

# First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

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When I was 16, I spent my Spring Break in a town just south of Tijuana, Mexico. There, I helped volunteers from our church build houses for needy families. Now, most teenagers in the suburbs of Los Angeles do not spend much of their time (much less their vacations) working on construction projects, so you can imagine the bemusement of the church leaders who had to teach me to properly swing a hammer, pour concrete, and stucco a building.

That week was one of the most important weeks of my life. While there, I was blessed with the opportunity to learn many practical skills that, otherwise, I probably would not have learned. Unfortunately, I have not needed to pour concrete since I graduated from high school. I can build a respectable wooden frame out of 2x4's, but I'm still pretty miserable when it comes to basic home repairs. It wasn't the practical skills that made that week so important.

On that trip, and others like it, I formed some of the strongest friendships of my life. Last winter, I attended the wedding of a friend, whom I first truly got to know while singing "oldies" and mixing stucco in Mexico. My closest group of friends throughout high school, and in the years since, first started hanging out because of the time we spent together at church camps. Camping wasn't just fun for a week, it was the spark that ignited some of the brightest relationships of my life - but even those friendships weren't the most important thing to happen to me that week.

On that week, when I was a sixteen year-old working on a house in Mexico, I decided to become a pastor. I remember singing worship songs around a campfire and thinking, "This is what I want to do with my life. I want to help people, build friendships, and worship God. I think I'll become a pastor."

Perhaps, I would have found my way into this same life had I not gone on that church trip to Mexico - but I know that that week was one of the most special of my life. That is what I think of when I think of church camp. I think of that week when I met God in a way that radically changed who I would grow up to be.

If you have a young person in your family, I'd encourage you to give them a little push toward going to camp this summer. Camp can be a truly amazing experience. But if you don't, there are other ways to keep our camp strong. The easiest (and most fun) is to simply visit Okoboji for a weekend and stay at the camp. Also, this month, we will be accepting donations to support Lakeshore Center at Okoboji, a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (formerly called the Presbyterian Camp at Okoboji). There are camps for adults and kids, like Grands Camp and Family Camp (both will be June 29<sup>th</sup> - July 2<sup>nd</sup>), and a camp for just only those above 55 (Young at Heart, September 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>).

As members of our church, you are part owners of a wonderful place, right on the shores of Lake Okoboji. Don't forget about how wonderful camp can be. You can learn more at [LakeshoreCenteratOkoboji.org](http://LakeshoreCenteratOkoboji.org), or by calling the camp at (712) 337-3313.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

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## Meet the Members MTM

On a sunny day, with temperatures reaching into the 70's, our journey took us northeast of Glidden to the tranquil farmstead of Ron and Jane Burdine. This location is just across the road of Ron's birthplace and only a few yards from a place where Jane lived as a young girl. Ron and Jane do not recall when they met but it must have been in preschool days as they have known each other their entire lives.

Ron was born in Glidden and Jane was born north of Coon Rapids. Ron attended the Glidden-Ralston School system while Jane attended the Ralston School until it was merged into Glidden, when she was in seventh grade. Jane has six siblings and Ron has three siblings.

Jim Burdine, Ron's late father owned several Shetland ponies when Ron was a boy and particularly during the summer months the Johnston neighbors, Jane's siblings and the Burdine kids would ride those horses for entertainment. As a young boy, Ron learned to hunt and often hunted in the area known as Dickson Timber. Hunting for Ron lasted well into his adult life as he enjoyed the peaceful outdoors. Ron would hunt rabbit, squirrel, deer and other wild game.

Ron and Jane have been married for 53 years, and since their marriage they have always lived in the Glidden area. Following marriage, Ron and Jane began farming with Ron's father. A short time later Ron and Jane rented a farm owned by the Hebbel sisters northwest of Glidden. They lived at that location prior to purchasing the farm NE of Glidden. The Burdines have been involved in farming for over 50 years and during this time have raised a family of four children, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Julie Raisch is the oldest and has one child and one grandchild. Rick and Tami Burdine have three children. Julie and Rick & Tami live in the Glidden area. Reed and Michelle have two children and live in

the Kansas City area. Nick and Megan have two children and live in Polk City, Iowa.

The Burdines, like a lot of people, don't see themselves as unique - but once we mentioned airplanes, the Burdines came alive. Both Ron and Jane have their pilot's license. Jane has a private pilot license while Ron has a commercial instrument multiple engine license. Ron was an airplane dealer for over 30 years and has bought and sold over 300 airplanes during this time. Occasionally he owned 6-8 airplanes at any one time. Ron took to flying much like a fish takes to water, but Jane was more apprehensive as she began her flight experience. She took flying lessons and one day the instructor got out of the plane and told Jane to go ahead and fly solo. Jane was unsure of herself but the instructor insisted, so Jane took off and flew the route perfectly. Another

time came when Jane was required to fly into a controlled airport, such as Des Moines, Iowa. She was flying solo and called the tower for clearance when the tower operator responded by, "Clearance is granted to land on runway 30". He then went on to announce to other pilots that a woman has cleared to land on runway 30. Jane is still not pleased to tell that story because of the controller's prejudice.

On several occasions Ron and friends have flown to northern boundary waters of Canada to fish. Other times they may fly to Winnipeg and charter a plane on north. Ron and Jane's longest flight was a trip to Alaska. They flew to the west coast, joined thirteen other flyers, and flew in semi-formation up the coast, through Canada and into Alaska. Total round trip flying time was 40 hours.

Today, Ron and Jane own a Piper Twin Engine Comanche airplane which they fly often. Private aviation is down from days prior to the 1980's. Ron estimates sales of planes have dropped nearly 75% due to cost of planes, fuel cost and other economic conditions.

The Burdines are avid Iowa State University fans and are season ticket holders for ISU football and



basketball games. Additionally they follow GR High School sports and now are attending JV games.

Ron plays golf when he has time and spends sometime in the coffee shop or at the elevator learning new and yet untried information. Jane is a member of the L & L Club, Ralston Women's Club, Book Club, Presbyterian Women, and once a month meets with former classmates for lunch. Each week Jane's family get together for lunch at a local restaurant. Some weeks it can be slim as some members can't make it and on other weeks a big crowd will show up. Jane has fond memories of her work of over 25 years at Mary Poppins preschool. She loved those young children and they loved her. Jane also spent over 25 years working part time at the post office. Jane enjoyed her many excursions on motor coach trips and especially enjoyed a trip to Washington, D.C., where she learned much of the history about that area.

When we asked about their future Ron responded by saying Sunnybrook Nursing Home. We know better as this family is busy with family, friends, church activities, ISU, GR and many other activities.

First Presbyterian is blessed to include the Burdine family as part of the membership of our church.

### Quotes of the Month

“By living fully, recognizing that all we do is by His power, we honor God; He in turn blesses us.”

-**Becky Laird**

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Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous.”

— Albert Einstein

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“The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us.”

— C.S. Lewis

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### **THE LIST OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE**

*The most destructive habit - - - Worry*

*The greatest Joy - - - Giving*

*The greatest loss - - - Loss of self-respect*

*The most satisfying work - - - Helping others*

*The ugliest personality trait - - - Selfishness*

*The most endangered species - - - Dedicated leaders*

*Our greatest natural resource - - - Our youth*

*The greatest “shot in the arm” - - - Encouragement*

*The greatest problem to overcome - - - Fear*

*The most effective sleeping pill - - - Peace of mind*

*The most crippling failure disease - - - Excuses*

*The most powerful force in life - - - Love*

*The most dangerous pariah - - - A gossip*

*The Word's most incredible computer - - - The brain*

*The worst thing to be without - - - Hope*

*The deadliest weapon - - - The tongue*

*The two most power-filled words - - - “I can”*

*The greatest asset - - - Faith*

*The most worthless emotion - - - Self-pity*

*The most beautiful attire - - - A SMILE!*

*The most prized possession - - - Integrity*

*The most powerful channel of communication - - - Prayer*

*The most contagious spirit - - - Enthusiasm*

*The most important thing in life - - - GOD*

*Author unknown*

## Homeless Jesus

St. Alban's Episcopal Church is a large church in the affluent town of Davidson, North Carolina. Just a few weeks ago, a resident of Davidson drove by the church and was prompted to call the police by what she saw – a homeless man was sleeping on a park bench in front of the church.

“I was concerned for the safety of the neighborhood,” she later said.

A closer look at the sleeping figure revealed that the man was actually a statue that had recently been donated to St. Alban's Episcopal Church. The statue depicts a thin man curled up for warmth under a blanket. His face and body are covered, but his feet slightly protrude from the blanket. If you were look walk up close to statue and look down upon his exposed feet, you would see the telltale scars of his crucifixion. The statue is a statue of Jesus Christ, in the form of a homeless man.

The piece of art has stirred some controversy in the town of Davidson.

“Jesus is not a vagrant. Jesus is not a helpless person who needs our help. We need someone who is capable of meeting our needs, not someone who is also needy,” said the woman who called the police on Jesus.

Another resident wrote a letter to the church saying, “My complaint is not about the art-worthiness of the sculpture. It is about driving into our beautiful, reasonably upscale neighborhood and seeing an ugly homeless person sleeping on a park bench.”

While some are rightly concerned about the statues effect on property values, or the impression one might get when driving past, the creator of the work, Timothy Schmalz, hoped to draw our attention to Jesus' words in Matthew 25, “Whatever you did for the least of these, you did also for me.” There are currently 600,000 homeless Americans who struggle to find a place to sleep every night. Some will sleep in shelters, others in tents, and others will find park benches - just like this statue of Jesus.

It seems that there is a divide between residents in the town over who Jesus is and what the mission of his church ought to be. Should we beautify neighborhoods and worship someone who is capable of meeting our needs? Or should we remember Jesus' weakness and, in turn, seek to alleviate the burdens of others?

What do you think of homeless Jesus?

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian



## Why Eve was created

### Top Ten Reasons Eve Was Created

10. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.
9. God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.
8. God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.
7. God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor's, dentist, or haircut appointment for himself.
6. God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb.
5. God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.
4. As the Keeper of the Garden, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.
3. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.
2. As the Bible says, It is not good for man to be alone!

And the #1 reason why God created Eve...

1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched his head, and said, "I can do better than that!"

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***"Sorry guys but when a woman puts the newsletter together you have to suffer for it!"***

## Worship

### Acolytes

### Ushers

### Communion Preparers

**May**

Treynor and Braylee Cose

Linda McClellan & Mary Hunt

Linda McClellan

### May Anniversary's and Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup>-Jeremy Douglas  
9<sup>th</sup>-Roy Middaugh  
9<sup>th</sup>-Jeremy & Sarah Douglas Anniversary  
11<sup>th</sup>-Wesley Reever  
14<sup>th</sup>-Rick Burdine  
20<sup>th</sup>-Tim Reever  
21<sup>st</sup>-Ron Burdine  
25<sup>th</sup>-Kathe Schutte  
28<sup>th</sup>-Tyson & Lindsey Cose Anniversary



## Announcements:

\*\*\* Last day of Sunday School is **May 4<sup>th</sup>**

\*\*\*Presbyterian Women's luncheon is scheduled for 11:30am, **May 14<sup>th</sup>** at Perk Central

\*\*\*Mother's day **May 11<sup>th</sup>**

\*\*\*Session meets on **May 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm in the church basement

\*\*\*Bible Study meets at 10:00am in the church basement on the last Wednesday of every month.

\*\*\*Church Summer Picnic is going to be **June 29<sup>th</sup>** –the location TBA.

\*\*\*Sign up for Summer Camp!!