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Garden Greetings

A monthly publication of the Garden Community Church

Church Board Installation Service

We began 2026 by installing new members of to the Church Board. Steve Crist was re-installed as an Elder and Theo Rempel was installed as a Deacon, while Gerhard Fast was installed as the church Treasurer. Thank you to Bryson Huxman for his 6 years of service on the Deacon board and Gary Huxman for his many hours of service over the past 5 years keeping track of the church finances. At the end of 2025, Rob Hiebert resigned as Elder and we want to thank him as well for his 4 years of service as an Elder. The Church Board is in the process of appointing someone to fulfill the remaining year of Rob's term. Continue to uphold all these men in your prayers as they seek to follow God's will for Garden Community Church.



Organization of the 2026 Church Boards

Elder Board:

Scot Loyd—Chairman
Lindley Harms—Vice-Chair
Steve Crist—Secretary

Deacon Board:

Scott Vogt—Chairman
Dennis Morrison—Vice-Chair
Kyle Hanzlicek—Secretary
Theo Rempel

Full Board:

Steve Crist—Chairman
Lindley Harms—Vice-Chair
Kyle Hanzlicek—Secretary
Gerhard Fast—Treasurer

Couples Shower

Sunday afternoon, January 4th, a couples wedding shower was held for Jared Nelson and Brooke Regehr. Jared & Brooke's siblings were each asked what Jared needed to know about living with Brooke and what Brooke needed to know about living with Jared, the responses were then read by their moms. The grooms-men were also asked to complete a few Mad Libs on marriage and read the results for the bride and groom. Rob Hiebert gave a short devotional. Jared & Brooke are planning a January 31st wedding.



Library News

Children's Library

Several new books were added to the children's library at the end of the year. The biggest addition was the purchase of several books to complete three different series for our early readers! The complete sets for the following series are now available - *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls*, *Tree Street Kids*, and *Young David*. So, kids, if you've been waiting to read the missing books to one of your favorite book series – we now have them on the shelves for you to read! In addition, the following picture books were also added to the library – *The God Contest* by Carl Laferton, *Goodbye to Goodbyes* by Lauren Chandler and *Just In Case You Ever Feel Alone* by Max Lucado.

Also, please take note of this change! Theme boxes have been moved from the adult library to the children's library! The boxes are located on the top of the tallest shelf, so just be aware that the younger children may need help when checking them out! These boxes are created to be checked out and taken home, not to be opened and played with in the library. This is to ensure that all the contents stay in the correct boxes! Carla and I will continue to create and rotate out the boxes. We are excited about this addition in the children's library and if you have any recommendations for additional theme box ideas, let either Carla Murphy or I know!

~Katie Hanzlicek



WOMEN'S RETREAT

Rooted in Christ

Dyck Arboretum

February 7, 2026—9am-3pm

Register by January 25th

Cost: \$20

Register Here

Worship Music
Bible Study
with corresponding
Watercolor Painting
Lunch & Snacks



Vonnie's Views

After a challenging end to 2025, I felt a renewed need to anchor myself more deeply in Truth. As I looked ahead to 2026, my original plan was to step away from a full Bible read-through and instead focus on studying individual books of Scripture. But as the year approached, I realized I simply couldn't let go of reading through the entire Bible once again. This time, I'm using a unique plan that traces themes and people throughout Scripture—guiding me through every chapter of the Bible while helping me see how God's story unfolds as a whole.

Alongside this, I'm also studying the attributes of God, with particular focus on several of His incommunicable attributes, those qualities that belong to God alone. These include His independence, unchangeableness, eternity, omnipresence, and unity. While God does not share these attributes with us in the same way, we can still see faint reflections of them in human life, even as much remains a mystery.

Scripture reminds us of this tension between what we are able to know and what we cannot fully grasp. As Solomon wrote, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end" (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

When I find myself wrestling with perplexing circumstances, Scripture is where I need to turn—not because Scripture will explain my life there, but because God reveals Himself there. The God who created the world, called Abraham, brought Babylon into the gates of Jerusalem, was born in Bethlehem, died on Calvary, and rose again is the same God who oversees our lives today. He is present in the joyful moments, the sorrowful ones, and in the things we do not understand.

Through this year's Bible reading and study of God's attributes, I'm not expecting "answers," such as understanding the "whys" of all that we have experienced. What I am expecting is to be freshly amazed by God Himself—the One I desire to seek, to know, and to love.

As I've been studying these attributes, the hymn "*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*" has taken on new meaning for me. Its lyrics give voice to truths Scripture affirms but our minds can never fully comprehend. Rather than explaining God, the hymn invites us to worship Him; to stand in awe of the One who is eternal, unchanging, present everywhere, directly and deeply involved in our lives.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Walter C. Smith, 1824-1908

February

Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

Memory Verse: I Thessalonians 5:25—Brethren, pray for us.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Pray God would raise up pastors, teachers & missionaries from among us.	2 Pray Elwyn & Linda Goossen have wisdom in setting daily priorities and tasks.	3 Pray Ivan & Mary Goossen have the energy to keep up with the demands of ministry.	4 Pray James & Angela Goossen have many opportunities for one-on-one discipleship.	5 Pray God opens & closes doors as Peter & Rachel Hansen make travel plans.	6 Pray Chuck & Connie Myers are able to train others to carry on the work.	7 Pray Tim & Renee Zook have opportunities to witness to their neighbors.
8 Pray Pastors in the pulpit today clearly & boldly preach the gospel.	9 Pray Mark & Mollie are able to discern what to let go of, what to hold fast.	10 Pray Josh & Camila Goossen have sweet times alone with the Lord each day.	11 Pray Daniel & Krissy Hansen surrender all their dreams & desires to the Father.	12 Pray God prevents mechanical & technical problems that hinder the broadcasts of Christian radio.	13 Pray our missionaries have the knowledge & expertise to do their jobs well.	14 Pray for the kids of our missionaries - to develop their own hunger & love for Christ.
15 Pray listeners to Harvest Radio & Across Nations radio grow in the truth taught.	16 Pray for hearts quick to give to the work of Christ & the spread of the gospel.	17 Pray for Drew Hiebert & those he shares with to walk in obedience to Christ.	18 Pray for Digibooks Press in Ukraine to have a fruitful ministry.	19 Pray God meets the daily physical & medical needs of our missionaries.	20 Pray for the children's Sunday School as they learn about & give to mission projects.	21 Pray for Marcello & Lucas in Brazil to repent & turn back to Christ.
22 Pray for Guilerme in Brazil obeying God's call to serve Him.	23 Pray for missionaries to be encouraged in the Lord, knowing God is at work.	24 Pray for staff at Harvest Radio to live with integrity & focus.	25 Pray Nathaniel Goossen has patience to wait upon God's timing.	26 Pray for Good News Club in Hesston to change lives for all eternity.	27 Thank God for those helping with Good News Clubs.	28 Ask God to use you where you are for His glory & His purpose.

Feedback

...from the
Zooks

Arizona 2025



In May I (Tim) drove to Arizona with tools and parts to install a new transmitter for Across Nations. My friend John, from church, came along. John is an electrician. We had a good trip with the normal issues along the way. We had a tire go down and we noticed it before it created more problems.

I am so pleased with John's work. It was exactly like I requested plus a few extras that really made his work nice. Now the new transmitter has electricity with the correct wire and circuit breakers. He even hooked up a special control for the old transmitter so we can turn it on from a remote location.

We were unable to get the new transmitter on the air because we were lacking one part. That part has now arrived at Across Nations. Pray for God's timing for us to get out there and finish this project.

Peru 2025



My (Renee) trip to Peru in May was wonderful! Thank you for praying. God took care of every detail. I traveled to Peru with two others from SonSet Solutions. We joined partner missionaries, Brad and Gina Shaw, in Cotahuasi, Peru. The Shaws have served in Peru since 2001. Tim, with others from HCJB, helped get their FM radio station on the air in 2008. Then in 2023 SonSet Solutions helped them put a shortwave station on the air. These signals reach the villages in the Cotahuasi Canyon and surrounding mountains. Brad's goal for our visit was to travel to villages high in the Andes mountains and deliver SonSet Radios so the people could receive the shortwave signal.

In each village, we connected with a believer or a pastor who could distribute radios to those they were ministering to. And everywhere we went we heard things like, "We didn't know you were coming but God gave us the opportunity to come together" and "I believe God sent you here." We were able to encourage the believers and leave radios with them so they can hear Biblical teaching every day. They are hungry for good Bible teaching.

Tim & Renee

Praise & Prayer



Newsfeed:

*Snapshots of our lives...
inside and outside of
SonSet Solutions*

What could be better than a week at the cabin in Colorado? A week at the cabin with all of our boys and their families! Hours of playing in the ditch, hiking, fishing, building a fort and a raft, jeep rides and rock climbing. All with cousins.



Picture-perfect picnic at 12,000 feet in the Rocky Mountains.



More than 10,000 miles safely traveled by car. Precious memories made together. This truly was a special gift from God!



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