

## Elders



**Mark Johnson**  
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## Ministers

### Monthly Servants

**Eldership Leader:** Casey Long

**Deacon/Minister Leader:** Josh Wise

**Emergency Needs:** Nancy Johnson

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**Communion Prep:** Steve & Cathy Evans

**Service Monitor:** Ed Gunselman

### Weekly Servants

**MORNING December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Video: J Baxter, R Eastridge

Sound Board: R Behnia, L Eastridge

**Greeters:**

**M Woods**

**J Woods**

**L Hartman**

**Ushers:**

**R Womack**

**R McPartlin**

**Attendance:**

**Ca Jensen**

**Communion:**

**N Franklund**

**Count Aide:**

**R Bracht**

**A Bracht**

**Nursery:**

**A McPartlin**

**A Macwan**

**Notes/Cards:**

**E Goddard**

**Song Leader:**

**R Holland**

**Kids' Time:**

Cancelled

**Speaker:**

**G Strawn**

**Lord's Table:**

**J Parker**

**Servers:**

**R Rapp**

**J Swick**

**F Cloutier**

**Open Prayer:**

**A Member**

**Pastoral Prayers:**

**M Johnson**

**December 31<sup>st</sup>**

R Eastridge, J Baxter

L Eastridge, J Gunselman

**A Rugh**

**L Rugh**

**D Franklund**

**M Kent**

**S Evans**

**N Franklund**

**A Bracht**

**L Sorah**

**K McPartlin**

**K Kessler**

**M Gomes**

**M Hallas**

**C Long**

**Wises, T Paul**

**G Strawn**

**J Strawn**

**J Reyes**

**K McPartlin**

**R Behnia**

**E Bracht**

**C Long**

### Evening Schedule

5:00 pm

Christ Comes Near

**Deacons:** Ed Gunselman, Eric Jensen, Jose Reyes, Josh Wise

**Outreach Programs:** Bay Area Rescue Mission, Christian Relief Fund, Clothing Drive, East Asian Missions, Food Boxes, Mountain States Children's Home, Orphan Sunday, Quilts for CASA, Special Situations, University Christian Center

## Please Pray For Our Family

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

**Debbie Smith** (Florence Purvis' granddaughter)

**Les Brooks** (malignant leukemia)

**Marilyn** (Linda Weimer's friend, recurring cancer)

**Bob Craig** (lung cancer, Lydia Perry's brother-in-law)

**Marsha Carr** (Virgil Oakes' cousin)

Please continue to pray for:

**Keith Cornell, Phil & Linda Weimer, Donna Johnson**

Please pray for the following members with health needs:

**The daughter of a community member** to recover from a serious infection and be able to care for her children.

**Merle Woods**, home last Sunday with a cold and a cough.

**Dorothy**, Chris Jensen's grandmother, with a sore throat that isn't healing properly.

**Cabot**, Alan Brooks' cousin, having back surgery on Monday.

Physical:

**Al Hendrickson**, former Elder at Circle Church, blind and severe dementia, just moved to Park Place, Rm B24. He would appreciate visits!

**Darla & Linda's dad** to have peace.

**The family of Larry**, Joe Hammar's brother who passed away last week.

Engaged Couples: Jesse Bracht & Erin Foreman, Alex Aversano & Jocelyn Powell

Expecting Mothers: Somer Perry, Jennifer (Perry) Boss, Kellie Strawn

Military: Jordan Paul, Marines, in Oceanside; John, Betty Carter's grandson, who is on his ship now; James Brogden on the USS Essex

Good News:

✠ **Casey** gives thanks and praise for gracious giving by the church to Christian Relief Fund – 40+ orphans, wells, disaster relief. ✠ **Lois Munson** gives prayers of thankfulness to the wonderful people of the church and the anonymous donor helping her be able to go to the Women's Retreat. ✠ **The Strawns** praise God to see many here this morning who have been struggling with illnesses. ✠ **Joe Hammar's** hemoglobin is normal! ✠ **The Brooks'** praise God for answered prayer! Thank you, Circle Church, for your prayers and support! ✠



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## Family Newsletter

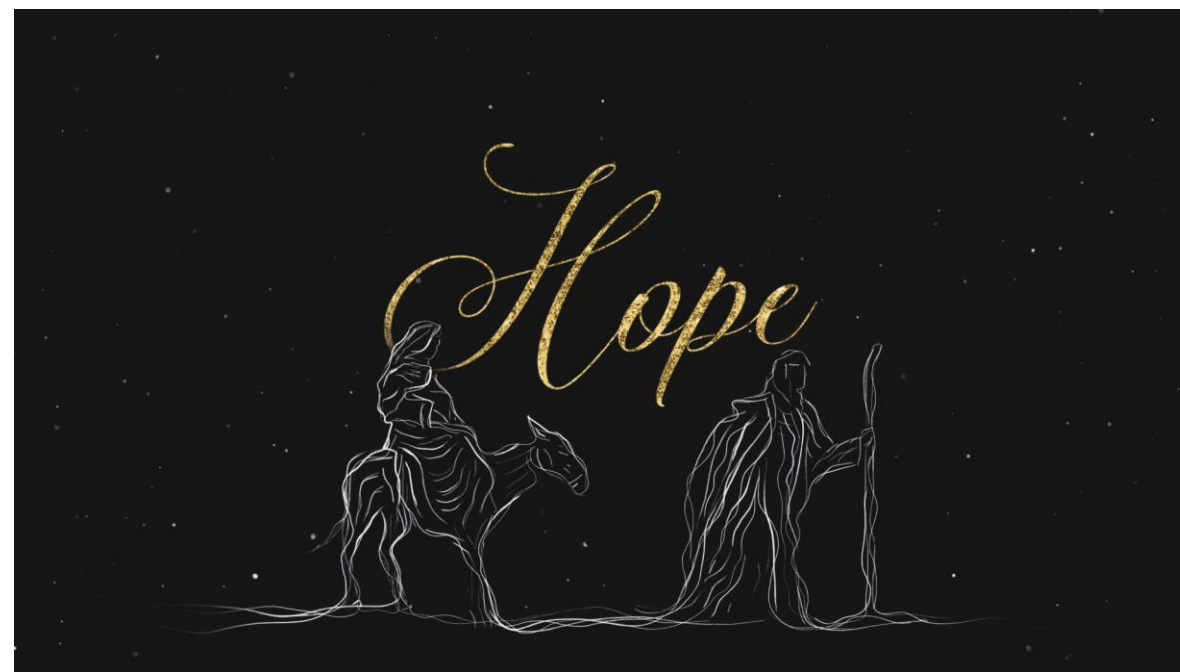
2020 Circle Family Times

Sunday 9:30AM Bible Classes for all ages

10:30AM Worship

Wednesday Various Life Groups

Office Hours: S: 2-5; M-R: 8-4; F: 8-12



### "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.

### Upcoming Events

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5-6pm: Christ Comes Near

December 25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas!

December 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Office Closed

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 5pm: New Year's Eve Party

January 13<sup>th</sup>: Circle Clean Up Day



## Gregg's Good News

Different people seem more drawn to either novelty or predictability. "Give me a new experience" is the cry of the person who is continually in search of novelty. In contrast, the person who prizes experiencing the same thing over and over says, "Don't change things."

We shouldn't be surprised by the fact that in the life of the church, there are people who lean both of those directions. This morning, I'm hoping that people from both perspectives will find things that fit their style. As is typical, we will sing, hear Scripture and celebrate the Lord's Supper. However, welcoming numerous children to the stage is apt to result in something unexpected taking place. No, it WILL result in something unexpected taking place.

When Jesus entered the world, it was an event that the prophets forecast. It should have been expected. But his entry completely frustrated the rulers with their bias towards, "Don't change things up." They were comfortable in their hold on controlling Jewish life.

But to many who typically had not had the experience of worshipping God, the arrival of God in flesh was an eye-opening welcome. Unclean shepherds, an aged widow and foreigners from afar are found among those with the novel experience of seeing God face to face.

So today, we acknowledge the world revolutionizing, once in forever event. God entered our world in a flesh and blood body. He assumed the ultimate in vulnerability, he became a totally dependent baby boy. And yet that event of utter novelty prompts us to assemble and proclaim words believers have uttered for centuries. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Maybe things go best when we appreciate both novelty and tradition.

**PM PREVIEW TONIGHT:  
5:00 pm "Christ Comes Near"**

### Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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Teresa Deatherage has placed membership with Circle Church of Christ. Please welcome her and her daughter Lilka!

**"Christ Comes Near" Candlelight Service**



Join us TONIGHT at 5pm for a special Christmas Eve service!



For my birthday, most of our Life Group went to Portland to watch the Blazers play the Spurs. If we are the players, who would God be at a basketball game?

Is God like our Coach, who gives us a game plan to follow? Is He like a Referee, who makes sure we follow the rules? Is He our biggest fan, who cheers from the stands no matter what we do? Is God the teammate who is there to help us up when we fall, or pat our back when we miss the buzzer-is-sounding, Hail-Mary shot?

What makes a good basketball game? Is it winning? Most of the people at that basketball game would tell you "we" lost the game, but the team I was rooting for won! Winning doesn't always make for a good game though; it's how the game is played. The players must work together as a team, communicate with each other, and do their part...much like the people in a church.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim 4:7. How are you playing your game?

Empty Nester's Night Out is cancelled for December, but we will meet again on January 25, 2018.

**Women's Winter Weekend:  
Created To Pray**

- \* February 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- \* Inn at Sandcastle Beach, Waldport, OR
- \* Cost: \$100
- \* Speaker: Kim Butts
- \* Register Today!!! Talk to Laurie Eastridge

Sunday Morning Attendance	136
Last Week's Contribution	\$4,368.25
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$4,528.85
Weekly Budget	\$4,584.00

**Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!**

Assembly Ministry.....	Gregg Strawn, Casey Long
Circle Facilitator Inside.....	Eric Bracht
Outside Circle Facilitator.....	Jim Calkin
UCC Facilitator.....	Nathan Lopez
Overall Support.....	M Gomes, G Brown, J Wise
Campus Ministry.....	Jason Swick, Josh Stutzman
Connections Ministry.....	Dale & Tami Brown
Discipleship Ministry.....	Jose Reyes
Education Ministry.....	Casey & Darla Long
Fellowship Ministry.....	Ed & Renee Gungelman
Life Group Ministry.....	Mark & Nancy Johnson
Media/Web Ministry.....	Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan
Men of Iron.....	Roland House
People Needs Facilitators.....	Tami Brown & Maria Gomes
Clothing Drive Lead.....	Linda Leslie
Food Boxes Lead.....	Charlene Franklund
Publicity Ministry.....	Maria Gomes
Quilts for CASA.....	Cathy Brooks
Van Ministry.....	Bob & Cody Parsons
Visitor Experience Ministry.....	See Elders
Vision Ministry.....	Elders, Deacons, Ministers & their Wives
Widows Ministry.....	Peter & Pam McPartlin
Women's Ministry.....	Laurie Eastridge
Youth Ministry.....	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen

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**UCC Office Hours**  
T 2pm-10pm  
W 9am-3pm  
F 9am-3pm



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