

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)

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| 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 |
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| 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 | Mason Ogle |
| | -law: Jon & Lynn Kinney | Rachel Smith |

Areas to Serve

| Today October 29th | | Next Week November 5th | |
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| Greeters | Rick Ogle Deb Ogle | Greeters | Amanda Leinen Iva Franklin |
| Parking Lot | Chris Adams | Parking Lot | Rick Ogle |
| Call to Worship | Troy Kinney | Call to Worship | Bill Leinen |
| Opening Prayer | Nathan Leinen | Opening Prayer | Justin Leinen |
| Song Leader | Thad Kinney | Song Leader | David Montague |
| Table Talk | Jake Sola | Table Talk | Bob Helton |
| Table Prayers | Marv Cameron Matt Ogle | Table Prayers | Jonah Leinen Thad Kinney |
| Table Servers | Ryan S. Austin Hunter | Table Servers | Conner Adams Bobby Berg |
| Closing Prayer | Garth Hilton | Closing Prayer | Roman Perez |
| Announcements | Jonah Leinen | Announcements | Parker Seilstad |

Elders Minister

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| Troy Kinney | 402-510-5267 | Brian Deckman | 918-809-0681 |
| Bill Leinen | 712-325-8234 | | |

Ministries

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| 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 29TH, 2023



| Sundays | | Thursdays | |
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| 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 |
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Speak the Truth

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths,
but only what is helpful for building others up. —Ephesians 4:29*

The apostle Paul urged the Ephesians that they were not to live like everyone else, “in the futility of their thinking” (v. 17). We are not to act like people who are “separated from the life of God” (v. 18). Paul said that at the heart of Christian unity is trust. Therefore, he encouraged the Ephesians to stop lying to one another and, instead, to speak the truth (v. 25).

When lying happens between believers and within the body of Christ, trust is broken. When trust is broken, division will result. Sometimes, during this division, angers arise and tempers flare (v. 26). Ungodly things are said, and splits occur. In verse 26, Paul is not saying that people should stay up into wee hours of the night to reconcile their differences and get to the truth, but rather, each person must come to an agreement that the truth needs to come forth as soon as possible but anger that leads to sin is unacceptable.

Paul knew that any division amongst the body would give the devil a chance to emit chaos (v. 27). Former Moody Bible Institute President, Joseph Stowell, would often warn students, “If you give the enemy an inch, he’ll take a mile.” Paul reminds believers to speak the truth, stop stealing, and do something useful for those in need (v. 28).

Your words matter, both to God and to others. Do you recall a recent conversation when the truth was not spoken in love? What could you have done differently? Aim for honesty and humility in your conversations today.

Congregational Scripture Reading

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Family News & Updates

5th Sunday Singing

There will be no adult classes on this morning. We always take this time to sing together in the auditorium. Adults please join us to learn new songs in the auditorium at 9 am. Children's classes will still be held.

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.

Orphan Sunday

Please be in prayer for our upcoming orphan Sunday November 12th. There will be taking a special collection for this effort.

Thanksgiving Meals

Each year we are blessed to be able to serve 12-15 families with a full thanksgiving meal with your help. If your family is able to provide a portion of a meal please see sign up at the welcome center in the foyer. The meals will be delivered the Monday before Thanksgiving so the items will need to be returned to the building no later than Sunday November 19th.

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following brought forward last Sunday: Austin Hunter lost an uncle please remember his family, Sandy Sladky is still in Methodist hospital in Omaha, Evalina Holcomb's health, the Kern family's granddaughter who was shot in eye with BB gun.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 29th | Bill Leinen |
| 31st | Lori Seilstad |

November

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| 1st | Cindy Valeika |
| 3rd | Pat & Leon Dwyer |
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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

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| Sandy Sladky | Hospital |
| Austin Hunter | Passing of uncle |
| Kirn Family | Granddaughter's eye |
| Evalina Holcomb | Health |
| Marv & Sue | Doris Blood cancer |
| Aubry & Blaine | Father fractured back |
| Jack Loftus | Son Randy cancer |
| Adams Family | McKenzie hm stability |
| Brian Deckman | New chemo treatment |
| Mason Ogle | Strength & health |
| Ryan S | Father cancer/radiation |
| Delores Bolte | Health |
| Jason Leinen | Protection & health |
| Ukraine church | Protection |

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| College Students | Military |
| Shut-ins | Eldership |

Prayers Requests & Announcements

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