| Welcome Visitors   | Those to Keep Wrapped in Your Prayers:   |   |  |  |
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| Thank you for worshipping with us today!<br>If you, or others you know, have a need<br>that we may help you with, please let us<br>know. No matter what the situation, there<br>is hope in Christ Jesus and it is our goal to<br>Share him here. | Delores Bolte<br>Amanda Larson Deb Elam's  | ilitaryCollege StudentsSon & DaughterEthan Leinen& Lynn KinneyLuke MartinEvelyn FulmerMason OgleKaden Ogle  |  |  |
|  | Areas  | Areas to Serve  |  |  |
| Visitor Information   Please take a minute to fill out the information below & return to greeter.   Date:  | Today: September 29thGreetersJeff Sola<br>Jen SolaNurseryRachel DeckmanParking LotJonah LeinenCall to WorshipBill LeinenOpening PrayerDylan FordSong LeaderRoman PerezTable TalkJake SolaTable PrayersJonah LeinenParking LotColsenCall to WorshipBill LeinenOpening PrayerDylan FordSong LeaderRoman PerezTable ServersJonah LeinenParker SeilstadTable ServersTable ServersKeith Smith<br>Charles CarterClosing PrayerDylan Ford | Next Week:October 6thGreetersJeremy Nuzum<br>Brian DeckmanNurseryTerri MontagueParking LotBobby BergCall to WorshipBill LeinenOpening PrayerNathan LeinenSong LeaderTroy KinneyTable TalkJonah LeinenTable PrayersJack Loftus<br>Parker SeilstadTable ServersChris Adams<br>Rick OgleClosing PrayerData |  |  |
| Children:  | Announcements Rick Ogle<br>Elders & Minister   | Announcements Dylan Ford<br>Deacons   |  |  |
| How may we serve you? (please circle)<br>1st time visitor New to Area  | Troy Kinney/Elder<br>Bill Leinen/Elder<br>Brian Deckman<br>/Minister   | Jonah Leinen   712-314-2198     Rick Ogle   402-515-7785     David Montague   402-613-1827     Dylan Ford   531-301-4252  |  |  |
| Returning visitor Would like a visit   | Mir  | nistries  |  |  |
| Place membership Want to know more<br>Prayers:   | Benevolence Jack Loftus<br>Facilities & Safety<br>Keith Smith<br>Rick Ogle   | Media Parker Seilstad<br>Outreach & Missions<br>Justin Leinen   |  |  |
|  | Children Jonah Leinen<br>Discipleship Bill Leinen<br>Brian Deckman   | Secretary Nova Deckman<br>Teens Dylan Ford<br>Worship Services  |  |  |
|  | Education Bill Leinen<br>Finance Troy Kinney   | David Montague<br>Woman's Ministries<br>Andrea Leinen   |  |  |
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# Love Always Protects, Always Trusts

Trust is a precious gift that we can give to one another. When we choose to depend on someone, open up our vulnerable selves to another, we give that person our trust. This gift of trust is fragile and can easily be damaged. But, it is an essential element to any relationship. Choosing to put yourself in a position of dependence on another person communicates great value to that person. Giving trust means that you believe in that person. You are placing your life in their hands.

As children, we naturally trust the big people around us. We expect that we will be fed, clothed and cared for. Even in very dysfunctional situations, children keep persevering with giving their trust. But, this doesn't last for long. We experience broken promises, anger and neglect. We realize that trust is something to be guarded. As experiences of rejection pile up, we learn not only to guard our trust but to withhold our trust from most people. Selfprotection becomes our highest value, rather than God's value of giving trust.

1 Corinthians 13:7 says that "God always trusts...." It is quite amazing to think that God knows everything, feels the pain of sin in the world and still trusts. He trusts His church with the keys of the kingdom (Matt. 16:19). He trusts us to exercise His authority on earth (Matt. 28:18-20). This trust means that God believes in us. The fact that God trusts us is the foundation for our trust in others. God gives wisdom in how to give our trust away. This is not always a straight-forward process. But, we can take the risk of depending on others, because God takes the risk of depending on us.

# Congregational Scripture Reading Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you.

# Family News & Updates

#### 5th Sunday Singing

Today join us in the auditorium class. We will forgo classes and meet together during the 9 am class time to spend the time learning new songs and practicing others.

#### **2nd Sunday Potluck**

Please bring a dish to share and join us in fellowshipping together with a meal following services October 13th.

#### **Mountain States Children Home Food Drive**

We will be helping Mountain States Children's Home by providing food and gift cards and other needed supplies through a food drive. The items listed will provide the greatest impact for the home and are needed the most. Please return items October 20th.

## **Boundless Lady's Day Volunteers**

Our lady's day conference is at the end of October and we are looking for volunteers to help with various tasks. In the foyer is sign up sheets both male and female roles are needed to make this day successful. Contact Taylor Perez for further questions.

## Last Sunday's Prayer Requests

The following were brought before the congregation last Sunday: Rumi retesting for cancer, Justin Leinen back surgery Sept 30th and recovery; Austin Hunter's Dad Oct 31st hip surgery; David Holcomb housing situation;

## October Birthdays & Anniversaries Juan & Rachel Flores

- 5th Mitch Dollen
- 7th Cathy Shipley
- 10th Amanda Leinen
- 16th Collin Smith
- 17th Mitch & Lisa Dollen 21st Terri Montague
- 23rd Alex Dollen

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23rd Nick Dollen

# Please Pray for

Matt Ogle Knee surg recovery Carol Pantoja Dialysis port issues Ethan Leinen Heart surg recovery Mitch Dollen Femur break & rehab Austin Hunter Dad health Mother's health Jeff Sola Jen Sola Mother's health Joe Davis Mother brain tumor Mason Ogle Continued recovery Jake Sola brother in law cancer Evalina Holcomb Health **Diane Loftus** Jack Loftus Adams Family McKenzie hm stability Brian Deckman Chemo & dialysis Rvan S Father cancer/radiation Delores Bolte Health Protection & health Jason Leinen Ukraine church Protection College Students Military Shut-ins Eldership

Prayers Requests & Announcements

| Use our<br>church QR<br>code for a<br>quick and<br>easy option<br>to give<br>for weekly |  |
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4-5th I am Ladies day

contributions. Earmark a donation by adding a note under your donation amount.

**Upcoming Events** 

5th Sunday Singing

SW Church of Christ

**Congregational Potluck** 

**Boundless Ladies Day** 

September

29th

13th

26th

October