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

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City:	State:	
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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:		

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 Evelyn Fulmer Mason Ogle Rachel Smith

Areas to Serve

Today October 15th		Next Week October 22nd	
Greeters	Lori Seilstad	Greeters	Troy Kinney
	Caroline Seilstad		Caronna Kinney
Parking Lot	Rick Ogle	Parking Lot	Conner Adams
Call to Worship	Troy Kinney	Call to Worship	Bill Leinen
Opening Prayer	Roman Perez	Opening Prayer	Joe Davis
Song Leader	Dylan Ford	Song Leader	Troy Kinney
Table Talk	Thad Kinney	Table Talk	Roman Perez
Table Prayers	Nathan Leinen	Table Prayers	Mitch Dollen
·	Jack Loftus	·	Garth Hilton
Table Servers	Christian Adams	Table Servers	Chris Adams
	Keith Smith		Nathan Leinen
Closing Prayer	Bob Helton	Closing Prayer	Thad Kinney
Announcements	Dylan Ford	Announcements	Matt Ogle

Elders

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 Keith Smith

Justin Leinen

Rick Ogle

Secretary

Nova Deckman

Children Jonah Leinen

Teens

Dylan Ford

Discipleship

Bill Leinen Brian Deckman

Worship Services

David Montague

Bill Leinen Education

Woman's Ministries

Troy Kinney Finance

Andrea Leinen

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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. OCTOBER 15TH, 2023

McPherson Ave.

CHURCH OF CHRIST



Mark 8:31-38

Empowering Spiritual DNA

Sundays

Bible Class All Ages Worship Life Groups All Church Fellowship Lunch

Men's Bible Study at the Madison 7am 9am 10am

TBA

2nd Sunday

& Bennett Hy-Vee

Wednesday

Thursdays

Bible Class All ages

7pm

Follow Me

What is your dream for the future? What would you like to do some day? Do you have dreams of something extraordinary? Maybe you would like to be an astronaut that walks on the moon. Maybe you have big dreams of being a doctor, lawyer, or even the president someday. What fun to think and dream about what you want to do in the future!

I have one more suggestion for you: What if someday you could be someone that lots of people don't like, that few people listen to someone that most people want to go away and never come back. Sound like fun? Probably not.

When Jesus called Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then James and his brother John to be his disciples, they dropped everything to follow him. They left behind their jobs as fishermen. They left their families and their friends. That's tough enough. But do you think they would have done this if they had known how difficult it would be? If they knew how many people wouldn't like them, wouldn't listen to them, and would want them to go away and never come back, do you think they still would have followed Jesus that day? Would you have followed Jesus that day?

It can be a fun thing for us to dream about our future, but sometimes we focus too much on worldly things—being famous, being rich, being able to do whatever we think is fun. Those things *might* be blessings God gives us, but they are definitely not the *most* important things in life. What is most important is to know Jesus as our Savior, to trust in him, and to follow him. When we do that, Jesus is eager to give us eternal riches in heaven that are better than anything this world has to offer.

Jesus probably won't appear to you like he did Peter, Andrew, James, and John and tell you to drop your math homework or your house chores to follow him (though that might be nice!). But Jesus does ask you to follow him by putting him first in your heart. Definitely follow your good and God-pleasing dreams for the future. But as you do, think of ways that you can use your gifts to serve Jesus and to share Jesus, just like those first disciples.

Congregational Scripture Reading Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Family News & Updates

Thank You!

Thank you for everyone's support and hard work in making the Ladies' Day successful. We couldn't have had such a good turnout and seamless event without all the volunteer hours that were put in. Thank You!

5th Sunday Singing

There will be no adult classes on the 5th Sunday of the month, October 29th. Adults please join us to learn new songs in the auditorium at 9 am.

Ladies Monthly Brunch

Ladies please join the women for a brunch on November 6th at 10:30am in the home of Nova Deckman, 187 Woodbury Cir, Council Bluffs. Bring a dish to share and please RSVP at 918-407-0058.

October Teen Event

The Young Professionals will be hosting the teens at Parker Seilstad's home on October 22nd at 5:30. Please see Jordon for a head count.

Fall Food Drive

Today is the last day to bring donations to the outer fover for the fall food drive that benefits the Mountain States Children's Home. Please see the list at the donation table and make sure you donations are at the building today!

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following brought forward last Sunday: Austin Hunter asked for prayer for Evalina Holcomb and also for his father's back pain.

October Birthdays & **Anniversaries**

Collin Smith 16th 17th Mitch & Lisa Dollen Terri Montague 21st Alex Dollen 23rd Nick Dollen 23rd Malachi Deckman 24th John Leighton 26th

Stephanie Slyter

26th

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

Evalina Holcomb Health Mary & Sue Doris Blood cancer Austin Hunter Father's health Kevin VanPatten Sister back surg New baby girl Libby & Cody Bobby Berg Grandson Özzy Sandy Sladky Friends Pauline, Dorothy Nan & Cheryl Lost Aunt

Sandy Sladky Aubry & Blaine Jack Loftus Adams Family Jack Loftus Brian Deckman Carol Pantoia Mason Ogle Ryan S Delores Bolte Jason Leinen Ukraine church

Father fractured back Son Randy cancer McKenzie hm stability Son Randy's health New chemo treatment **Dialysis** Strength & health Father cancer/radiation

Health Protection & health

Protection

College Students Military Shut-ins Eldership

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