

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY 6-9

8:30 a.m.—Common Ground  
 9:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
 Fellowship Time/Common Ground  
 9:30 a.m.—Ushers & Greeters Prayer  
 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
 Communion  
 6:00 p.m.—A Dramatic Monologue  
 Written & Presented by Jim Nelson

### MONDAY 6-10

9:00 a.m.—Staff Meeting

### TUESDAY 6-11

6:30 a.m. Elder Prayer  
 Noon—Community Prayer

### WEDNESDAY 6-12

6:30-8:30 p.m.—Combined Youth Group

### FRIDAY 6-14

Office Closed

### SUNDAY 6-16

8:30 a.m.—Common Ground  
 9:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
 Fellowship Time/Common Ground  
 9:30 a.m.—Ushers & Greeters Prayer  
 10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

### MONDAY 6-17

Church Cleaning—See your mailbox

## REMINDERS

### This Week

**Nursery** (9:00) Denise Johnson  
**Nursery** (10:00) Zach & Amber Nielsen,  
 Jessica Larson  
**Greeters:** Jamie & Sharon Stromer

### Next Week

**Nursery** (9:00) Brent & Kim McNeese  
**Nursery** (10:00) Layne & Ashleigh Mosher, Xavier  
 Collins  
**Greeters:** Jeff & Becky Nielsen

## GIVING UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$6,600

General Fund Offering--6-2-19: \$7,172.36

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for these people with health issues or other concerns

David Peterson    Josh Johnson    Nancy Anderson    Stacy Anderson  
 Doug Kneisel    Blanche Friedow    Family of Jodi (Anderson) Brown

- For God to give us a passion to see Christ move in our community
- Servicemen & Women—including Josiah Faust—National Guard
- Missionaries including Vern & Iris Cutshall—Campus Crusade—Florida
- Sunday School—including Women's Class—Teachers—Janice Bertilson & Chris McNeese
- Life Group Leaders—including Paul Christians
- Youth Pastor—Pastor Jesse
- Interim Pastor Randal & Linda Kay
- Pastor Steve & Carol Couch as they finish up in Kenya and prepare to begin ministry here!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### PASTOR STEVE & CAROL COUCH SAID YES!!

We are excited for the time when they will join us here!

**A BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who helped with VBS in any way! It takes a lot to pull off a big event like this!! Thank you for letting God use you in this way!

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER** for Hilary Wilson and her daughter Ivy Jeanne on Saturday, June 15. Come & Go from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome!

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A COME & GO BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING GRETA LARSON**, bride to be of Zach Johnson on Saturday, June 22 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. They are registered at Amazon, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Swenson's.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A 90th BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE FOR CONNIE BURGARDT**, in the church Fellowship Hall, Sunday June 23rd from 2:00-4:00. If you can't attend but would like to send him a birthday greeting, you can send it to 600 1st St. NW, Apt. 108 W, Britt, IA 50423 or drop it off in person. :)

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**Rules for the Road**  
A Series from the Sermon on the Mount

**“Do’s and Don’ts of the Road” Part 2**

MATTHEW 5:17-48

The Shepherd’s Staff  
Pastor Randal

Thunder and Lightning

I love a good thunder and lightning storm. The bright bursts of light followed by rolling booms that rumble through your chest. Yup, there’s something to love about a good summer storm . . . except.

. . . except for the other things that may accompany such displays of God’s creation. The hail of various damaging sizes and the winds of tornadic force. Those are aspects we can do without; their lurking within the billowing clouds can take all the excitement out of enjoying a thunder and lightning storm.

Sin can in certain ways be like a thunder and lightning storm. On the outside it can look amazing, even drawing you to desire to experience more, but inside are the makings of something dark and sinister. In all the flashing and booming lies that danger that can bring destruction and death.

The New Testament writer, James, tells of the dangers of temptations of sin. He writes, *“but each of you is tempted when you are dragged away by your own evil desire and enticed, Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”* (James 1:14-15) As the Apostle Paul declares, *“the wages of sin is death.”* (Romans 6:23a)

Thankfully, there is a good news answer to the problem of sin, Paul’s statement above concludes with this gospel reminder, *“but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23b) *The death-bringing darkness of our sin is removed by placing faith in the One who is the light of the world and in His completed atoning death upon the cross. Paul continues, “because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.”* (Romans 8:2)

Therefore, when facing the unpredictable storms of life, take time to pause and remember the gift of life the loving God gives you in Christ Jesus the Lord and rejoice.

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