

MINDFUL MONDAY APRIL 29th

“Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose.” 1 Corinthians 1:10

We are called to be one church, together. We live in a world where we are Christians without the physical presence of Jesus. When the early churches started after Jesus' death, and he was no longer present to give direction, Paul pleaded for there to be agreement and no division. Even then, they had different points of view on how to be the church. We've been there before. Our church has felt this. We've experienced division and even turmoil. Opinions and personal feelings, likes, and dislikes tend to divide. This is the reason for the endless number of denominations of faith. One overwhelming message that any Christian holds true though is that Jesus is Lord. In this message we are church, together. As a church we experience God's grace. Christians are called to be different, holy, and go out to do God's work. As believers, we are allowed into a special fellowship regardless of our differences. We are a part of something bigger. So let us go out and be one as church, together.

Today we have many prayers to lift up, Lord. Hear our prayers for Jim's father Vernon and his declining health. Be with the family and comfort them.

We pray for Tammy and Jason Richardson as Jason receives hospice care for cancer. They have a senior in high school and an upcoming wedding. These are big events that he may not make it to see so we ask for your peace and strength. May they feel our prayers.

We pray for Brittany, a friend of Penny, that has a husband dealing with an aggressive cancer diagnosis. May you surround the family, Lord, with peace, comfort, and love.

A preschool student, Jameson, has lost his father. Be with the family and the children as they deal with the loss of their father, husband, son, and brother.

We give thanks to you Lord for the joys of having Lolly and Judy join us today at church. They have been missed.

We rejoice for Abby, Penny & Jeff's niece welcoming a new baby soon and celebrating with a shower.

We also ask for safe travel for Tammi and Andi as they return from Washington D.C.

Please join us in praying for the regional weekly prayer list of pastors, churches, and ministries.
First Christian Church, Adel, IA, Tim Johnson, Interim
Woodward Christian Church, Woodward, IA, Patricia Stalter
Joan White
John McKinstry
Ryan Arnold
Christian Church in Michigan