

# Prayer Concerns

“The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6).

## Health Concerns

- Carl Revels
- Evelyn Nulph
- Lisa Weichelt
- Rebekah and Mason Chapman
- Jim Greenberg

## Cancer

- Ron Barnhill (Holly’s friend)
- Lisa Gonzales
- John Bohy
- Martha Todd (Laura’s friend)
- Leah Glaze (Holly’s friend)
- Sharon Mienke
- Cyril Budde (Jeri’s uncle)
- Megan Devlin (Alyssa’s coworker)
- Amy Scheel
- Roxanne Jepson (John’s mother)

## Pregnancies

- Elizabeth Smith
- Breanne Salle

## Evangelism, etc.

- Elders, Deacons, and Evangelist
- Personal Bible studies
- Our missionaries (Gary Reaves, Don Iverson, Raja Rao)
- Orphans in India

## Traveling

- The Oppermanns

## Mourning

- The Allen Family

# Important Dates

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep” (Romans 12:15).

## Upcoming Events

- First Sunday Monthly—Fellowship lunch
- Fourth Tuesday Monthly—Ronald McDonald House Meal
- First Tuesday Monthly—Elders’ and Deacons’ Meeting
- **SINGING DAY—March 3**
- **GOSPEL MEETING—March 25-28**

## February Birthdays

- Marge Loonstra 2/5
- Paul Anderson 2/5
- Jennifer Petras 2/8

# Spencer church of Christ

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Central Wisconsin



February 19, 2012

## Welcome Guests!

We’d like you to know that you are our honored guests. Please feel free to fill out a visitor’s card so we can have a record of your visit. We encourage everyone to follow along in their Bibles. If you have any questions, we will be available to answer them after the worship service. We hope you will visit us again!

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## Schedule of Services

### Sunday

Bible Classes	9:00 a.m.
Worship Assembly	10:00 a.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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## Our Leadership

### Elders

Duane Anderson	715.659.2327
Russ Draeger	715.676.3982
Gary Nieman	715.897.2248

### Deacons

Dan Anderson	715.659.4530
Don Nieman	715.659.4574

### Evangelist

Clint Oppermann	715.650.1970
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## Our Attitude

Last Sunday’s Attendance	
Last Sunday’s Offering	\$995
2012 Budget	\$1295

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:24-25).

## Privileged to Serve

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 4:10-11).

	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Announce &amp; Prayer</b>	Russ	Russ
<b>Song Leader</b>	Tyler	Paul
<b>Presiding</b>	Mark	Gary
<b>Serving</b>	Duane	Steve
<b>Serving</b>	Tanner	Jesse
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Jesse	Jim
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Gary	Duane

## Daily Bible Reading

“Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good” (1 Peter 2:2-3).

	Old Testament	Psalms	New Testament
<b>Sunday</b>	Lev 2-4	Ps 46	Luke 10
<b>Monday</b>	Lev 5-6	Ps 47	Luke 11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Lev 7	Ps 48	Luke 12
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lev 8-9	Ps 49	Luke 13
<b>Thursday</b>	Lev 10-11	Ps 50	Luke 14
<b>Friday</b>	Lev 12-13	Ps 51	Luke 15
<b>Saturday</b>	Lev 14	Ps 52	Luke 16

## Thinking Souls in the Assembly

Towns and Porter deliver a slap to the face of most of us when they write, “Most churches consider themselves a friendly church because church members feel the warmth and friendship of others in the church family. It is not uncommon to see groups of people gathered throughout the church facility before and after services laughing and talking together. But often the warmth of Christian fellowship is turned inward to others in the church family and seldom experienced by outsiders who visit the congregation” (Churches That Multiply, 108). The painful question for us to ask is, “Does that describe us?” Where do we direct the bulk of our attention? How often do we reach out to non-Christians, visitors, new Christians, and Christians who are not “regulars”? Does it matter to God if we are making the effort?

This is not about what kind of personality I possess, be it introverted or extroverted. It is not about what I feel to be the most comfortable or easy path. It is about thinking souls at every assembly. Every person who comes in through our doors is telling us, “OK, I am here. I need to know if I matter to you as I try to decide whether or not God, Christ, and the Bible matter to me. Ignore me and I will not return. Love me and I may never leave.” See the power for good or ill this places into our hands?

Church leaders must take the lead here. If the ministers, their wives, elders, their wives, deacons, their wives, and other, recognized leaders and their wives would seek out and try to connect with our visitors and struggling members, it would make a monumental difference. Yet, it also points out that not everyone is doing that at present. Barna, the consummate church researcher, contends, “Theology matters, but in the minds of the unchurched (and, quite frankly, most of the church), the friendly and caring nature of the people matters more” (Grow Your Church From The Outside In, 91). We may bristle at the idea that our visitors value friendliness over a “thus saith the Lord,” but Jesus warned us it was so. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). “One another” undoubtedly includes fellow Christians, but does it exclude these others that come among us?

How we need to be reaching out, day by day, to friends, family, co-workers, and others that we may bring with us to the assemblies and to study God’s Word. But, what are we doing with those golden opportunities, those who are walking right through our doors? Will you rise to the challenge and think about them, and share the love of Jesus with them! They may be eternally grateful to you!

Neal Pollard