

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: _____

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 August 20th

Greeters Troy Kinney
Caronna Kinney
Parking Lot Chris Adams
Call to Worship Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer David Montague
Song Leader Thad Kinney
Table Talk Mitch Dollen
Table Prayers Dick Sladky
Romen Perez
Table Servers Christian Adams
Jeremy Nuzum
Closing Prayer Jonah Leinen
Announcements Dylan Ford

Next Week August 27th

Greeters Jeremy Nuzum
Bobby Berg
Parking Lot Marv Cameron
Call to Worship Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer Justin Leinen
Song Leader David Montague
Table Talk Jonah Leinen
Table Prayers Bob Helton
Joe Davis
Table Servers Austin Hunter
Dick Sladky
Closing Prayer Nathan Leinen
Announcements Parker Seilstad

Elders

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

Minister

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

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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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.

AUGUST 20TH, 2023



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

The Armor of God

God's Word is the only offensive weapon in the armor of God. Metaphorically, this armor equips us for spiritual warfare (vv. 10-13). Each piece of the armor, including God's Word, helps us stand against "the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." The goal is to stand firm—the final victory already belongs to Christ.

Paul’s metaphor is quite colorful and vivid (vv. 14–17). Truth is a “belt” that holds together all the rest. Righteousness is a protective “breastplate” (see Isa. 59:17) and salvation is a protective “helmet.” The soldier’s shoes or boots are a readiness to stand on and proclaim the gospel of peace (Rom. 5:1). Faith is a “shield” that extinguishes the “flaming arrows” of Satan (see also 1 Peter 1:5). Finally, there is “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (see also Rev. 1:16).

When we put on our spiritual armor and go forth to battle, we are imitating and accompanied by God Himself. He is pictured as a Divine Warrior a number of times in Scripture, such as in Isaiah 42:13: “The LORD will march out like a champion, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies.”

What does it mean to “put on” this armor? Note that we don’t manufacture any of it—it’s all from God. He helps us choose to make it part of our spiritual lives. Putting it on, then, involves making choices, forming habits, and cultivating virtues.

Jesus Himself used Scripture to resist when tempted by the devil (Matt. 4:1–11). We, too, should use God’s Word as the “sword of the Spirit,” an effective strategy in our fight against temptation.

Congregational Scripture Reading

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God,
who gives generously to all without reproach,
and it will be given him.

Family News & Updates

Park and Praise

Please join us for our final park and praise and help us kick off the school year with a cook out, this Wednesday night at 6 pm in the annex front lawn. Bring a side or drinks and also your camp chairs and singing voices.

Back to School Carnival

Today is our Back to School Carnival! We will need those who signed up for set up to be at the building at 3 pm. All others signed up should arrive at 4:00 pm so we can come together at 4:15 pm for a prayer to set our minds and bless this act of service.

Midwest Youth Rally

Teens, the Midwest youth rally is September 2nd-4th at NYC. A QR code for registration is available on the announcement wall in the foyer and the cost is \$30.

Fall Quarter

There is a need for teachers for the fall quarter. If this is an area where you can serve please see Bill Leinen to sign up.

Bellevue Ladies Day

Ladies the Bellevue Church of Christ will be hosting “Bridging the Gap” a ladies day September 30th from 9 am to 1 pm. RSVP by September 24th to: 402-291-3585. Additional information is available on the announcement wall in the foyer.

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

20th	Jason Scheffler
21st	Tim Pantoja
22nd	Matt Ogle
24th	Jerry Dollen
27th	Roman Perez
28th	David Holcomb
31st	Sandra & Jerry Dollen

Use our church QR code for a quick and easy option to give for weekly contributions. Earmark a donation note under your



Please Pray for

Carol Koletzke	Broke Leg / Hospital
Evalina Holcomb	Recovery foot surgery
Marv & Sue	traveling
Austin Hunter	Aunt Mary Health
Jack Loftus	Son Randy cancer
David Holcomb	grandmother
Ryan S.	Mom hospital/recovery
Marv Cameron	Brother hospice
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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