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# 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 16TH, 2023



Sundays		Thursdays	
Bible Class All Ages	9am	Men's Bible Study at the Madison & Bennett Hy-Vee	7am
Worship	10am		
Life Groups	TBA		
All Church Fellowship Lunch	2nd Sunday	Bible Class All ages	7pm
		Wednesday	

## 5 Smooth Stones

1. THE STONE OF THE PAST-Goliath jogged David's memory. The valley was a déjà vu. While everyone else quivered, David remembered. God had given him strength to wrestle a lion and strong-arm a bear. Wouldn't he do the same with the giant? A good memory makes heroes. "*Remember His marvelous works which He has done*" (1 Chronicles 16:12). Catalogue God's successes. Keep a list of his world records. Write today's worries in sand. Chisel yesterday's victories in stone. Pick up the stone of the past. Then select ...
2. THE STONE OF PRAYER-Note the valley between your thumb and finger. To pass from one to the next you must go through it. Let it remind you of David's descent. Before going high, David went low; before ascending to fight, David descended to prepare. Don't face your giant without first doing the same. Dedicate time to prayer. Paul, the apostle, wrote, "*Prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long*" (Ephesians 6:18 (MSG)).
3. THE STONE OF PRIORITY-Let your tallest finger remind you of your highest priority: God's reputation. David jealously guarded it. No one was going to defame his Lord. David fought so that "*all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's*" (1 Samuel 17:46-47). David saw Goliath as a chance for God to show off! Did David know he would exit the battle alive? No. But he was willing to give his life for the reputation of God. What if you saw your giant in the same manner? See your struggle as God's canvas. On it he will paint his multicoloured supremacy. Announce God's name and then reach for ...
4. THE STONE OF PASSION -David ran, not away from, but toward his giant. On one side of the battlefield, Saul and his cowardly army gulped. On the other, Goliath and his skull-splitters scoffed. In the middle, the shepherd boy ran on his spindly legs. Who bet on David? Who put money on the kid from Bethlehem? Not the Philistines. Not the Hebrews. Not David's siblings or David's king. But God did. And since God did, and since David knew God did, the skinny runt became a blur of pumping knees and a swirling sling. He ran toward his giant.
5. THE STONE OF PERSISTENCE- David didn't think one rock would do. He knew Goliath had four behemoth relatives. For all David knew, they'd come running over the hill to defend their kin. David was ready to empty the chamber if that's what it took. Imitate him. Never give up. One prayer might not be enough. One apology might not do it. One day or month of resolve might not suffice. You may get knocked down a time or two ... but don't quit. Keep loading the rocks. Keep swinging the sling David took five stones. He made five decisions. Do likewise. Past. Prayer. Priority. Passion. And persistence.

**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.

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## Family News & Updates

### Park and Praise

Join us on an ice cream social this Wednesday night at 7pm on the annex front lawn through. Please bring ring camp chairs and singing voices.

## 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.

### Ladies Brunch

Ladies please join the woman, August 7th 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.

## Back to School Carnival

Pick up a flyer to get the word out about our Back to School Carnival Sunday, August 20th from 5pm to 7pm. If you would like to donate school supplies please see the insert for the suggested supplies and donations can be delivered to the outer foyer school supply table.

### New Membership

Please welcome our newest members the Saunders family, Rebecca, Aurora & Michael. From Rebecca: Thank you so much for the warm welcome and making me feel at home.

## Family Updates

Please pray for requests that were brought forward last Sunday:  
Sue's sister in law Genie who is having David Holcomb's grand-  
mother and praise for a new job.

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

17th	Garth Hilton
24th	Diane Loftus
24th	Ron Holcomb
28th	Stephanie & Roger Styler
August	
9th	Andrea Leinen
9th	Jeremy Nuzum

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

Angela Hilton	travel to Ukraine
Evalina Holcomb	Health
Ryan S.	Mom hospital/recovery
Marv Cameron	Brother hospice
Mitch Dollen	Surgery recovery
David Holcomb	Grandmother health/hip
Austin Hunter	Friend John heartattack
Adams Family	McKenzie hm stability
Jack Loftus	Son Randy's health
Brian Deckman	New chemo treatment
Carol Pantoja	Dialysis
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

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