

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	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	Evelyn Fulmer
	Deb Elam's Son & Daughter-in-law: Jon & Lynn Kinney	Mason Ogle
		Rachel Smith

Areas to Serve

Today October 22nd		Next Week October 29th	
Greeters	Troy Kinney Caronna Kinney	Greeters	Rick Ogle Deb Ogle
Parking Lot	Conner Adams	Parking Lot	Chris Adams
Call to Worship	Bill Leinen	Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Joe Davis	Opening Prayer	Nathan Leinen
Song Leader	Troy Kinney	Song Leader	Thad Kinney
Table Talk	Roman Perez	Table Talk	Jake Sola
Table Prayers	Mitch Dollen Garth Hilton	Table Prayers	Marv Cameron Matt Ogle
Table Servers	Chris Adams Nathan Leinen	Table Servers	Ryan S. Austin Hunter
Closing Prayer	Thad Kinney	Closing Prayer	Garth Hilton
Announcements	Matt Ogle	Announcements	Jonah Leinen

EldersMinister

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.

OCTOBER 22ND, 2023

THE CALL TO
DISCIPLESHIP
MATTHEW 28:16-20

Empowering Spiritual DNA 2023

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

The Call to Discipleship

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

Our commission as followers of Jesus is to take this message—his message—to others. In order to fulfill this command, we must call people to respond to Christ. But we've misunderstood the Great Commission if we only think about it as something we're commanded to do. The truth is that God's mission didn't begin in Matthew 28. God himself was on mission long before it was an activity for Christians or a line item in the church budget.

As theologian R. Paul Stevens says, “Mission is God’s own going forth.... He is Sender, Sent, and Sending.” The Father sent the Son (John 3:16–17; 5:36); the Father and Son send the Holy Spirit (John 14:26; 15:26); and now we are sent into the world (John 20:21; Acts 1:8). God’s mission is *from* the Father, *through* the Son, and *by* the Holy Spirit.

In Daniel 7, the Son of Man *received* the mission from the Father. Daniel sees the Savior ride on the clouds of heaven before his Father, the Ancient of Days. Then the Son of Man is given dominion, glory, and a kingdom so that every people, nation, and language should serve him (v.14).

In 2 Corinthians, Paul writes to tell us that our message and ministry of reconciliation is rooted in what God has already *accomplished* through Christ. “In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting [the world’s] trespasses against them” (5:19). As we experience his work of redemption, we’re changed and transformed into Christ’s ambassadors.

Finally, in the Great Commission, Jesus reminds us that the mission is *empowered* by the Holy Spirit. We're commanded to go and make disciples by teaching and baptizing. But as we go, he goes too. He is "with [us] always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Congregational Scripture Reading

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Family News & Updates

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 28th at 5:30. Please see Jordon for a head count.

Fall Food Drive

You can still bring donations to the outer foyer for the fall food drive that benefits the Mountain States Children's Home. Please see the list and make sure you donations are at the building today!

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following brought forward last Sunday:
Sandy Sladky who is hospitalized at Methodist and had surgery
Thursday; Evalina Holcomb's health; Stephanie Slyter's family loss
of her mother in law this week.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

23rd	Alex Dollen
23rd	Nick Dollen
24th	Malachi Deckman
26th	John Leighton
26th	Stephanie Slyter
28th	Debra Helton
29th	Bill Leinen
31st	Lori Seilstad

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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

Evalina Holcomb	Health
Marv & Sue	Doris Blood cancer
Austin Hunter	Father's health
Kevin VanPatten	Sister back surg
Libby & Cody	New baby girl
Bobby Berg	Grandson Ozzy
Sandy Sladky	Friends Pauline, Dorothy Nan & Cheryl
Sandy Sladky	Lost Aunt
Aubry & Blaine	Father fractured back
Jack Loftus	Son Randy cancer
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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