

# 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 August 27th		Next Week September 3rd	
Greeters	Jeremy Nuzum Bobby Berg	Greeters	Amanda Leinen Iva Franklin
Parking Lot	Marv Cameron	Parking Lot	Rick Ogle
Call to Worship	Bill Leinen	Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Justin Leinen	Opening Prayer	Justin Leinen
Song Leader	David Montague	Song Leader	Parker Seilstad
Table Talk	Jonah Leinen	Table Talk	Bob Helton
Table Prayers	Bob Helton Joe Davis	Table Prayers	Jonah Leinen Thad Kinney
Table Servers	Austin Hunter Dick Sladky	Table Servers	Conner Adams Bobby Berg
Closing Prayer	Nathan Leinen	Closing Prayer	Roman Perez
Announcements	Parker Seilstad	Announcements	Matt Ogle

Elders	Minister
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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.

AUGUST 27TH, 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 Fellowship Lunch	2nd Sunday	Bible Class All ages	7pm
		Wednesday	

Free

Most of us think freedom is the right to decide our will. For example, we think about freedom of speech, freedom in how we parent and where we live, the right to bear weapons, freedom to hang out with whoever we want, that kind of thing.

To live in true freedom, we must first hear the Gospel. Romans 3:23 says we all are sinners who fall short of the glory of God. No one is an exception to needing God's grace. Believing Jesus died on the cross to save us, frees us from sin's control and allows us to repent.

Repentance provides victory over sin. Romans 10:9 says, “If you declare with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

Hearing the Gospel, believing it, repenting of sin and making a confession of faith leads to true freedom. Only then are we able to discern and live out God’s “good, pleasing and perfect will” (Romans 12:2).

John 8:31-32 says, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” Jesus is the truth; real freedom is eternal life. Only Jesus can free us from the bondage of sin and lead us into the freedom of eternal life with Him. “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).

Jesus does not give us freedom to do as we wish while present on Earth, but the freedom to follow God's will. As we seek God's perfect will for our lives, His perfect truth frees us of our own self-deceptions as well as Satan's.

**Congregational Scripture Reading**  
**James 1:5**  
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## Family News & Updates

## Back to School Carnival

Thank you for all who were able to come out and make our Back to School Carnival happen! We were able to serve 98 children!

## Men's Breakfast

Please join the men for a breakfast will be Saturday morning, September 9th at 9 am here at the building.

## All Church Potluck

Please make plans to attend our all church potluck following services on September 10th. Just be sure to bring a dish to share.

## 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. Please talk to Jordan Ford if you are needing a ride.

## 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.

## Prayer Requests

Please let us remember these prayer requests that have been brought forward: Marv Cameron lost his brother yesterday,

**August Birthdays & Anniversaries**

27th	Roman Perez
28th	David Holcomb
31st	Sandra & Jerry Dollen

**September**

9th	Taylor Perez
12th	Carol Pantoja
12th	Nathan & Emily Leinen
18th	Keith & Jeannie Smith

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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

Carol Koletzke	Broke Leg
Evalina Holcomb	Recovery foot surgery
Marv & Sue	Death of brother
Austin Hunter	Aunt Mary Health
Jack Loftus	Son Randy cancer
David Holcomb	grandmother
Ryan S.	Mom hospital/recovery
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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