

# Madison Avenue Church of Christ

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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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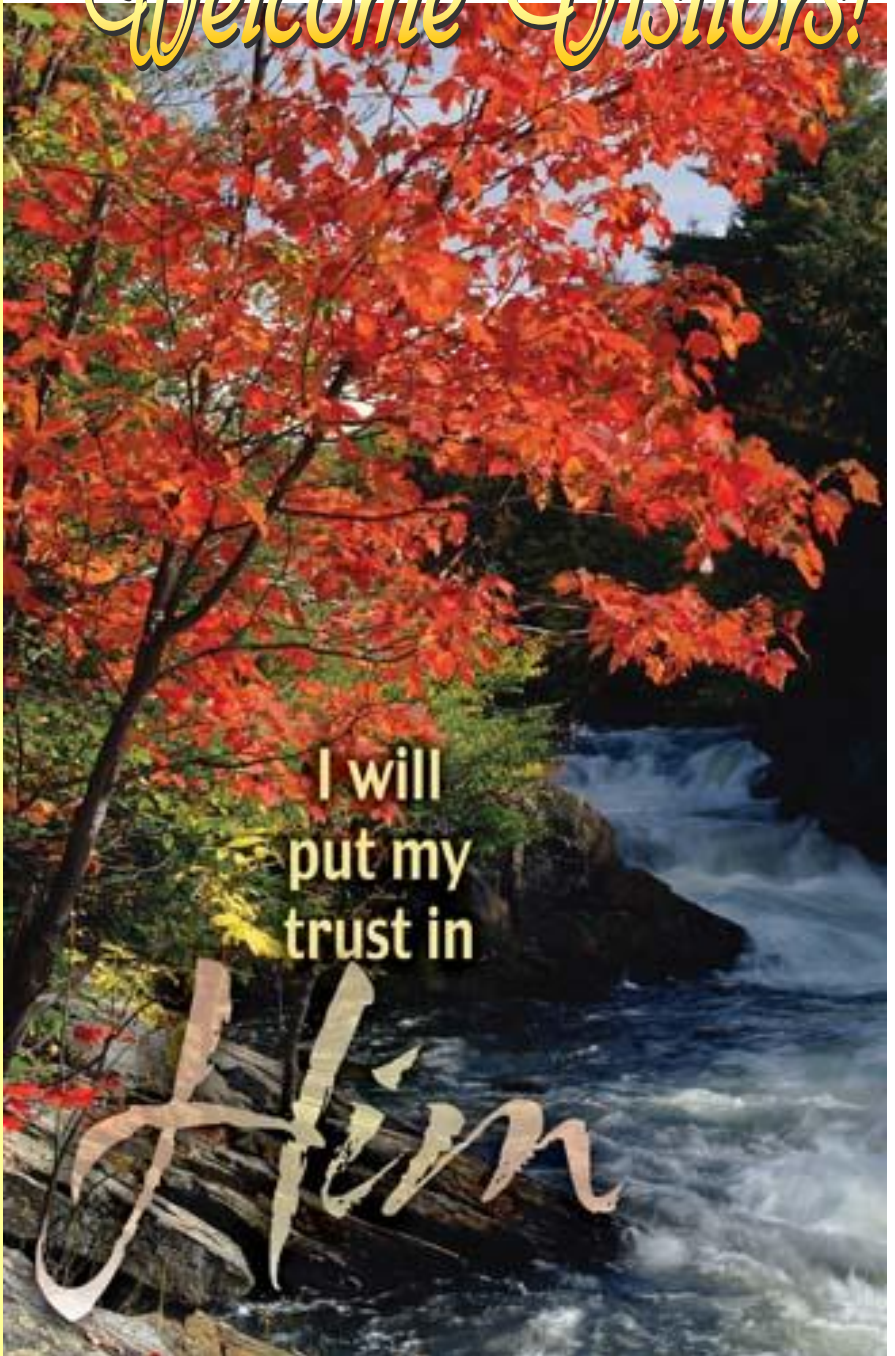
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I will  
put my  
trust in

*A Him*





*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**

*Once upon* a time I thought history was just a collection of dates and statistics to be memorized and regurgitated for tests.

Understandably this was quite a hindrance to my willingness to study history and I hear it is so with many others as well. It is always hard to grasp cold numbers and faceless facts.

So it was with some relief that a gifted college professor changed my view of things. Wayne Kilpatrick's class wasn't a recalling of numbing details. Wayne saw and communicated history as a series of stories. And boy could he tell stories. Because of the stories I found it easier to remember the details because they were presented in the context of the lives of real people.

We all love to hear stories. And the best story teller of them all has to be God. Just open the Bible and read almost anywhere. God lays out the cold hard facts of sin and salvation. God provides the "what to's" and the "never do's". But wrapped within and around all of the details are the wonderful stories of His grace and deliverance. And His stories are always about people: old and young, good and bad, strong and weak, male and female. God shares with us their great spiritual victories and their spectacular failures. The Bible is chock full of stories about people just like us.

Our congregation is full of great stories about the folks who have passed but left their mark. These stories help define us as a family of God and our remembering of and repeating of those stories shows our respect for the great heritage with which God has blessed us. These stories also remind us how important each of us really is to the Body of Christ. For just as those who have gone to be with Jesus, we are also expected to leave signs of our passing: stories of our own faithfulness to and love of God and His Church.

Remember that God is still collecting our stories. Though the Bible was completed over 1900 years ago, the Book of Life is still being written. When we get home, He is going to open that book. Make sure there's a story worth telling when He mentions your name.

*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 Food 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
- Pierre Area Referral Service
- Community Food Bank

### **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

<b>TODAY</b>	Grandparent's Day
<b>Sept 16</b>	Ladies Group Lunch at Perkins
<b>Sept 17</b>	BackPack Program Packing
<b>Sept 19</b>	Talent Night
<b>Sept 22</b>	First Day of Autumn
<b>Sept 26</b>	Baby Shower

## PRAYER LIST

**Holly and Layna Thompson** as they are recovering from the events of last week.

**Linda McBrayner** is recovering from a broken foot.

**Kelcy Curtis** is recovering from a foot injury.

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

**Iva Russell** at MaryHouse.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

Remember our students who are away at college: Rebecca Duncan, Alayna Hyde, Taylor Hyde, Alan Hyde, Michelle Monroe, A.J. Wharton, and Alice Hackett.

## BABY SHOWER

On Saturday, September 26th there will be a baby shower for Holly and Layna. It will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided. The party is being hosted by Jennifer, Meghan, and Emily.

## THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that were sent to the hospital! A special thanks, though, for all of your prayers and support over the last nine months regarding my health and Layna's. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family to raise our children in. Love to all of you. Holly, Brian, Keverly & Layna.

## DINNER AND A SHOW

Can you sing? Play an instrument? Are you a comedian? Then you have a chance to share your talent with all of us. On Saturday, September 19th, we will be having "Dinner and a Show." If you have a talent and would like to be a part of the "Show" portion of the evening, sign up on the board in the foyer. For those of you don't have talent (ha, ha, ha), then come, sit back and enjoy the show. The "Dinner" portion of the evening will start at 6:00 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner. Mark and Jennifer will be providing the spaghetti and sauce. The price of admission will be bread, salad, and desserts (your choice or all of the above!). Dinner AND a Show — you can't go wrong there! Come out and enjoy the evening with us on September 19th.

## OUR SYMPATHY

Elmer Reiger's sister, Vernita Fish, died in Vancouver, Washington earlier this week. Please keep Elmer and his family in your prayers as they seek to deal with and understand this loss.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday this week to Darrell Baade (Thursday), Karla Hackett (Friday), and Linda McBrayner (Saturday).

## THANKSGIVING

Nancy Huxoll received a good report from the doctor this past week. Her recovery from surgery is going well.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

A special "Happy Grand Parents Day" to all of those special people who are grandma's and grandpa's.

## THANKS

Jeane's mother, Grace Perryman, sends thanks to everyone for the lovely birthday cards and calls.

## TODAY'S SERMON TOPICS

Morning Worship: *The Need for Involvement*

Evening Worship: *What We Need to Keep Going*

# If I Be Lifted Up!

Years ago in Northern India, an old preacher was preaching to a group of natives, all seated on the ground. He told how the Christ who loved the whole world and who came to serve others was abused by men, mocked and spat upon. He told how Jesus was taken before Pilate and condemned to death at Calvary. He described the sufferings of Jesus on the way to the cross and on the cross. He told how his friends deserted him. Finally, he told how Jesus, in the midst of his agony, cried out: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do!"

When the preacher reached this point in his sermon, an old Hindu priest could stand it no longer. He rushed forward, threw himself at the preacher's feet and said, over and over again: "We want you to leave India. We want you to leave India." The old priest was asked: "Why do you want me to leave India?" "Because we have no story like this," he replied. "We have no Savior who lived a sinless life, who died for his enemies and prayed for the forgiveness of those who took his life. If you keep telling this story to our people, they will forsake our temples and follow your Savior."

Jesus predicted: "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." In Christianity the shedding of blood is done by God the Son for the sake of mankind. This is unique in all the religions of the world. It is such a foolish notion, by the world's standards, that it must be true (1 Cor. 1:18-3:23). Let us forever keep the cross of Christ at the center of our proclamation (1 Cor. 2:1-2).

# Life Observations From Little Ones



An exasperate mother, who's son was always getting into trouble, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "We'll, I'll run in and out, and in and out, and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For heaven's sake, Dylan, come in or stay out!'"



## Worship Assistants

### SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome .....	<i>Brad Curtis</i> .....	<i>Bob Duncan</i>
Song Leader .....	<i>Brad Curtis</i> .....	<i>Doug Hackett</i>
First Prayer .....	<i>Charlie Wharton</i> .....	<i>Ed Nill</i>
<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b> Devotional Thought/Leader .....	<i>John Rheinbolt</i> .....	<i>Corey Huxoll</i>
Server.....	<i>Brian Thompson</i> .....	<i>Mack Wyly</i>
Server.....	<i>Craig Hyde</i> .....	<i>Jeff French</i>
Server.....	<i>Brandon Osbourn</i> .....	<i>Justin Newton</i>
Server.....	<i>Taylor Newton</i> .....	<i>Raury Cruse</i>
Scripture Reading .....	<i>Ed Nill</i> .....	<i>Brandon Osbourn</i>
Announcements & Closing.....	<i>Buford Storrs</i> .....	<i>Charlie Wharton</i>
Greeters.....	<i>Brandon Osbourn</i> .....	<i>Peggy Cruse</i>
	<i>Becky Osbourn</i> .....	<i>Jane Davis</i>

### SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader .....	<i>Brad Curtis</i> .....	<i>Doug Hackett</i>
Communion/Closing.....	<i>Buford Storrs</i> .....	<i>Charlie Wharton</i>

### WEDNESDAY

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

### TODAY

### SEPTEMBER 20

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### SEPTEMBER 16

### SEPTEMBER 23

Blessed  
are the  
meek,  
  
for they  
will  
inherit  
the  
earth.  
Matthew 5:5