## 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**

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Date:		
Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	
Phone:		
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 Evelvn Fulmer Mason Ogle Rachel Smith

#### Areas to Serve

Today December 3rd		<b>Next Week December 10th</b>	
Greeters	Stephanie Styler	Greeters	Amanda Leinen
	Carol Pantoja		Iva Franklin
Parking Lot	John Leighton	Parking Lot	Bobby Berg
Call to Worship	Bill Leinen	Call to Worship	Troy Kinney
Opening Prayer	Jake Sola	Opening Prayer	Thad Kinney
Song Leader	Thad Kinney	Song Leader	David Montague
Table Talk	Parker Seilstad	Table Talk	Joe Davis
Table Prayers	Dick Sladky	Table Prayers	Bob Helton
	Jonah Leinen		John Leighton
Table Servers	Conner Adams	Table Servers	Brent Robbins
	Bobby Berg		Jeremy Nuzum
Closing Prayer	David Holcomb	Closing Prayer	Mary Cameron
Announcements	Mitch Dollen	Announcements	Dylan Ford

## Elders

Minister

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

Brian Deckman 918-809-0681

## **Ministries**

Benevolence Jack Loftus Media Parker Seilstad

Outreach & Missions **Facilities & Safety** 

Justin Leinen

Keith Smith Rick Ogle

> Nova Deckman Secretary

Children Jonah Leinen Dylan Ford Teens Discipleship Bill Leinen

Brian Deckman **Worship Services** 

**David Montague** 

Woman's Ministries

Bill Leinen

Education

**Troy Kinney** Andrea Leinen Finance

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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.

DECEMBER 3RD. 2023



# Empowering Spiritual DNA

**Sundays** 

Bible Class All Ages 9am Worship 10am All Church Potlucks 2nd Sunday **Mondays** 

Woman's Bible Study 2nd & 4th/7pm

Wednesday Bible Class All ages

7pm

**Thursdays** 

Men's Bible Study at the Madison 7am & Bennett Hy-Vee

## Love Has a Name

For all of Zacchaeus' life, he'd been ridiculed and rejected, first for his appearance and then for his sinful life. It's what he'd come to expect from everyone—until Jesus changed everything.

Zacchaeus was a tax collector, a Jew working for Rome. He gathered more taxes from the Jewish people than Rome required so he could get rich off of the excess. Zacchaeus was taking advantage of his own people!

But here's what happened when Zacchaeus met Jesus: "[Jesus] looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name! 'Zacchaeus!' he said" (Luke 19:5 TLB).

Jesus not only looked at Zacchaeus. Jesus also showed that he knew him by calling Zacchaeus by name. Imagine the shock Zacchaeus must have felt! How did Jesus know his name?

The name Zacchaeus means "pure one." But that's the last way most people probably would have described Zacchaeus. He was a corrupt government official; he was anything but pure. But when Jesus called Zacchaeus by name, it was as if he was saying, "Hey, pure one, I'm coming to your house today." Jesus was affirming what he knew Zacchaeus could be, not what Zacchaeus was on the surface.

God does the same for you. He not only knows where you are; he knows who you are. He knows what you're going through, why you're going through it, and how you feel about it. He knows you better than you know yourself. He cares about you personal-

You may be afraid to get close to Jesus because you think he's going to scold you for all the things you've done wrong. But Jesus wants to affirm you for who he's created you to be. He wants to let you know how much he loves you.

## **Congregational Scripture Reading** I John 4:15

If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

## Family News & Updates

### **Ladies Monthly Brunch**

Ladies there will be NO brunch tomorrow in the Deckman home due to illness and grandbaby in hospital.

## **Teachers Needed**

There is a need for teachers. If you are able to teach a children's class during the winter quarter please see Bill Leinen.

## **Share My Smile Christmas Gifts**

Thank you to everyone who picked up a card to provide a gift for a child with Share My Smile. Please return the unwrapped gift in a gift bag with the original card by December 8th.

## **Congregational Luncheon**

We will be having a potluck luncheon on December 10th following services. Please join us with a dish to share to enjoy the fellowship and a meal with each other.

## **Encouragement**

This time is hard for lots of our members. Please, if you are able, send a note of encouragement or a card to lift spirits. Those in need of encouragement are shut ins and Jason Leinen. If you need an address please see Nova Deckman for a shut in list or Andrea Leinen for Jason's address.

## **Prayer Requests**

Please remember the following brought forward last Sunday: John Leighton's family Karen's throat surgery recovery; Austin Hunter's dad who is recovering and also Evalina Holcomb who is recovering; Jake Sola's brother in law who is starting chemo; Relief Holcomb, Sandy Sladky and Brian Deckman.

#### **December Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Micah Leinen 8th 10th Kevin Van Patten 11th Glenda & Mike Petersen Brooke Dollen 16th Trudy Lowe

23rd 30th Bob & Debra Helton Ron & Evalina Holcomb 31st

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## Please Pray for

David Montague Stint placement surg Keith Smith brother in law lost both parents foot surgery/guardian Amber Felt Jake Sola brother in law cancer Sandy Sladky hospital wound care Carol Pantoja friend Shirley cancer Mitch Dollen Surg recovery bronchitis Evalina Holcomb Hospital wound care Doris Blood cancer Mary & Sue 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 College Students Military Shut-ins Eldership

Prayers Requests & Announcements