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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.

thinkaboutit.pierrechurchofchrist.org

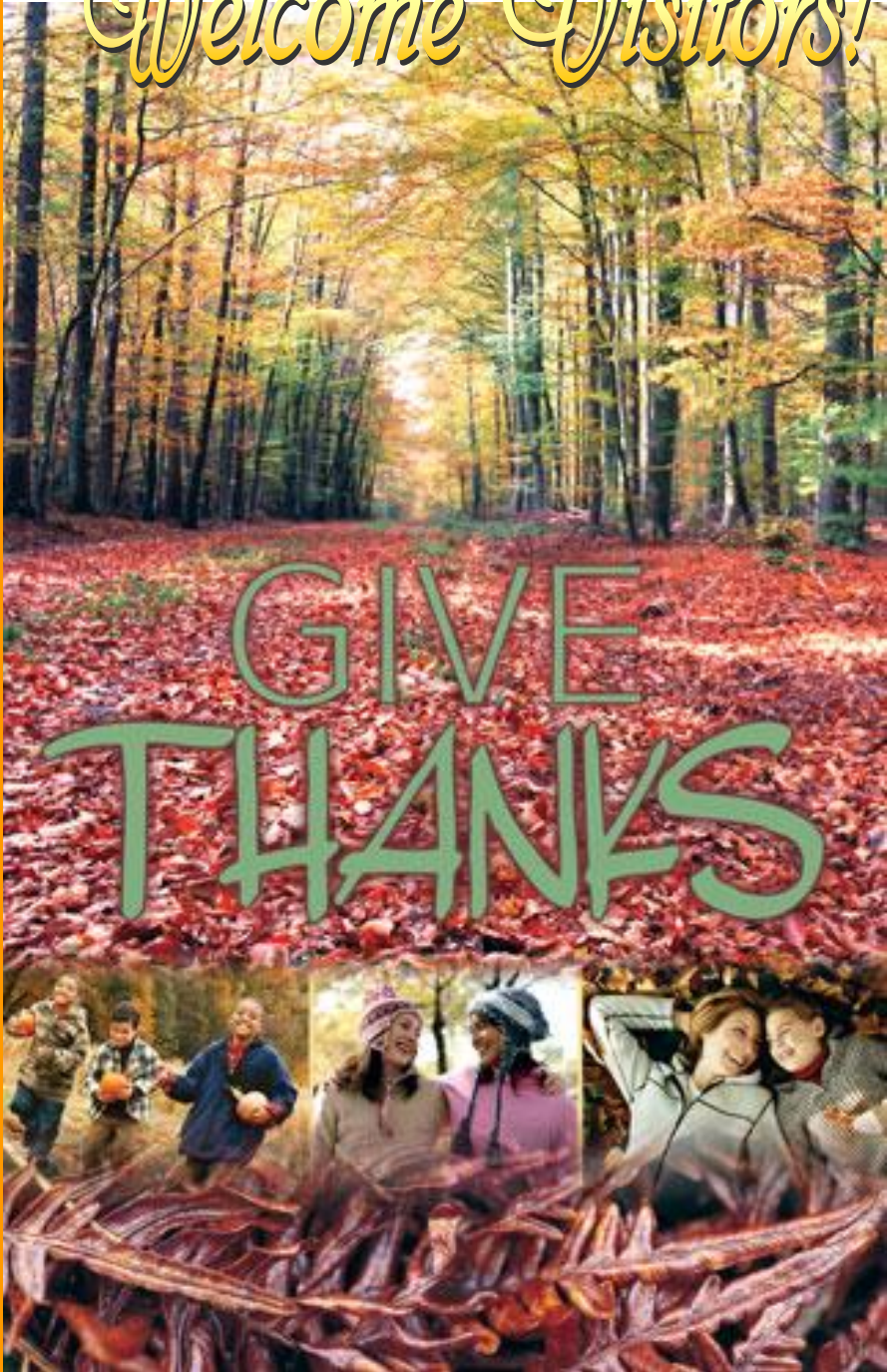
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We are so glad that you decided to come and worship with our family today. We hope that you will join in with us as we praise God together in our worship. Whatever your situation in life, we pray that you will find what you need to bring you closer 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

Do you consider yourself a good person - at least as good as the average? Are you a good

provider for your family, a good father/mother, son/daughter, citizen, and even a regular church-goer? All this is good, but it may be mere existence, and it is not enough to merely exist. You must “do something more.”

Seek always for opportunities to do good, and when none can be found, make opportunities. Be more noble, and realize your true worth and greater potential. Give some time to others and to knowing and loving your fellowmen better. Jesus taught a “second-mile” religion (Matthew 5:41). He spoke of mediocrity in these words: “So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, we are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do” (Luke 17:10).

In the business world it is the man or woman who stays one step ahead, stays on the job that extra few minutes--does not “watch the clock,” that is the success. So it is in the Christian world. It is the Christian who looks for that extra job, not the one who asks, “Do I have to?” that is the success. Don’t ask, “Where does it say I have to?”, but “What more can I do?” How about, “Here am I, send me” (Isaiah 6:8).

Christianity is not a life of just getting by in the simplest way possible, but is a life of excelling. Is that not what God has always expected of His people? The worthy woman of Proverbs 31 “excels them all.” The Corinthians were told, “Even so you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that you may excel for the edifying of the church” (I Corinthians 14:12). Do you excel? Do you do that “something more”? Expect more of yourself and you will do more.

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
- Couple’s Fellowship Groups



News & Notes

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 16 Pumpkin Carving at the Duncan's.
- Oct 18 FOOD DRIVE for the PARS Backpack Food Program (see hand-out for items needed).
- Oct 21 Ladies Group Lunch - Perkins
- Oct 25 Fourth Sunday Fellowship
- Oct 31 Halloween

PRAYER LIST

Lois Thompson is still recovering from some health problems.

Carolyn Osbourn, Brandon's aunt (mother's side), has an inoperable brain tumor, which is terminal. With radiation and chemotherapy she only has six months to a year to live.

Linda Turbell is still undergoing 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.

GOOD NEWS

All of Jennifer's test from last week in Sioux Falls came out clear. She will not have to return until her yearly test next year in October.

TRAVELING

Brad Curtis, Bob Duncan, Jeff French, and Charlie Wharton are all in Denver this weekend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday this week to Charlie Thompson (Tuesday) and Diann Storrs (Saturday).

FOOD DRIVE

We will be doing another food drive for the PARS School Backpack Food Program. This program provides approximately 300 sacks of food per week for elementary school children who qualify for assistance. Please see the handout for items needed. We will collect the food on Sunday, October 18th, and then deliver it to PARS on the 19th.

COLD & FLU SEASON

To help limit the spread of germs and viruses, hand sanitizer has been placed in various locations around the building. We are also improving the way we prepare and serve the Lord's Supper. These are just a few of the things we are doing to try to keep us healthy.

TODAY'S SERMON TOPICS

Morning Worship: *TBA*

Evening Worship: *TBA*



See What *you made me do!*

A number of years ago, woman in Houston, Texas, was accused of killing her husband by running over him several times with her car. It has been reported that she was heard to direct these remarks toward his body, "See what you made me do!"

In 2003, after the Oakland Raiders lost the Super Bowl, a large mob torched cars, ransacked stores, broke windows, ripped up bus benches, tore down street signs and threw rocks and bottles at police and firefighters. When asked why they did this, one 19-year-old said, "It's the Raiders' fault. Blame it on the Raiders. If they would've won, we wouldn't be doing this." However, they had done the same thing a week before when the Raiders had won.

Years ago, the popular comedian Flip Wilson had one of his characters blame the devil when he popularized the statement, "The devil made me do it!" Many are still using this excuse today.

While this blame-game is still going on, it didn't originate with any of these. It started with Adam when he blamed his wife and even blamed God when he was questioned as to why he had sinned (Genesis 3:12). None of these could, nor can, escape the fact that each person is responsible for his own conduct. "So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). Instead of blaming others for our sins, we should repent of them, confess them and pray to God that He will forgive us (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9). "He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion" (Proverbs 28:13).



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome	<i>Buford Storrs</i>	<i>Charlie Wharton</i>
Song Leader	<i>Justin Newton</i>	<i>Bob Duncan</i>
First Prayer	<i>Herb Davis</i>	<i>Jeff French</i>
LORD'S SUPPER Devotional Thought/Leader	<i>Craig Hyde</i>	<i>Charlie Wharton</i>
Server.....	<i>Mack Wyly</i>	<i>Justin Newton</i>
Server.....	<i>John Rheinbolt</i>	<i>Kyle Wyly</i>
Server.....	<i>Kris Monroe</i>	<i>Brad Cruse</i>
Server.....	<i>Taylor Newton</i>	<i>Raury Cruse</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Brandon Osbourn</i>	<i>Taylor Newton</i>
Announcements & Closing.....	<i>Buford Storrs</i>	<i>Brad Curtis</i>
Greeters.....	<i>Margaret Nickels</i>	<i>Brandon Osbourn</i>
	<i>Jane Davis</i>	<i>Becky Osbourn</i>

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader	<i>Justin Newton</i>	<i>Bob Duncan</i>
Communion/Closing.....	<i>Buford Storrs</i>	<i>Brad Curtis</i>

WEDNESDAY

Songs.....	<i>Justin Newton</i>	<i>Bob Duncan</i>
Scripture.....	<i>Doug Hackett</i>	<i>Brian Thompson</i>
Closing.....	<i>Justin Newton</i>	<i>Bob Duncan</i>

TODAY

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Justin Newton.....

Buford Storrs.....

OCTOBER 14

Justin Newton.....

Doug Hackett

Justin Newton.....

OCTOBER 18

Bob Duncan

Brad Curtis

OCTOBER 21

Bob Duncan

Brian Thompson

Bob Duncan

