

Madison Avenue Church of Christ

Welcome Visitors!

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:00 - 3:00

Weekly Services

Sunday

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

No evening worship on the Fourth Sunday of each month.

Weekday Radio Program

"Thinkaboutit" with Charlie

Wharton AM 1240 at 6:55 a.m.

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**"My son,
preserve sound judgment
and discernment,
do not let them out of your
sight; they will be
life for you....!"**

THE NEW TESTAMENT
of Our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ

TRANSLATED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL GREEK,
AND WITH THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS
DILIGENTLY COMPARED AND
REVISED

Proverbs 3:21-22, NIV



We are so glad that you decided to come and worship with our family today. We hope that you will join in with us as we praise God together in our worship. Whatever your situation in life, we pray that you will find what you need to bring you closer to God. Please take a minute and fill out one of the red visitor cards in the back of the pews and drop it in the collection plate when it comes around — we would greatly appreciate it. Please come back and worship with us again!

A Moment With Mark

*T*here is a sense in which we need to get more comfortable with the idea of *imperfection*. The perfection of this world having been broken by sin, God long ago set in motion a plan that will culminate in the creation of a new heavens and earth, not physical but spiritual, for all those who have accepted His pardon. The major portions of the plan are already complete, but the final end has not been reached. So, while time on earth remains, we must be content to live in the midst of a movement *toward* perfection. As long as we live, nothing that we will have the opportunity to deal with will ever be anything other than incomplete. The sooner we get comfortable with that idea, the better off we will be.

To be sure, there is another sense in which we ought *not* to get comfortable with imperfection. Complacency is a dangerous trait, and we dare not let ourselves become *satisfied* with the incompleteness of this world. We cannot afford to lower our standards.

But I believe we will reach forward more fervently if we go ahead and *accept* the fact that in this life we will never be anything more than incomplete. Recognizing that we are not going to see anything more than God's work "in progress" (at least for the time being), we are then free to dream and yearn and long for the time when His plan will reach its climax. Then we can finally go home. Accepting the as-yet unfinished nature of God's purposes keeps us from demanding more of this life than it is capable of delivering.

In Romans 8:22,23, Paul wrote of our "groaning" in this world: "For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body." So the Christian who groans should hardly be surprised . . . but neither should he be discouraged! "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2).

We must learn how to live as incomplete beings in an unfinished universe. We see God's process from the middle, not the end.

—Paul Ciholas

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

PRAYER LIST

Jennifer Newton is slowly recovering from cancer treatments.

Mike Richter, Jane Davis's nephew, has completed his radiation treatments. He's been having problems with swelling and seizures.

Jessica Peralta has had some recurrent pain. Pray that her Lyme Disease stays in remission.

Linda Terbell is being examined for possible cancer in the lungs, liver, lymph glands and spleen. Her address is on the board.

Katrina Steinke, Nancy's sister, had successful surgery this past week.

Expecting mothers: Holly Thompson

CINCO DE MAYO

Becky Osbourn and Charlie Wharton would like to invite you and your money to a Cinco de Mayo celebration to benefit the Rely For Life. The evening will feature genuine Tex-Mex food and a chance to help out a good cause. The cost of admission is \$5 plus the purchase of at least one Relay For Life luminaria (which cost \$10 each). The dinner will be held in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP by May 1st by signing up on the list on the board.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Abby Wyly and Emily Newton on their first ballet recital this weekend. They did great!

CONGRATULATIONS

Buford Storrs showed some of his paintings last weekend in the Mobridge Art Show. There were over 400 entries. Two of Buford's paintings won first place and one painting won second place. One of his paintings also won People's Choice. Congratulations Buford!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Today** Fourth Sunday Fellowship
- May 5** Cinco de Mayo Dinner at 6:00
- May 9** Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
- May 10** Mother's Day
- May 10-16** National Police Week
- May 13** South Dakota Law Enforcement Memorial Service
- May 13** Wednesday Salad Supper 5:30pm
- May 16** Armed Forces Day
- May 20** Ladies Group Lunch @ Perkins

FOURTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Today we will have our monthly "pot-luck" meal following our morning service, so stay and enjoy the fellowship. After dinner we will have a congregational meeting, and then dismiss for the day. There will be no 6:00 p.m. service. Those on the set-up and clean-up committee this month are: Justin Newton, Brandon Osbourn, Cynda Curtis, Donna Crow, Karen Wyly, Terry Duncan, and Mark Newton (how did I get on there! — Charlie!).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday this week to Claudia Rheinbolt (Tuesday) and Mark Newton (Thursday).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Brandon and Becky Osbourn are celebrating their wedding anniversary on Friday.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

On May 9th there will be a Men's Prayer Breakfast here at the building. We will be meeting for a "Man Sized" breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by some prayer and fellowship time. Please sign up on the board in the foyer if you plan on attending so we know how much breakfast to fix. Meat, eggs, juice and biscuits will be provided. Indicate what you would like to bring.

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome.....
 Song Leader.....
 First Prayer.....
 Communion Leader.....
 Communion Servers

TODAY

Buford Storrs.....
Brad Curtis.....
Craig Hyde.....
Charlie Wharton.....
Kris Monroe.....
John Rheinbolt.....
Herb Davis.....
Taylor Newton.....
Alan Hyde.....
Bob Duncan.....
Herb Davis.....
Jane Davis.....

MAY 3

Brad Curtis.....
Ed Nill.....
Corey Huxoll.....
Craig Hyde.....
Brian Thompson.....
Justin Newton.....
Kris Monroe.....
Herb Davis.....
Raury Cruse.....
Buford Storrs.....
Karen Wylly.....
June Cruse.....

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader.....
 Communion/Closing

TODAY

No Evening Service.....
No Evening Service.....

MAY 3

Ed Nill.....
Buford Storrs.....

WEDNESDAY

Songs.....
 Scriptures.....
 Closing.....

APRIL 29

Taylor Hyde.....
Taylor Newton.....
Alan Hyde.....

MAY 6

Ed Nill.....
Taylor Newton.....
Taylor Hyde.....



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