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## September Newsletter

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## SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



# *the* JOURNEY

For thousands of years, billions of people have followed a life-long journey—one that brings clarity when we feel stuck, purpose when we want to make a difference, and connection when we crave belonging. What is this journey and if we want to jump in, what's next?

🕒 **8/24 – The Journey Begins** - Find clarity in the confusion. We were never meant to live life aimlessly. This week introduces the life-long journey of following Jesus and how God can provide for our longings for belonging and security step by step. Wherever you are, there's a next step for you.

📖 **8/31 – Find Your Place with God** - Find your place in God's journey. Time alone with Jesus is the heartbeat of your faith. Discover how spiritual habits like prayer, Scripture, and silence help you hear God's voice and find clarity in where to go next.

👥 **Week 9/7 – Find Your Place with Others** - Find belonging on the journey. We grow best together. Learn how practical teaching, authentic relationships, and shared experiences help us take hold of God's truth—and walk it out together any day of the week.

💧 **Week 9/14 – Make It Yours: With God** - Find stability in your spiritual life. Faith becomes real when we go all in...together. Whether it's your first step or a fresh one, today is an invitation to commit or recommit your life to Jesus, or at least see what it's like! Already made that step? Learn how to live rooted in your new identity and family.

🌱 **9/21 – Grow Stronger (Baptism Sunday)** - Experience growth without judgement and God more deeply. Position yourself in places where you can hear Him through others and be used by Him for others. When you show up consistently in faith-based relationships, your faith becomes better and you belong to something bigger.

🗣️ **9/28 – Share What You've Found** - God doesn't build us up so we can be comfortable—He builds us up so we can share what we've found in Him. When we live generously, we not only bless others—we experience a deeper connection with Jesus and experience a life full of meaningful impact.

[Watch Sermons Online Here](#)

## Growing Together in Leadership and Love

From the Elders at Chadron Christian Church:

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In the last few years, we have experienced many changes at Chadron Christian Church. God has blessed us with remarkable numerical growth that has led to the necessity of two Sunday worship services. We have shared in the largest number of baptisms ever seen in our church building. Our youth programs have experienced outstanding growth under the leadership of pastors Zane and Lydia. And, we have seen a number of young men and women who have continued their faith steps into full time missionary and ministry service.

That kind of growth stretched us, and we continually work to train up new leadership within our church body. One of the biggest steps the church made in this regard a few years ago was to initiate the election of female deacons within our church. We based this

decision primarily on the teaching within the Scripture by Paul that there is no longer male or female within the Body of Christ (Galatians 3:28). In Jesus we find our baptismal identity. No longer do we find it in our race, nationality, social status or gender. We also noted that the apostle Paul wrote of Phoebe (Romans 16:1) as an overseer within the early church, a term later translated into what is now called an Elder within most protestant churches. Phoebe was chosen by Paul to deliver and almost certainly preach the letter to the church at Rome. Since those female deacons became a part of the full board of elders and deacons at Chadron Christian Church, we have been blessed by the fresh ideas, hard work and thoughtful contributions that these new deacons have made. From that group of female deacons, we have this year elected the chairman of the board. Also, along with four males, we have ordained three females. The Lord has demonstrably blessed the efforts of these servant leaders within our church.

We are no longer leading and serving with one figurative hand tied behind our back. Female contributions have always been and continue to be integral to our church's growth and success. Continually seeking new leadership within the church has led to the consideration of pursuing candidates for eldership from both males and females. Females are never specified as being excluded from the eldership within the scriptures. Based on these scriptures and the committed female leadership within our body, we, as elders, have unanimously agreed to bring forth a female candidate for the position of elder when Dana Fuller retires from that position at the end of the year. That candidate is Lori Lotton.

Most of you know that Lori has been a member of Chadron Christian Church for decades. She has served as an elder's wife when her husband Kevin was an elder. She is the church secretary and communications pastor. She has led, loved and served in many positions within the church. She was the first female deacon elected from our church body. She is currently the chairman of the board. We believe that Lori has shown herself time and again to be a committed believer and a devout Christian servant. It is our intention to place her name on the ballot as a candidate for elder at our annual congregational election meeting early next year. We realize that some of you may have questions about this decision. There will be a forum at a later date to express opinions and ask questions. For the time being, we would encourage you to call any of the elders to ask questions or discuss the issue with them.

Female leadership in the service of our God started early in Old Testament times. Here are a few of those noted within the scriptures that might serve as a reminder to us all of their importance:

Miriam: First prophetess in the Bible; leader; Praise song writer

Deborah: Prophet and Judge over Israel; Military leader; Worship song writer

Esther: Queen and Rescuer of the Israelite minority in her country

Abigail: Brilliant negotiator and King David's wife

Jesus' forbearers: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba, the queen of Israel

Female leadership recognized in the New Testament times:

Apostle Paul worked with and praised female leadership more than any other writer in the Bible. Many believe that 1 Corinthians 14:34 is widely misunderstood, was written to a stubborn, disobedient group, and was intended to be descriptive and not prescriptive for future church structure.

New Testament women of prominence:

Mary: Mother of Jesus; Host; Full of grace and blessed among women. The longest serving and suffering apostle.

Priscilla: Business woman; Spiritual leader with Paul and Aquila. She was a Christian before Paul was converted.

Lydia: Apostle Paul's first convert to Christianity; Business woman. Servant leader.

Phoebe: Overseer, preacher, deacon and benefactor.

Junia: Paul called her his kinsman and an apostle.

Photina: Often known as "the woman at the well", historically she is renowned as an evangelist and one of the early Christian martyrs. She is venerated by the Orthodox churches on a par with the twelve apostles.

Paul refers to Junia, the believed wife of Andronicus as an apostle.

As the church elders, our chief calling is to obey the law of Christ – Love. We understand that not all of us will agree on every issue within the church. We certainly hold forth that this is not a salvific issue. It is our belief that Jesus wants followers with willing and loyal hearts who concern themselves most of all with their duty to love and serve. We often overlook specific cultural customs in the Bible that were forbidden by early believers such as tattoos, braided hair, makeup, jewelry, expensive attire, etc., while latching onto other cultural prohibitions or prejudices that have long changed in modern cultures. Whatever our beliefs or opinions on this issue, we ask you to consider the grace and kindness in the words of St. Augustine concerning our doctrines within the larger body of the Christian churches, "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, love." Much love to each of you.

The elders of Chadron Christian Church





Wednesday  
**YOUTH**  
Night

**Starting September 3rd**

**EVERY CHILD IN THE  
COMMUNITY IS WELCOME TO  
BIBLE BUDDIES AND YOUTH  
GROUP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS.  
DINNER PROVIDED.**

**PRE-K - 8TH GRADERS  
MEET 5:45-7:00 PM**

**HIGH SCHOOLERS  
MEET 7-8:15 PM**





# GROW STRONGER *Fair*

Find the right connection group for you this fall!



Sunday | September 7  
After each service





**Potluck**  
**September 7**  
**12:15**

**Find your place and share  
what you have found.**

Looking for a way to connect and serve? 🍽️✨ Join us for **food & fellowship** on the **first Sunday of every month!**

**First service?** Come back!

**Second service?** Stay and hang out!

Let's share a meal and build community together. ❤️ Click the **Perfect Potluck** link below to let us know what delicious dish you're bringing!



## Baptism Sunday the 3rd Sunday of Each Month





 **Baptism Sunday – Every 3rd Sunday of the Month!**  

Ready to take the **next step** in your walk with Jesus? 🙌 If you're ready for baptism, fill out a **Connection Card**—you'll find one in the **Bible under the seats** or in the **Church App**!

💙 **Huge congratulations to Elaina** who took this amazing step of faith in August 🎉👏 Who's next?! 🚀🔥 For more information on baptism, please click the link below.

Interested in being baptized?

***Celebrating these September Birthdays***

***3 - Chelsea Lotton and Greg Howerter***

***6 - Gwen Canet***

***8 - Barrett Abbott***

***11 - Paisley Bronson***

***14 - Lori Lotton***

***16 - Aiden Turner***

***19 - Sandi Anderson***

***21 - Anna Milne***

***22 - Joette Fuller***

***24 - Marthena Haden***

***27 - Joel Lemmon***

**Become Better Friends with Jesus**

## Share His Heart with the World



**SIT WITH ME!**

9 am or 10:45 am

Nursery and kids' ministry available  
0-4th grade

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[chadronchristianchurch.com](http://chadronchristianchurch.com)

**WEDNESDAY  
YOUTH NIGHT**

**Bible Buddies**  
(Potty-trained - 4th grade) 5:45-7pm

**Middle School Youth Group**  
(5th-8th Grade) 5:45-7pm  
\*Dinner provided\*

**High School Youth Group**  
(9th-12th Grade) 7-8:15pm  
\*Dessert provided\*



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