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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Name:	<u> </u>	
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**

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 23rd		Next Week July 30th	
Greeters	Glenda Petersen	Greeters	Stephanie Slyter
	Carol Koletzke		Carol Pantoja
Parking Lot	Chris Adams	Parking Lot	John Leighton
Call to Worship	Troy Kinney	Call to Worship	Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer	Roman Perez	Opening Prayer	Joe Davis
Song Leader	Thad Kinney	Song Leader	Parker Seilstad
Table Talk	Dick Sladky	Table Talk	Romen Perez
Table Prayers	Mitch Dollen	Table Prayers	Justin Leinen
	Nathan Leinen		Dick Sladky
Table Servers	Conner Adams	Table Servers	Ryan Schulenberg
	Jeremy Nuzum		Austin Hunter
Closing Prayer	Mary Cameron	Closing Prayer	Mitch Dollen
Announcements	Parker Seilstad	Announcements	Thad Kinney

Elders

Discipleship

Minister

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

Ministries

Benevolence Jack Loftus Media Parker Seilstad

Outreach & Missions **Facilities & Safety**

Justin Leinen

Keith Smith

Rick Ogle Nova Deckman Secretary

Children Jonah Leinen Dvlan Ford Teens

> Bill Leinen Brian Deckman **Worship Services**

David Montague

Bill Leinen Education Woman's Ministries

Andrea Leinen **Troy Kinney** Finance

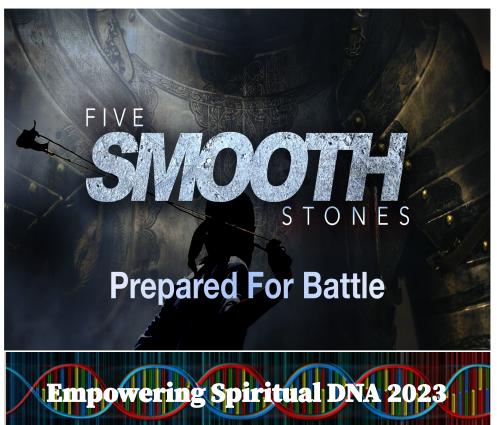
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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 23RD. 2023



Sundays

Bible Class All Ages Worship Life Groups All Church Fellowship Lunch

9am 10am TBA

2nd Sunday

Men's Bible Study at the Madison 7am & Bennett Hy-Vee

Wednesday Bible Class All ages

Thursdays

7pm

5 Smooth Stones

As the Israelites approached the Promised Land, God knew that many of them were not ready for the challenges that were ahead. Many simply were not prepared. There was another problem. Some had failed to follow God and were guilty of compromise, disbelief, and even sin.

As they faced an uncertain future, God wanted them to know that He would never abandon them, but would not automatically drive out the nations in the land. First, He wanted to test them and know if they would keep His ways. But He also wanted to make sure that they were trained, disciplined, and ready for war. God may go through a similar process with us. As He did with these Israelites, He may want to test and discipline us so we are ready for the challenges we will face. He may want to toughen us spiritually. and put us in situations in which we must exercise faith and deal with opposition.

Today, remember that God is with you. If you are experiencing problems, this does not mean that He has abandoned you. Call on Him. Allow Him to search your mind and heart, and free you from sin, unbelief, or compromise. And be ready to exercise faith in the situations that you face.

Remember that you are in a spiritual war. Make sure that you are prepared to face every kind of situation. That you are ready for battle. That you know God's Word and are being guided by His principles. That you are alert and on guard.

Remember that your adversary, the devil, wants to defeat you, but God is with you. Fight with faith, always believing God for victory.

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.

Family News & Updates

Park and Praise

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

VBS at Bellevue Church of Christ

Characteristics of a Hero VBS will be held Friday July 28th from 6:15 pm to 8 pm and Saturday July 29th from 10:15-12 pm for 3 yrs to 5ths graders. Please see flyer on the announcement wall in the foyer for additional details.

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 women, 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.

Gospel Meeting

The North Omaha Church of Christ will be hosting a gospel meeting and song service workshop August 13th-18th. Please see flyer on the announcement wall in the fover for additional information.

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 donations can be delivered to the outer fover school supply table.

Family Updates

Please pray for requests that were brought forward last Sunday: Dick Sladky family as they mourn passing of brother; Roger and Deb Elam travels with their grandchildren; Evalina Holcomb as she recovers from surgery.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Diane Loftus 24th Ron Holcomb 24th

28th Stephanie & Roger Styler

August

Andrea Leinen 9th 9th Jeremy Nuzum

Terri & David Montague 10th

Use our church OR code for a quick and easy option to give for weekly



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

Please Pray for

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

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