

# Disciple



February 2026

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**The mission of Anchor Bible Church is to love God, love people,  
and make disciples of Jesus Christ.**

## **“The Parables of Jesus”**

Recently we started a series on the Parables of Jesus’ teachings here at Anchor Bible Church. Jesus uses these Parables are brief stories using physical symbols to illustrate a spiritual truth. These parables explain God and His Kingdom and what God and the Kingdom really are.

Quite often it can seem like life itself is a parable. We go through seasons where we have questions that we seek an answers for. We look out into the brokenness of the world and see the many who have received a cancer diagnosis, the untimely death of a beloved family member and the divisions within our country. The list goes on and on.

It is easy for us to question God in all these kinds of moments. The Truth is, God isn’t the one who tempts us or brings these about. No, this is the evil one at work. God tells us in His Word that satan is out to kill, destroy and lie.

Our God is the God of life, of truth, of light, of love, of mercy, of grace, of redemption and salvation!

The way we experience and go through life depends upon our status with God. Are we viewing things from our often “selfish physical spectrum” or are we seeing the “spiritual truths of God” before us?

Jesus desires for those who hear and listen to these teachings to be able to move from the physical everyday motions to the spiritual truth of God’s Kingdom presently at hand. How do we get there? We have to honestly and genuinely seek the Lord daily.

My prayer for each of us in the days to come is that together, we as a body, would seek the Lord with an honest and genuine heart. Together praying for spiritual sight and spurring one another along in the faith, anchored in the truth of the Gospel for the transformation of the world.

God Bless and Keep You,  
*Pastor Andrew Happ*

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# What's UP?

## February 2026

- Feb 1: Confirmation Class 10:30am-noon
- Feb 4: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm
- Feb 7: No Regrets Men's Conference 7am-1:30pm
- Feb 11: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm
- Feb 14: Coffee & Conversation 8-10am (Women's group)
- Feb 15: Confirmation Class to Murdoch Funeral Home Noon-2pm
- Feb 18: Ash Wednesday Service 6pm
- Feb 18: No D6 Family Night
- Feb 24: Ad Council Mtg 6:30pm
- Feb 25: D6 Family Night 5-8:30pm
- Feb 27: IF Women's Gathering 6-10pm

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9am - 12Noon

**Worship times: 8:45am & 10:30am**

*Please call or email the office  
to have events and information  
included in the newsletter.*

### ***Vision Statement:***

*Leading our community to become Christ-centered  
disciples who are anchored in the the Gospel.*

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul,  
firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary  
behind the curtain.*

*Hebrews 6:19*



# Prayers

## Please Join Us *as we Pray*

### God Bless America



#### Brothers & Sisters in Christ Serving in the Military:

(Our list contains those in full time military duty)

#### **Sam Vick**

*husband of Chelsea (McEvoy) Vick*

#### **Chris Butterfield**

*husband of Lindsay Butterfield*

#### **Allison McEvoy**

*daughter of Mike & Tammy McEvoy*

#### **Ethan Parrott**

*husband of Allison McEvoy*

#### **Clark Schoch**

*son of Chad and Jamie Schoch*

#### **Jacob Snakenberg**

*son of Randy & Laurie Snakenberg*

#### **Nick & Sarah Schultz**

*niece and nephew-in-law of Scott & Lisa Millikin*

We will continue to lift those who are in the Reserve or a part-time basis when we pray for our Nation and those who serve our country.

Mike Beck

Mark Callahan

Jim Carver

George Castek

Leonard & Karen Chapman

Doris Dufoe

Verlene Montgomery Hawker

Stan Hepker

Amy Hromidko

Cinda McLaughlin

Chad Schoch

Anne Stender

Terry Voss

### Continued Prayers for

Brian Lage, Linda Marlow's nephew

Renea, Jamie Schoch's mom

Judy & Dean Gleason, Christina Lahr's parents

Wayne & Sheila Demmel,

Jodi Weber's parents

Duane, Kelly Shuniak's dad

Gary & Donna Brown, Glenda Allen's parents

Dean, Dustin Mallie's dad

### Prayers of Bereavement for



### Please pray for these Upcoming Marriage Celebrations:

Katie Cilek & Jordan Rammelsberg

April 11, 2026

McKenna Rawson & Kyle Coppess

April 25, 2026

Jordan VanVors & Nathan Williams

May 9, 2026

Grace Kohler & Brady Pfeifer

June 6, 2026

Gretchen Jones & Jonathan Schuman

June 20, 2026

Aydra Trout & Jacob Smith

July 18, 2026

Karly Millikin & Caleb Andrews

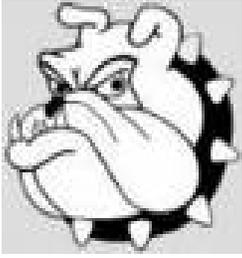
September 18, 2026

Ellie Eikenberry & Nels Fossum

October 11, 2026

Autumn McGowan & Ben Opfer

October 1, 2026



# Bulldogs

**Who:** the MEN of Anchor Bible Church & Surrounding Communities

**What:** Men encouraging men through understanding God’s Word.

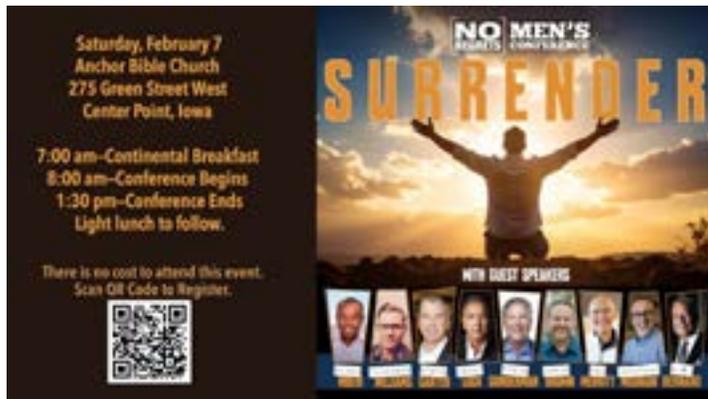
**Where:** Anchor Bible Church, 275 Green St West

**When:** 5:45-7am, Wednesday Mornings

Contact a Bulldog to find out how to join!

Russ Brandt (319-329-9703)

## No Regrets Men’s Conference 2026



The No Regrets Men’s Conference is an annual event—launched in 1994—designed to challenge and equip men to grow in their relationship with the Lord at home, at work, and in their ministry. This year’s theme is **Surrender**, based on Romans 12:1, calling men to fully yield their lives to God. At the conference, you’ll be encouraged to become the man God created you to be and to take the next step in becoming a more fully devoted follower of Christ. Join over 20,000 men from around the world on February 7, 2026!

[Registration Link](#)

## Come & See What You are Missing!

Proverbs 27:17 “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”



# Confirmation

## Anchor Bible Church Confirmation 2025-2026

### Working Program Calendar

Day	Date	Time	Place	Topic
Sunday	2/1	10:30-noon	Library	
Sunday	2/15	12:00-2:00	Murdoch Funeral Home	Life After Death
Sunday	3/1	10:30-noon	Library	
Sunday	3/15	10:30-noon	Library	
Sunday	3/22	11:30-2:00	Sanctuary	Prep for Holy Week
Sunday	3/29	11:30-1:00	Sanctuary	Prep for Holy Week
Wed	4/1	5:15-7:00	Sanctuary	Confirmation Holy Week Presentation
Sunday	4/19	10:30-noon	Library	
Friday	5/1	5:00pm	Ridge Haven Overnight	
& Saturday	5/2	12:00pm end	Ridge Haven Overnight	
Saturday	5/9	5:00pm	Fellowship Area	Confirmation Dinner
Sunday	5/10	9:00 & 10:30	Worship Center	Confirmation Sunday
		Services	(9am-introduced to church family, 10:30-official joining church)	

*Summer Games University    Confirmation students    July    Revised 11/21/25*

### Confirmation Class of 2026 Confirmands & Mentors

Brixley Boyes-Hendryx ~ Angela Praska	Owen Lammers ~ Zach Stien
Garrett Brislawn ~ Brian Praska	Brailey Lewis ~ Amy Rechkemmer
James Chrisman ~ Jeff Walters	Kolten Lewis ~ Tony Stadheim
Victoria Ditch ~ Erica Estling	Isaiah Mize ~ Dillon Fawcett
Karly Estling ~ Melissa Ditch	Michael Pestka ~ Nate Holub
Tenley Gordon ~ Jenn VanGorder	Aiden Rambo ~ Bill Filter
Easton Graham ~ Todd Mitchell	Teagan Stadheim ~ Elizabeth Brandt
Ella Graham - Carolyn Mitchell	Cale Stien ~ Chris Lammers
Jemma Guttai ~ Sarah Eikenberry	Gage Walters ~ Matt Schalk
Hayden Guttai ~ Grace Holub	Samuel Williams ~ Russ Brandt
Kaydyn Hendryx ~ Ashley Rambo	Landon Pearson ~ John Eikenberry

# Treasurer's Corner

## GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

	DEC 2025	DEC YTD 2025	DEC YTD 2024
<b>INCOME-General Contributions</b>	<b>54,827</b>	<b>380,108</b>	<b>326,079</b>
Pastors, Benefits and support	20,377	209,028	165,962
Directors - childrens & adult	1,640	19,683	18,744
Connectial Giving	821	9,849	9,372
Wages - Office & Support/Payroll taxes	4,069	48,228	51,808
Administrative & Office Costs	1,096	13,683	23,512
Worship activities	189	4,695	3,783
Programs (Childrens, Youth, Small Groups)	613	7,612	10,800
Ministries & Outreach	(15)	10,915	13,303
Facility costs	4,175	42,705	27,118
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>32,965</b>	<b>366,398</b>	<b>324,402</b>
<b>NET INCOME(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>21,862</b>	<b>13,710</b>	<b>1,677</b>

2025 BUDGET- General Fund	400,000 = 33/Mo	
General Fund bank balance	73,004	59,294

### OTHER FUNDS

Savings - Not Earmarked	34,754	31,798
Savings - Earmarked Funds	58,560	49,599
Memorial Fund	5,320	5,225
Endowment Fund - Lewis/McNiel Trust	495,860	420,831
Endowments - investment Vanguard	13,872	11,434

### BUILDING FUND

Building Cash	24,073	40,879
Building LOAN	(316,826)	(393,854)

Building Fund Giving	2025	2024
January-Oct	68,633	60,271
Nov	3,743	3,938
Dec	8,430	11,786
Total YTD	80,806	75,995
Loan monthly mortgage payments	(34,112)	(34,112)
Loan extra principal payments	(63,500)	(48,500)

#### DECEMBER 2025

December General Fund giving set a monthly record at \$54,827! This covered all this year's expenses by \$13,710. This is a huge PRAISE GOD!! We challenged ourselves when we became fully staffed with Keith in February and Nick in June. Thank you for stepping up and covering our expenses. Our 2026 General Fund budget has been set with a 13% increase over 2025 giving.

Our Building Fund giving in December was \$8,430.

This allowed us to make a \$6,000 principal only payment this week bringing our loan balance to \$310,000. We are so Blessed at Anchor Bible because of your faithful giving! Now, let's see what we can accomplish in 2026!!!

# Ways to Give

Our New Platform where everything is all tied together!

We are excited!!

“Church Center”



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## Donate your Stuff to help the building fund!

Take your stuff to Stuff Etc. at 252 Blairs Ferry Rd NE, Cedar Rapids

Drop off times: Tuesday-Saturday 10-6pm

Anchor Bible Church's consign number: 18846



- Enter the far door on the back side of the building
- Enter our number #18846 in the computer, it will print a tag
- Staff will give you one red tote to fill, place the tag inside
- Furniture is taken separately at the side of the building
- Anchor Bible will receive 50% of the amount the item is sold for
- You can call 373-2380 or use <https://www.shopstuffetc.com> to look up items currently accepted and restrictions.

**All money raised from your stuff will go to our Building Fund.**

# Events

**Reminder!!**  
 If the activities of CPU School are canceled due to weather conditions, there will be no church activities that evening.  
 We will use email, Facebook & Channels 2, 7 & 9 to make announcements regarding Sunday worship service cancellations.

**NO MEN'S SECRETS CONFERENCE**

**SURRENDER**

Saturday, February 7  
 Anchor Bible Church  
 275 Green Street West  
 Center Point, Iowa

7:00 am—Continental Breakfast  
 8:00 am—Conference Begins  
 1:30 pm—Conference Ends  
 Light lunch to follow.

There is no cost to attend this event.  
 Scan QR Code to Register.



WITH GUEST SPEAKERS



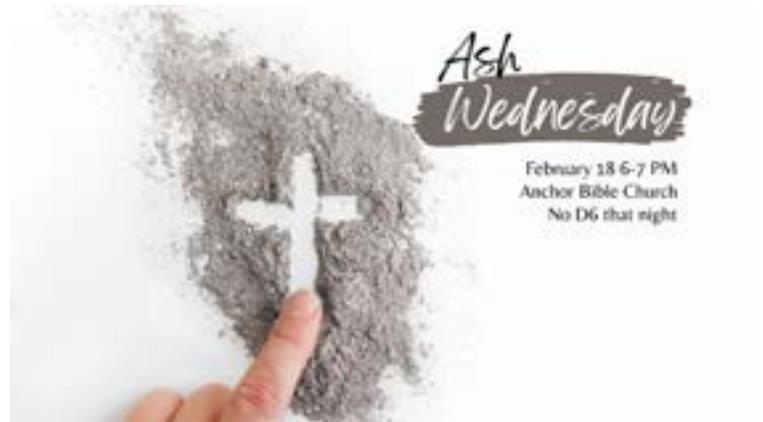
*Women's*  
**GATHERING**  
 COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

**FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 8-10AM**



*Ash*  
**Wednesday**

February 18 6-7 PM  
 Anchor Bible Church  
 No DG that night



*Hey ladies*  
**We're Hosting**  
*IF: One Night*  
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026  
**BRING A FRIEND!**

Join us for Free!

Anchor Bible Church  
 530-1098  
 Bring a dish to share



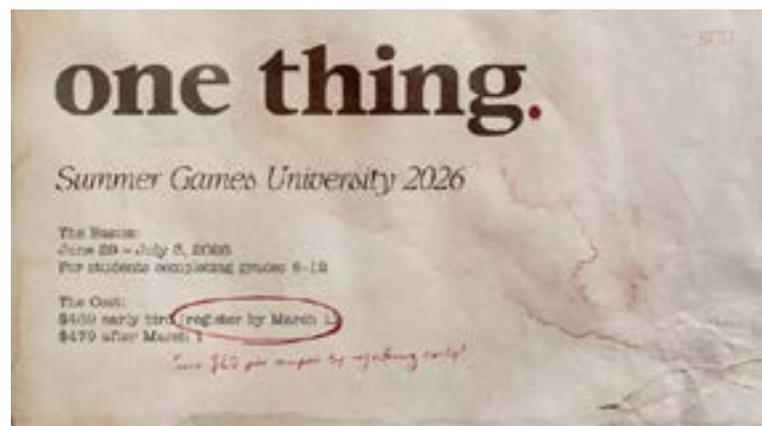

**one thing.**

*Summer Games University 2026*

The Basics:  
 June 29 - July 5, 2026  
 For students completing grades 9-12

The Cost:  
 \$400 early bird (register by March 1)  
 \$470 after March 1

*Save \$60 per couple by registering early!*



# Timber to Table Ministry



## Mission

Our mission is to provide food to those in need by distributing fresh, healthy, and responsibly harvested meat in the name of Christ.

## Join Us On Sunday!

You are invited to join us for church at Anchor Bible on Sunday mornings at 9 or 10:30.

## Wednesday Nights!

Our Wednesday evening D6 program is a community favorite! We host a community meal starting at 5:00 PM followed by classes and groups for all ages at 5:45!

## Need Assistance?

Please submit this form to request assistance from the Timber to Table ministry. Each request will be reviewed by the board and will be distributed accordingly.



*Request Assistance*



## Want to Give?

We combat food insecurity in our area by providing venison to families in need at no cost to them. Meat is processed by Edgewood Locker.

## GUIDING VERSE

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in.  
Matthew 25:35



# Children's Relief Int'l



## Short Term Mission to Malawi

### Serving the People of Malawi: The Warm Heart of Africa

Our ministry in the Nsanganiza village outside Blantyre, Malawi is filled with men, women, and children who are experiencing Christ's love through bible teaching and physical provision. There is a church, preschool education and feeding program, clean water, home building, food distributions, and care for the sick and outcast through a program called Project Life. With each physical need met, the gospel is shared and discipleship is happening.

Together, we have begun to slay some of the giants of hunger, hopelessness, and sickness and transformed the Nsanganiza village with the gospel. Now, our vision is to reach over 70 nearby villages and continue to care for the spiritual and physical needs of those in Nsanganiza.

Malawi is known as the "Warm Heart of Africa" because of the exceptional friendliness of the people, and peacefulness as a culture.

### Gifts & Skills Needed

Preaching	Music	Construction
Discipleship	Teaching	Arts
Prayer	Service / Care	Sports

### Sign Up Now! Space is limited on the mission team.

Email [joe@childrensrelief.org](mailto:joe@childrensrelief.org) or call 319-560-0288 to let us know you'd like to serve on the 2026 team.

**Anchor Bible Church team dates:** July 22nd to August 2nd, 2026

**Application deadline:** Sunday, March 8th, 2026

**Fundraising for team:** Each team member must raise \$4,000 on or before April 3rd. Fundraising support letter provided by CRI.

*Please contact the church office or Joe & Monica Steffeck if you'd like to make a contribution to the travel or ministry expenses of the Anchor Bible Church team.*

# Bible Studies

## **SUNDAY**

High School Youth Bible Study 7:30PM  
Landon Tweeton

Storm Shelter 6:30PM  
Beth Larson

## **MONDAY**

Amazing Grays 9:30AM  
Linda Marlow

Young Adults 6:00PM  
Landon Tweeton/Dillon Fawcett

Acts 29 ~ College Age Group 6:00PM  
Kyle Coppess & McKenna Rawson  
at Kyle's house ~ 1220 Franklin St, Center Point

New and Bold 6:30PM  
"Revelation ~ A book of hope and blessing"  
Anne Stender/Cindy Graham

## **WEDNESDAY**

Bulldog's Men's Group 5:45AM  
Russ Brandt

D6 Adult Class ~ The Upper Room 6:00PM  
Joe & Monica Steffek

Wednesdays in the Word ~ 6:00PM  
Pastor Nick Williams

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ADULT MINISTRY OR BIBLE STUDIES FEEL FREE  
TO CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE (319) 849-2518 OR [office@anchorbibleia.org](mailto:office@anchorbibleia.org)

# Youth Activities

02 FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 HS Bible Study • London Tweeton's house 7:30-9PM	2	3	4 IDK - Apologetics MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	5	6	7 No Regrets Men's Conference 7AM-2PM
8 HS Bible Study • London Tweeton's house 7:30-9PM	9	10	11 IDK - Apologetics MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	12	13	14
15 HS Bible Study • London Tweeton's house 7:30-9PM	16	17	18 <b>NO D6</b> Ash Wednesday 6PM service	19	20	21
22 HS Bible Study • London Tweeton's house 7:30-9PM	23	24	25 IDK - Apologetics MS 6-7:15 HS 7-8:30	26	27 IF Gathering Women's Event 5:30-10PM	28 Anchor Movie Night David 6PM

### February Sermon Series: IDK - Apologetics

This month we're wrapping up our sermon series on apologetics. We've spent a lot of time talking through some of the biggest questions about God and our faith. As the series ends, I'm excited to see the students use what they've learned to help them ask honest questions, think critically, and grow in their trust in Jesus.

### February 7th: No Regrets Men's Conference

Don't miss the No Regrets Men's Conference from 7am-2pm! Open to men from confirmation age and up, this day is perfect for fathers, sons, mentors, and friends to grow in faith together. Register on the Church App now! Attendance is free!

### February 27th: IF Gathering - IF: One Night

Join us for IF: One Night from 5:30-10pm! Open to women 14 and up, this evening features worship, inspiring speakers, and a potluck. It's free! Come pause, reflect, and grow in your faith. Register on the Church App now!

### February 28th: Anchor Movie Night

Come have some fun at 6:00pm as we watch David from Angel Studios together. It will be a relaxed evening and everyone is invited!

[Check out our Church Center App for more details](#)

# D6 Wednesday Nights



Join us at  
**D6 Family Nights**  
**Wednesday Nights**

*“These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”*  
Deuteronomy 6:6-7

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| 5:00-6:30pm | D6 Diner (Come as a family and enjoy dinner together ~ free will offering) |
| 5:45-7:00pm | PreK to 4th grade  |
| 6:00-7:00pm | Adult Group Study  |
| 6:00-7:15pm | Middle School Youth Group (5th-8th grades)                                 |
| 7:00-8:30pm | High School Youth Group (9-12 grade)                                       |

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## D6 Diner Donations

Anchor Bible Church hosts a community meal each Wednesday night before our D6 Family Night. In a effort to keep costs down, we are requesting to have items for the meals donated.

Please see the list below for items to donate for the following weeks ~ February 11 & 25

The items may be brought to the church office Monday through Friday between 9-noon.

Donations need to be dropped off by the Monday before the meal is served.

Thank you in advance for your generous hearts!

[D6 Diner Donations link](#)

# Children's Education

We are continually grateful for the many leaders who commit to serving the Lord in the Children's Ministry. As we continue to grow as a church body, we are in need of more help.

Helping in the Children's Ministry is more than helping the children; you gain fellowship with other leaders of the church body and you'll grow in your knowledge of the Word as well.

Please continue to prayerfully consider leading in the Children's Ministry. We are in need of leaders in all areas; nursery, Sunday School, and Wednesday night D6.

There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. All of them will take care of one another. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy. YOU are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.

-1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Please text, call, or email Randina Johnson with any questions.

Phone: 319-573-6645

Email: [Randina@anchorbibleia.org](mailto:Randina@anchorbibleia.org)

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## D6 Family Night Schedule

February 4

February 11

February 18 - NO D6

February 25

# Celebrations

*“The Lord has done great things for us & we are filled with joy!” ~ Ps 126:3*



Feb 2 Mason McCauley  
 Mary Beth Maloney  
 Feb 3 Chelsey Voss  
 Feb 6 Scott Zimmerman  
 Nolan Lammers  
 Gage Walters  
 Feb 7 Natalie Kongable  
 Erica Roa Graham  
 Waylon Zimmerman  
 Feb 9 Eli Mize  
 Rylee McFarlane  
 Feb 10 Twyla Jenewein  
 Mike Taylor  
 Feb 16 Mya Rawson  
 Feb 18 Jaime Whitehead  
 Amy Maki  
 Feb 19 Philip Klett  
 KC Tupa  
 Emily Fawcett  
 Feb 20 Keri Scheeler  
 Taysom Boies  
 Allie McFarlane  
 Feb 21 Connie Estling  
 Jeff Walters  
 Feb 22 Mike Ellson  
 Feb 24 Molly Sweeting  
 RaeAnn Schnoebelen  
 Mavrik Schweer  
 Killian Strabala  
*Brad & Amy Rechkemmer*

\* Feb 25 Sherri Squires  
 \* Evelyn Munson  
 \* *Jeff & Kaylene Squires*  
 \* Feb 26 Ben Upah  
 \* Jack Mallie  
 \* Feb 27 Jennifer Crowley  
 \* Cynlee Otto  
 \* Lizz DeLarm  
 \* Allison Traynor  
 \* Feb 28 Cinda McLaud



Lane & Madie Rowe  
 are the proud parents of a son,  
**Reed Allen**  
 born January 17, 2026  
 Proud siblings:  
 Riggins