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:	<u> </u>			
Address:	<u></u>			
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 September 3rd		Next Week September 10th		
	Greeters	Amanda Leinen	Greeters	Lori Seilstad
		Iva Franklin		Caroline Seilstad
	Parking Lot	Rick Ogle	Parking Lot	Mary Cameron
	Call to Worship	Troy Kinney	Call to Worship	Bill Leinen
	Opening Prayer	Justin Leinen	Opening Prayer	David Montague
	Song Leader	Parker Seilstad	Song Leader	Dylan Ford
	Table Talk	Bob Helton	Table Talk	Justin Leinen
	Table Prayers	Jonah Leinen	Table Prayers	Nathan Leinen
		Thad Kinney		Garth Hilton
	Table Servers	Conner Adams	Table Servers	Brent Robbins
		Bobby Berg		Jeremy Nuzum
	Closing Prayer	Roman Perez	Closing Prayer	Dick Sladky
	Announcements	Matt Ogle	Announcements	Jake Sola

Elders

Discipleship

Minister

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

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

Ministries

Benevolence Jack Loftus Media Parker Seilstad

Facilities & Safety Outreach & Missions

Justin Leinen

Nova Deckman

Keith Smith Rick Ogle

Secretary Children Jonah Leinen

Dvlan Ford Teens

> Bill Leinen Brian Deckman **Worship Services**

> > **David Montague**

Bill Leinen Education Woman's Ministries

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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.

SEPTEMBER 3RD. 2023

SPIRITUA DISCIPLINES

Training vs Trying

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

Spiritual Disciplines: Training vs Trying

The spiritual disciplines help us to grow in Christlikeness. In fact, that is God's purpose for every believer, to become more like Christ. Notice what Paul says in Romans 8:29; "For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." I believe that God is using all the experiences of our lives to share us and make us more like Jesus. Of course, our maturity will never be complete until we see Him face to face. 1 John 3:2 says, "Dear friends, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he appears, we will be like him because we will see him as he is." Until that glorious day, we should strive to be holy and set apart for the Lord. Consider also what the writer of Hebrews says in Hebrews 12:14; "Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the Lord."

Notice what the Apostle Paul says in 1 Timothy 4:7; "But have nothing to do with pointless and silly myths. Rather, train yourself in godliness." One way we pursue holiness is to spend uninterrupted, unhurried time with God; basking in His presence and beholding His beauty. Look at what Paul also told the church at Corinth; "We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit." He says we are changed by "looking at the glory of the Lord." Catching a fresh glimpse of Jesus in all His glory! At this point I must share that I don't mean going through the motions. Listen to Richard Foster, "By themselves, the spiritual disciplines can do nothing. But they can get us to a place where something can be done." In other words, the spiritual disciplines are not an end in and of themselves. They are a means to an end, spending quality time with God.

Congregational Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Family News & Updates

Men's Breakfast

Men, please make plans to join the men for a breakfast on next 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 next Sunday, September 10th. Just be sure to bring a dish to share.

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 fover.

Prayer Requests

Please let us remember these prayer requests that have been brought forward: Carrie and Dianne's friend Maria for health; Elaine Torneton who is home with virus in serioius condition: Aubry and Lane Winkler's father Paul fractured back and in hospital; Marv. Cameron's brother passed; Evalina Holcomb who's foot is not healing; Marge Rickertsen great granddaughter who was in accident; David Holcomb's friend Vickie hip surgery.

Our Church App

You can download our app to your phone by going to the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store, search and download the *our church* app.



September Birthdays & **Anniversaries**

Taylor Perez 9th Carol Pantoja 12th

Nathan & Emily Leinen 12th 18th Keith & Jeannie Smith

18th Glenda Petersen

Mike Petersen 18th Noah Hilton 18th

20th Jake Sola

Use our church OR 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 Marv & Sue Austin Hunter Jack Loftus David Holcomb Rvan S. Adams Family Jack Loftus Brian Deckman Carol Pantoia Mason Ogle Ryan S Delores Bolte Jason Leinen Protection & health Ukraine church Protection

Broke Leg recovery Evalina Holcomb Recovery & health passing of brother **Aunt Mary Health** Son Randy cancer grandmother Mom hospital/recovery McKenzie hm stability Son Randy's health New chemo treatment Dialysis Strength & health Father cancer/radiation Health

College Students Military Eldership Shut-ins

Prayers Requests & Announcements