



CIRCLE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CENTER  
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## FAMILY NEWSLETTER

OFFICE HOURS Sunday 8 am - 9:30 am and Noon - 2 pm  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 am - 1pm and 3pm to 5 pm

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### "THE MAIN THING"

1. To **love the Lord** our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength.

2. To **love our neighbors** as ourselves.

3. To **go and make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything Christ has commanded us.

## CIRCLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

1. Vision Ministry needs Sunday morning assistance with big screen set up in the foyer prior to services. Talk to Amanda Swick, at 541-207-5956.
2. Life Group Ministry needs coordinators for the 2014-2015 session. Talk to Mark or Nancy Johnson at 541-758-5065.
3. Evangelism Ministry needs an events coordinator to work with José Reyes on scheduling. Talk to José at 541-752-6031 or email him at reyes@ne.orst.edu.
4. Teachers needed for all ages of Bible classes. Talk to Eric or Chris Jensen to offer dates available and ages preferred. (541-929-5885)
5. All ministries listed on page four of this publication would welcome your interest and participation. Please read them this week with an open heart to offer at least your prayers for the leaders and the programs by which they are striving to serve this congregation and God.

## PLEASE FILL OUT A FELLOWSHIP CARD

Everyone is asked to fill out a Fellowship Card, which you will find in the song book rack. If you have questions or comments, feel free to write them on the back of the Fellowship Card, or talk to any member. The cards are picked up at the start of our service or can be placed in an offering plate.

For visitors, more general information is available on bookmarks in the Bibles located in the song book rack.



## Gregg's Good News

Early in the week, I enjoyed the privilege of being taught by Evertt Huffard, Dean of Harding School of Theology; and James Thompson, Professor at Abilene Christian University who is recognized around the world as an expert in Hebrews and the Epistles of Paul.

As long as I have been preaching, I have carried the conviction that I **always want to keep improving** at the craft of Sermon Development and Presentation. I want to become more adept at understanding the Word of God I read in the Bible. I want to become more skillful at proclaiming so that you hear the Living Word of God. I

want to continue to make progress not only **as a Proclaimer of Jesus**, I first want to keep making progress at **Imitating the Lord Jesus**.

There was a time in the history of Churches of Christ that many preachers had a file of written sermons that they would run through at a particular congregation. Then they would move to another congregation until the file was once again exhausted.

I am convinced that as this church continues to move through the experience of passing years, God likely has something to say to the congregation at *this* point in time. Consequently, before I preach—I seek to understand what **God's preaching agenda** for us is. Then, I work diligently at understanding the Bible's

message and the meaning of that message for this church in Corvallis right now.

I keep a quote on my desk from Martin Luther: "Unless the gospel has been preached with contemporary relevance, it has not been preached." Clearly, we observe major changes in our culture. Yet my aim is not to alter the timeless **gospel** God wants you to hear. Rather, I want to proclaim that message in such a fashion that it is **more than a report about characters and events of long ago and far away; it is God's timeless story to be understood so that it impacts today.**

**When preaching works as I hope, an encounter with God will occur.** God will break into your mind and heart with the comfort or conviction he knows *you* need in the here and now.

## NEXT SUNDAY

AM The Deacon Lifestyle  
PM Super Sunday Bible "Trivia" Bowl

## Dessert Auction Feb. 23rd to raise funds for UCC Spring Mission

### SCHEDULE OF FAMILY EVENTS

- Jan, 26th - 5 PM Bible video and discussion
- Jan. 27th- Women's Monday nights' Beth Moore Bible Study at 7 PM
- Jan. 28th - 10:30 AM to Noon Ladies Bible Class
- Jan. 28th - Tuesday Night Dinner and Discussion at University Christian Center, 1655 NW Monroe 7 PM
- Feb. 2nd - "The Deacon Lifestyle" in the morning session
- Feb. 2nd - 5 PM Super Sunday Bible "trivia" Bowl
- Feb. 23rd - Dessert Auction for the Spring Mission Trip funding



Go and  
Make  
Disciples



**Contact Numbers:**

541-753-4310 UCC  
541-207-2777 cell

**UCC Office Hours**

T 2pm-10pm  
TH 9am-3pm  
F 9am-3pm

Gregg and I had a great trip to the NW Expositors Seminar early this week. It was a blessing to sit at the feet of a great theologian, James Thompson, and listen to his wisdom in understanding the book of 2 Corinthians. We were also encouraged through the wisdom of Evertt Huffard in being leaders that develop other leaders. If this wasn't enough, Gregg and I also encouraged those desiring to engage with college students. We gave them some ideas, prayed for them, and will walk with them. It is exciting to see what God is doing in the Pacific Northwest and for us to be able to be part of it here at Circle.



Campus Minister and Family  
Jason, Amanda Josiah and  
Jaron Swick

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE FAMILY NEEDS**

Please pray for God's healing hand to be upon those with cancer:

- Rob Hartley, Renee Gunselman's brother
- Greg, Jensens' neighbor
- Roy Gaffney, friend of the Millers
- Karen Bose, Betty Carter's daughter
- John McPartlin, eye cancer
- Kevin Roth (Eric Jensen's relative)
- Lorena Childress' uncle
- Terry, Ed Calcote's daughter

Please continue to pray for the health of

- Katy Pyron
- Phil and Linda Weimer
- Patsy Linder
- Donna and Paul Johnson
- JoAnne and Debra Million
- Zane Rogers (Brooks' grandson)
- LaVera Crownover
- Cathy Bussard
- Alex Bracht
- Elizabeth Emmerich and family
- Mark Masters and family

Brianna, Vickie Krater (Kent)'s granddaughter will be having surgery at OHSU Jan 31 for thyroid cancer.

Joe Hammar is sick with the current nasty virus.

Please pray for Bob Parsons' mom. She has

been rapidly declining in her health and was admitted to the hospital Sunday.

Pray for a complete recovery for Tim Eastridge for successful hip replacement surgery (praise God), and pray that he would make the most of this new chance at life.

Pray for Cathy Bussard's step-sister, who had a stroke and needs prayers.

Alan Brooks' uncle Jim is in the hospital in serious condition, and his house burned down.

Pray that OR & CA get desperately needed rain.

Geri York prays that God will be with her family this month! And Cyndi needs a place to live.

Pray for the family of Russ Harris, who passed away unexpectedly (Longs).

Pray for Tony Brockman and family in the health of his grandma and decisions associated with her.

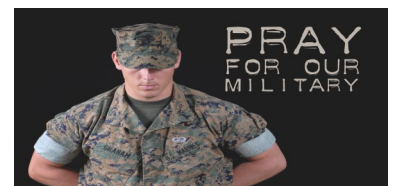
**Pray for our Mom-to-be**

Holly and Ryan McPartlin, baby BOY, McRib due 05/20/2014

**Pray for engaged:**

Ashley Parsons and Ryan King are engaged to be married on July 26th, 2014, in Corvallis.

Lauren Croucher and Shane Copenhagen engaged to be married on August 2nd at Circle.



**Pray for Our Military**

- **Laci Hill**, Navy in the Mediterranean Fleet
- Pray for the military families and all those serving.
- Pray for our leaders to make the best decisions that so dramatically affect our military.

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## Want to get involved?

Assembly Ministry . . . . . Deacons' Ministry Group  
 Building/Grounds (Church & UCC) . . Greg Brown and  
 Josh Wise  
 Campus Ministry . . . . . Jason Swick  
 Education Ministry . . . . . Eric and Chris Jensen  
 Evangelism Ministry . . . . . José Reyes  
 Fellowship Ministry . . . . . Ed and Renee' Gunselman  
 Involvement Ministry . . . . . See Elders  
 Life Group Ministry . . . . . Mark and Nancy Johnson  
 Media Ministry . . . . . Frank Cloutier and *Webmaster*  
 Tim Emmerich  
 Men of Iron . . . . . Rolland House  
 People Needs: Financial and Food . . . . . Becky Miller,  
 and Ryan McPartlin  
 Publicity Ministry . . . . . Becky Miller  
 Van Ministry . . . . . Bob and Cody Parsons  
 Visitor Experience Ministry . . . . . See Elders  
 Vision Ministry . . . . . Elders, Deacons, Ministers and  
 their wives  
 Widows Ministry . . . . . Peter and Pam McPartlin  
 Women's Ministry . . . . . Laurie Eastridge  
 Youth Ministry . . . . . Mike and Shannon Sorah  
 and Eric and Jann Bracht



Qiang Li's wife, Ting, and kids in China got their visas to come back to the U.S. as planned on March 1st. Thank you all for your prayers.

Betty Carter's daughter-in-law is doing much better and in rehab in Lebanon. Thank you for your prayers.

Both of the Calcotes' family members are doing good - thanks for your prayers.

## MONTHLY SERVANTS

Eldership Leader: Casey Long  
 Deacon/Minister Leader: Eric Jensen  
 Emergency Needs: Renee Gammon,  
 541-602-2335  
 Communion Prep: Rugh's  
 PA Attendant: Michael Sorah  
 Kids' Time: Chris Jensen  
 Service Monitor: Eric Bracht  
 541-754-3835

## WEEKLY SERVANTS

| Jan. 26th, 2014                           | Feb. 2nd, 2014 |
|---|----------------|
| <b>MORNING;</b>                           |                |
| Greeters: E Eastridge                     | K McPartlin    |
| T Eastridge                               | P McPartlin    |
| J House                                   | P McPartlin    |
| Ushers: D Brown                           | C Cloutier     |
| R Parsons                                 | E Bracht       |
| Attendance: R Bracht                      | J Emmerich     |
| Communion: N Franklund                    | J Paul         |
| Counting Aides: K McPartlin               | B Leslie       |
| J Emmerich                                | J Emmerich     |
| Nursery: Kelsey Rennels                   | R Gunselman    |
| O Childress                               | Esther G.      |
| Notes /Cards; O Childress                 | A Hammar       |
| Esther G                                  | S Childress    |
| Song Leader: C Cloutier                   | Z Reed         |
| Speaker: G Strawn                         | G Strawn       |
| Lord's Table: M Johnson                   | J Shore        |
| Servers: J Bracht                         | G Brown        |
| Jacob Hammar                              | Ed Gunselman   |
| Zac Reed                                  | S Copenhagen   |
| Opening Prayer: R McPartlin               | B McCaughan    |
| Pastoral Prayer R House                   | M Johnson      |
| Closing Prayer: R House                   | M Johnson      |
| <b>5:00 PM EVENING SCHEDULE</b>           |                |
| Song Leader: B McCaughan                  | R Holland      |
| Opening Prayer: S Copenhagen              | N Acidera      |
| Closing Prayer: M Johnson                 | Joe Hammar     |
| Lord's Table: M Johnson                   | J Shore        |
| <b>SECOND SUNDAY EVENING of the MONTH</b> |                |
| Singing at Park Place Assisted Living,*   |                |
| 2595 NE Jack London, at 5:45 PM           |                |

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Sunday Morning Attendance   | 164     |
| Jan. 19th Contribution      | \$4,885 |
| Year to Date Weekly Average | \$4,887 |
| Weekly Budget               | \$4,517 |

## Circle Leaders Elders



Mark Johnson  
 541-758-5065  
 thefam@comcast.net



Casey Long  
 541-752-4771  
 corcasey@aol.com

## Deacons

Ed Gunselman,  
 Rolland House, Eric  
 Jensen, Peter  
 McPartlin, Jose' Reyes

## Ministers

*All the members of  
 the  
 Congregation  
 (I Peter 2:9)*

W. Gregg Strawn  
 Minister of the Word  
 Jason Swick  
 Campus Minister

## 2020 Circle Family Times

**Sunday**  
 9:30 AM Bible Classes  
 for all ages  
 10:30 AM Worship  
 5:00 PM Assembly

**Tuesday**  
 Ladies Bible Class  
 10:30 am

**Wednesday**  
 7:00 PM Bible Study  
 At Circle

Assorted Life Groups  
 Call 541-758-4456 for details