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Welcome Visitors!

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:15am-4:00pm

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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**“Trust in the LORD
with all your heart
and lean not on your
own understanding;
in all your ways
acknowledge him,
and he will make
your paths straight.”**

Proverbs 3:5-6, 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

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis is a very creative approach to Christian psychology. The Letters are an imaginary correspondence between Screwtape, an experienced demon tempter, and his nephew, Wormwood, a novice demon recently assigned to tempt a man in order to win him over to the devil. Frequently Screwtape suggests subtle temptations to subtle sins. Screwtape also suggests that a certain amount religious practice is not bad for the devil's cause, as long as it is done in an outwardly way with little or no influence over the man's will. At one point Screwtape writes to Wormwood about moderation:

Talk to him about “moderation in all things.” If you can once get him to the point of thinking that “religion is all very well up to a point,” you can feel quite happy about his soul. A moderated religion is as good for us [devils] as no religion at all and more amusing.

If Jesus had taught a religion of “moderation in all things,” He would have been welcomed by the Sadducees and could have avoided the cross. Not only were the claims of Jesus about Himself extravagant, but also the demands He laid upon others were pervasive.

Every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment...every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery...If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away...If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away...Do not swear at all...Do not resist one who is evil...Love your enemies...You must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect...Judge not...Enter by the narrow gate...whoever would save his life will lose it...Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

This does not sound much like “moderation in all things.”

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

Evangelism Efforts

- “Thinkaboutit” — Radio program with Charlie Wharton, weekdays at 6:55 a.m. on Pierre AM 1240.
- Correspondence Courses
- World Bible School

Works of Benevolence

- Pierre Area Referral Service
- School Backpack Program
- Meals-On-Wheels
- Walk-In Benevolence

Community Outreach

- Habitat for Humanity
- Annual Capital Area Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner
- Annual South Dakota Peace Officers Memorial Service
- Life-Line Health Screenings
- Church of Christ Booth at the Annual South Dakota State Fair
- Police Chaplain Program
- American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- Community Banquet

Works of Edification

- Bible Classes for All Ages
- Monthly Fellowship Dinners
- Ladies Group Lunches
- Wednesday Night Dinners
- Fifth Sunday Singing Nights

Be of
good courage
and he shall
strengthen
your heart.
Psalm 27:14

News & Notes

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17 Open House at the Curtis'

August 19 Ladies Group Lunch at Perkins.

August 23 Fourth Sunday Fellowship

August 23 Launch of the Online Bible Study Forum

PRAYER LIST

Nancy Huxoll came forward last Sunday morning asking for prayers for strength and guidance in her life.

Linda McBrayer is recovering from a broken foot.

Kelcy Curtis is also on crutches (or at least us *supposed* to be) and recovering from a foot injury.

Virginia Schumaker, a resident here in Pierre, has cancer and has asked for prayers.

Linda Turbell is having to go through two more months of chemotherapy.

Iva Russell at MaryHouse.

Expecting mothers: Holly Thompson



TODAY'S SERMON TOPICS

Morning Worship: *Moral Issues Confronting Christians*

Evening Worship: *Be Your Own Boss*

OPEN HOUSE

On Monday, August 17th from 7-9 p.m. there will be an open house at the Curtis' home in celebration of Brad's **50th** birthday. Come and have some cake and help celebrate the grand occasion.

NEW ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Our new online Bible study is set to launch next Sunday. It is a study of the book *The Purpose Driven Church*. If you have not purchased a book yet, it's not too late to get one. While the study starts next Sunday, you can jump in at any time. If you have any questions, or need any help, please see Mark.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Every Sunday morning we have a breakfast fellowship, usually coffee, doughnuts, and juice. If you would like to take a Sunday morning and be responsible for provide breakfast, please sign up on the list in the kitchen.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Brad Curtis this week. Brad turns **50** on Monday.

COLLEGE BOUND

All of our college students are headed to school this week. Please keep them in your prayers: Rebecca Duncan, Alayna Hyde, Taylor Hyde, Alan Hyde, Michelle Monroe, A.J. Wharton, and Alice Hackett.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alayna Hyde and Michael Lough, who are now engaged to be married in June of next year.

FOCUS ON A FAMILY

Next week the Focus on a Family slide presentation will be about June Cruse.

TRAVELING

Charlie and Jeane Wharton are traveling this week. They will be returning next weekend.

The Sleeping Judge

Many years ago in England there was a judge by the name of Doddridge who gained the nickname “the sleeping judge.” As he would listen to a case before him in court, he would often close his eyes, slump down in his chair, rest his chin on his chest, and give every appearance of being asleep. Many people appeared in his court in hopes that the law would give them justice. They would hope that the rightness of their position would be evident, but their hopes would begin to fade as they looked at this sleeping judge. On the other hand, some would appear in court who were guilty of wrongdoing and would hope that justice would not prevail. As they would observe this sleeping judge, they began to hope that they would escape judgment. Judge Doddridge, though, was not asleep. He was concentrating intently on the evidence being presented before him, analyzing it with his great legal mind, and determining what was just. His legal pronouncements were always sound, for the sleeping judge was not sleeping.

Certain false teachers, with whom the apostle Peter was having to deal, assumed that God was asleep on the judgment bar of heaven. Since Christ had not returned yet, they concluded that he was not returning and judgment could be averted (2 Peter 3:3-4). Peter, however, declared: “Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping” (2 Peter 2:3). Only to the foolish person who thinks God must work according to our timetable and agenda does it appear that the judge is sleeping (2 Peter 3:8). God keeps his appointments. He fulfills his promises, and he will fulfill the promise that Jesus will return and that there will be a general judgment of all mankind. Any further delay in the final judgment is a sign, not of the sleepiness of God, but of the mercy of God: “He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

Do not presume on the judgment of God or take God for granted. “The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?” (2 Peter 3:10).



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome	<i>Brad Curtis</i>	<i>Buford Storrs</i>
Song Leader	<i>Justin Newton</i>	<i>Brad Curtis</i>
First Prayer	<i>Jeff French</i>	<i>Ed Nill</i>
Communion Leader	<i>Bob Duncan</i>	<i>Herb Davis</i>
Communion Servers	<i>Herb Davis</i>	<i>Brian Thompson</i>
	<i>John Rheinbolt</i>	<i>Corey Huxoll</i>
	<i>Brad Cruse</i>	<i>Raury Cruse</i>
	<i>Max Cruse</i>	<i>Cole Cruse</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Alan Hyde</i>	<i>Taylor Newton</i>
Announcements & Closing	<i>Buford Storrs</i>	<i>Charlie Wharton</i>
Greeters	<i>Brandon Osbourn</i>	<i>Herb Davis</i>
	<i>Becky Osbourn</i>	<i>Jane Davis</i>

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader	<i>Justin Newton</i>	<i>No Evening Service</i>
Communion/Closing	<i>Buford Storrs</i>	<i>No Evening Service</i>

WEDNESDAY

Songs	<i>Justin Newton</i>	<i>Brad Curtis</i>
Scripture	<i>Doug Hackett</i>	<i>Brian Thompson</i>
Closing	<i>Justin Newton</i>	<i>Brad Curtis</i>

TODAY

AUGUST 23

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AUGUST 23

AUGUST 19

AUGUST 26



THEN SHALL THE
EARTH YIELD
HER INCREASE;
AND GOD, EVEN
OUR OWN GOD,
SHALL BLESS US.