



CIRCLE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CENTER  
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## FAMILY NEWSLETTER

OFFICE HOURS Monday through Friday 9 AM to 1 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.

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."**

**Jeremiah 29:11**



**May the New Year dawn brightly as we place our hope in the Father who has promised a future to us.**

### 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

Some days after Jesus was born, his parents took him to the temple to consecrate him to the Lord. (The scene is recounted in the latter half of Luke 2.) That day, God sent Simeon alongside Joseph and Mary to speak. Simeon was a man who had waited “for the consolation of Israel.” By the Holy Spirit, he knew that he would have the opportunity to see the Christ.

What a moment it must have been when Simeon held baby Jesus Christ in his arms! It’s always compelling to hold any baby for the first time—but how did it feel to hold the Christ child?

The fact Simeon erupts with a proclamation of praise answers the question. Simeon is now at peace with passing away and out of the world for he has seen salvation for Gentile and Jew alike. But then Simeon’s language takes a turn. Speaking to other Mary, Simeon prophesies that Jesus will cause the falling and rising of many, he will be spoken against and in the process reveal the hearts of many people. Yet it’s the final sentence that penetrates “And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

Here I perceive part of the wonder of the birth story. On one hand, we have

all the celebration that goes along with a newborn baby. Yet even as the star brightly shines, the shadow of the cross is over the scene. God in flesh was born to die. It is his purpose.

I’m not trying to rain on the celebration parade. I’m simply acknowledging that more than a seasonal story of one more infant, we live with awareness that God in flesh sets the stage for God on a cross. And in the process of his humiliation, God pens the door for our exaltation.



Lord willing, I am expecting to be out of the office Dec. 31 - Jan. 7.



**PM Preview TONIGHT:  
5:00 PM Video: The Story**



**January 17, 2015**

Wrestling: OSU VS CSU

9 AM @ UCC for food & fellowship

the meet starts at 11 AM

**January 24, 2015**

Basketball: UO VS UCLA

9:30 AM @ Eugene C of C

Speaker: Nathan Mellor

Tickets = \$24.50

## SCHEDULE OF FAMILY EVENTS

Dec 28th - Special Sunday for Children

Jan 1st - HAPPY NEW YEAR - Church Office Closed

Jan 8th - Empty Nester's 6:30 PM, no-host meal at The Old Spaghetti Factory

Jan 17th - Guy Thing, OSU Wrestling, 9AM at the UCC

Jan 24th - Men's Workshop and Fellowship, Eugene C of C; 9:30 AM

Feb 6-7 - Eugene Youth Rally

Feb 6-8 - Women's Retreat, Lincoln City, see Laurie Eastridge for details

Mar 6-7 - The Art of Marriage

Mar 29th - 5th Sunday Singing, Veneta Church of Christ, 2 PM

## Scripture Quilt for Rex Earnhart

Please leave an uplifting or favorite scripture in the basket in the lobby with your name.

The scriptures will be written on fabric and made into a quilt to bless Rex. You don't have to know Rex to help make the quilt.



The New Year is almost here. Now is the time to make resolutions. You might study a topic or two as you read through the Bible this year. For example, you could choose God and highlight where He reveals Himself or forgiveness and how people show forgiveness. You might choose a ministry on the back of this bulletin, talk to the leader and get involved. You could even take a CITE class. The information is below and I have registration forms and syllabuses with me today so you can sign up. Let me encourage you to make 2015 a year where you grow in your faith, in the community, and grow God's kingdom.

#### CITE courses:

1) Christian Family by Shawn Jones: I had Shawn Jones for my first class and I highly recommend him as a teacher. His many years of teaching at the college level and in the pulpit has given him the ability to take Biblical truths and show how to apply them to everyday life. If you want to see how Biblical truths can have a positive impact on your family, take this class.

2) Bible Studying and Teaching (Personal Evangelism) by Jason Swick: I got to proofread the syllabus for this upcoming class and I wish I could take it. In 10 weeks you will learn ways to study the Bible and how to share what you learn in your unique setting. At the end of class you will create your own evangelistic Bible study that you could share with anyone. If you have a serious desire to further the kingdom of God in your context, now is the time to take a CITE class.

#### Contact Numbers:

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

#### UCC Office Hours

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



Campus Minister and Family  
Jason, Amanda, Josiah and  
Jaron Swick

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE FAMILY NEEDS

#### Health:

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

- Rob Hartley, Renee Gunselman's brother
- Greg, Jensens' neighbor
- Ruby Warren, Tami Brown's grandmother
- Debbie Smith, Florence Purvis' granddaughter
- Lydia Perry, breast cancer
- Karen Solomenson, Evelyn Eastridge's friend
- Tina, Nora Cloutier's friend, brain cancer
- Elizabeth Black, Shirley Womack's sister, throat cancer
- Artie Emmerich, lung cancer
- Dave Martin, Keizer
- Delia Cris, mother of Briar's friend

Please continue to pray for the health of:

- Katy Pyron
- Phil & Linda Weimer
- Patsy Linder
- Donna & Paul Johnson, daughter Heidi
- JoAnne Million
- Zane Rogers (Brooks' grandson)
- LaVera Crownover
- Cathy Bussard
- Alex Bracht, daily headaches
- Elizabeth Emmerich
- Joyce Brooks
- Jerry Hammar, Joe's brother

- Mialee Womack
- Ezra Parker
- Kelby Hazelton (Josh Wise's sister)

Pray for Bob Noland from Chester, WV, with pancreatic cancer.

Pam Strawn requests prayer for Zamiwan, age 6, high fever and cough.

Pray for Dillon Boss, saw a doctor Tues for possible hernia surgery (he's bedridden) for relief of pain and a good outcome.

Please pray for Artie Emmerich (uncle of Tim & Nora) with lung cancer recurrence. Pray for success of chemo.

Olyvia Childress requests prayer for her coach. Dr. Will Keim, who has stage 4 melanoma - pray that the new treatment works.

Becky Miller asks for prayers for Gary, who will have skin cancer removed Jan 8.

Pray for Dave Martin with cancer & his family. Cathy Brooks

Pray for a school friend of Briar's, whose mother has cancer. Cathy Brooks

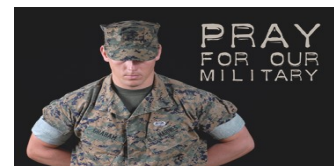
Continue to pray for Rex Earnhart, who is recovering from a stroke.

#### Pray for our Moms-to-Be:

Marissa and Aaron Veik, due April 6, 2015



Melody and Nate Otta, due April 28, 2015



Jared Ireland, Corvallis  
Cory Murray, Afghanistan  
All active duty military around the world.

#### Physical:

The Powells request prayer for their friend, Kevin, having trouble starting over in life.

#### Spiritual:

Christie Seits requests prayer for her daughter, Kyla, to find her way back to the Lord.

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## Want to get involved?

**Assembly Ministry** . . . . . Gregg Strawn, Mike Sorah  
**Building/Grounds (Church & UCC)** . . . . . Greg Brown  
Josh Wise, Peter McPartlin, and Ezra Childress  
**Campus Ministry** . . . . . Jason Swick  
**Education Ministry** . . . . . Eric and Chris Jensen  
**Evangelism Ministry** . . . . . José Reyes  
**Fellowship Ministry** . . . . . Ed and Renee' Gungelman  
**Involvement Ministry** . . . . . See Elders  
**Life Group Ministry** . . . . . Mark and Nancy Johnson  
**Media Ministry** . . . . . Frank Cloutier  
Webmaster Tim Emmerich  
**Men of Iron** . . . . . Rolland House  
**People Needs Facilitator** . . . . . Tami Brown  
**Clothing Drive Lead** . . . . . Linda Leslie  
**Food Boxes Lead** . . . . . Charlene Franklund  
**Publicity Ministry** . . . . . Tami Brown  
**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

## Good News section:

Geri York gives praise to God for her grandson,  
Michael Hoover's, baptism!

Praise that Margaret Calcote is much better!

LaVera Crownover is very grateful for the special  
blessings on Sunday. She received a full day of  
caroling from some of our members starting with  
the Cloutiers (she loved the violin duet), followed by  
the teens. She said she still smiles when she  
thinks of it.

Katy Pyron gives praise for the teens coming to  
carol at her house. Thank you!



Thank you for your support for  
Operation Christmas Child. We have  
been informed that the boxes created  
here at Circle were delivered in Indonesia and The  
Philippines. What a blessing for these Children to  
receive a Christmas gift with the story of Jesus!!

## MONTHLY SERVANTS

**Eldership Leader:** Casey Long  
**Deacon/Minister Leader:**  
Peter McPartlin  
**Emergency Needs:** Evelyn Eastridge  
541-847-5849  
**Communion Prep:** Paula & Jared Ireland  
**PA Attendant:** Dillon & Jennifer Boss  
**Kids' Time:** YES!!  
**Service Monitor:** Eric Jensen  
541-929-5885

## WEEKLY SERVANTS

	Dec 28th	Jan 1st
<b>MORNING</b>		
<b>Greeters:</b>	A Rugh L Rugh L Leslie	J Ireland P Ireland J House
<b>Ushers:</b>	P McPartlin M Woods	B Fields A Rugh
<b>Attendance:</b>	B Sorah	N Franklund
<b>Communion:</b>	J Paul	J Emmerich
<b>Counting Aide:</b>	K McPartlin R Bracht	L Sorah J Paul
<b>Nursery:</b>	H Powell L Sorah	J Womack H Ireland
<b>Notes /Cards:</b>	S Childress S Potter	S Potter N Eastridge
<b>Song Leader:</b>	J Swick	R McPartlin
<b>Speaker:</b>	G Strawn	J Swick
<b>Lord's Table:</b>	N Acidera	F Cloutier
<b>Servers:</b>	B McCaughan T Eastridge M Johnson	J Strawn J Reyes R Eastridge
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	E Bracht	R Parsons
<b>Pastoral Prayer:</b>	C Long	E Jensen
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	C Long	E Jensen
<b>5:00 PM EVENING SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Song Leader:</b>	J Swick	E Bracht

**SECOND SUNDAY EVENING of the MONTH**  
Singing at Park Place Assisted Living,\*  
2595 NE Jack London, at 5:45 PM

Sunday Morning Attendance	173
December 21st Contribution	\$5,223
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$4,434
Weekly Budget	\$4,400

## Circle Leaders

### Elders



Mark Johnson  
541-758-5065  
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Casey Long  
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### Deacons

Ezra Childress, Ed  
Gungelman, Eric Jensen,  
Peter McPartlin, José  
Reyes, Michael Sorah,  
Josh Wise

### Ministers

All the members of the  
Congregation  
(1 Peter 2:9)



W. Gregg Strawn  
Minister of the Word



Jason Swick  
Campus Minister



Tami Brown  
Office  
Administrator

### Outreach Programs:

Bay Area Rescue Mission  
Clothing Drive  
Food Boxes  
Mountain States Children Home  
Orphan Sunday  
Quilts for CASA  
Special Situations  
University Christian Center  
Wells in East Africa

### 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