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FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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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.



Allison Nolan, Emma Brown and Zach Snedker (Lobster Valley). They're all doing great and really like going to Harding. They wanted to send a greeting and their love to Circle. They won't be home for Thanksgiving, but plan on being home for Christmas. They also said that they would love to hear from people from Circle. You know, cards, letters, email, care packages. Please take time to show Allison, Emma and Zach "their love" just to

encourage them while they're so far from home.

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Thanksgiving Food Drive needs YOU!

Buy NOW for our Nov. 24th Thanksgiving food boxes. To request a food box for yourself or for another, fill out a form on the kiosk. Sign up to purchase 10 to 12 lb. turkeys. Traditionally we give out 50 boxes at Thanksgiving and 50 at Christmas.

Check the list on the kiosk in the fover for specific needs or donate funds to Becky Miller and shoppers will shop for you.

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

On occasion, people wonder out loud, "How could I possibly pray for more than 3 minutes? By that time, I run out of things to ask for."

Let's consider 3 answers to that sentiment.

1. Earlier today, an acquaintance suggested a prayer experiment. He passed out copies of the Corvallis Gazette -Times newspaper. Then he invited us to pray about things that we thought of while thumbing through the pages of the paper.

25 minutes later, the experiment was called to a halt. But we certainly had not exhausted the prayer themes prompted by contemporary goings-on in Corvallis and the broader world.

For those of us more inclined to read Yahoo News online or some similar website, I can imagine a similar experience if we choose to pray about those articles.

2. The person's complaint is telling in itself. "I run out of things to ask for." There are other aspects of prayer that you can explore. Praise, Confession, Thanksgiving are

a few options. It can be helpful to reframe your thoughts regarding the purpose of prayer. If you are more interested in pursuing intimacy with God than pulling the handle on a cosmic slot machine, you will discover that conversing honestly about your heart will become more common and more comfortable.

3. Just be quiet and listen. The Holy Spirit may prompt a verse that answers your question. He will intercede when your words run short. And a peace that passes understanding may come upon you.

PM Preview TONIGHT 5:00 pm— Sing-A-Long Rehearsal

Bring your voice and music. Less than 3 weeks between now and the event.

Women's Winter Weekend Retreat in Lincoln City

January 3—5, 2014—Begin the new year with an amazing time as we learn from Karol Ladd: A Woman's Secret for Confident Living.

Nov. 24 all payments for retreat are due....see Jasmine Womack

SCHEDULE OF FAMILY EVENTS

Nov. 17th - 5 PM Sing - A - Long Singing Practice

Nov. 12th - Tuesday Night Dinner and Discussion at University Christian Center, 1655 NW Monroe 7 PM

Nov. 16th - No Host Women's Breakfast at 9th St McDonald's 9 AM

Nov 17th - Youth Game Night 6 PM

Nov. 24th - Food box delivery day

Dec. 4th - Decorating the church for the Sing -A - Long from 6-8 PM

Dec. 7th - Sing-A-Long for community here at 7 PM





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Here is something to ponder. The Creator of the universe, the Awesome God that no one can adequately describe, the only true God who is living and active, wants a relationship with you. He wants to know your heart. When I let this sink in I think of the Casting Crowns song, "Who Am I".

"Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth would care to know my name, would care to feel my hurt? Who am I, that the Bright and Morning Star would choose to light the way for my ever wandering heart? Not because of who I am but because of what You've done. Not because of what I've done but because of who You are."

I love how the song ends... "I am Yours. I am Yours." Then the words of Jesus and the Shema come to mind, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." (Mk 12:30, ESV) This is our main thing. Not as some duty but because God is Awesome, Loving, and wants to know us on a heart level. This morning we can do that together. Hallelujah.



Campus Minister and Family Jason, Amanda Josiah and Jaron Swick

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

- Rob Hartley, Renee Gunselman's brother
- John Rowland, Kristi Fox's brother
- Greg, Jensens' neighbor
- LeRoy Watts, prostate cancer (Geri York's brother)
- Karen Bose, Betty Carter's daughter, leukemia
- John McPartlin, eye cancer
- Kevin Roth (Eric Jensen's relative)
- Roy Gaffney, friend of the Millers

Please continue to pray for the health of

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

Pray for Geri York's dear sister-inlaw, recently diagnosed with Parkinson's.

Pray for Olivia's friend in the Philippines and those affected by the typhoon.

Pray for major decision being made in the Browns' lives regarding Tami's job.

Good News section:

Josh Wise's cousin, Shawn Cain, had his mission canceled and didn't make the trip to Afghanistan.

Pray for Holly McPartlin's pregnancy - due May 20. Pray for a healthy and happy baby!

The McCaughans thank you for all your prayers for Pam. She is doing better but is still looking toward surgery when the infection is cleared up.

Thank you for all our veterans!

PLEASE PRAY

Pray for our Mom-to-be

Hannah and Jeremy Verzosa, baby girl due January 2, 2014.

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

Pray for engaged:

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



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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MONTHLY SERVANTS

Eldership Leader: Casey Long

Deacon/Minister Leader: E Gunselman

Emergency Needs: Tami Brown

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Communion Prep: Alanna McPartlin

PA Attendant: Jesse Bracht Kids' Time: Chris Jensen

Service Monitor: Ed Gunselman

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WEEKLY SERVANTS

Nov. 17th, 2013 Nov. 24th, 2013

MORNING SCHEDULE

Greeters: L Wise M Womack J Wise M Woods J House J Woods Ushers: J Calkin Allen Rugh **B Fields B** Leslie

Attendance: J Hammar N Frankllund Communion: J Paul R Bracht Counting Aides: J Paul K McPartlin

RJ Hammar J Emmerich

Nursery: P Strawn S Smith N Franklund Esther G Notes / Cards; Emily Jensen O Childress

N Eastridge Esther G Song Leader: J Swick J Reyes Speaker: G Strawn G Strawn Lord's Table: C Long J Parker Servers: R McPartlin M Johnson **B P McPartlin** R Parsons **B** McCaughan Cory Murray

Opening Prayer: F Womack P McPartlin Pastoral Prayer M Johnson Casey Long Closing Prayer: M Johnson Casey Long

5:00 PM EVENING SCHEDULE

Song Leader: Z Reed **B** McCaughan Opening Prayer: E Jensen Z Reed

Closing Prayer: J Shore M Johnson Lord's Table: C Long J Parker

SECOND SUNDAY EVENING of the MONTH Singing at Park Place Assisted Living,*

Sunday Morning Attendance 160 Nov. 10th Contribution \$4,995 Year to Date Weekly Average \$3,959 **Weekly Budget** \$4,517

www.2020Circle.com www.OSUCC.com

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 Widows Ministry Peter and Pam McPartlin Women's Ministry Laurie Eastridge Youth Ministry Mike and Shannon Sorah and Eric and Jann Bracht



For the Sing-A-Long this year we will be depicting scenes from the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2. We would like to show original works of art by our church (all ages). Artistic talent is not required! If you or your child would like to participate, please talk to Jordan Strawn for details.

Singing practice for the Community Christmas Sing-A-Long will begin Sunday, at 4:30 pm tonight. For Sunday nights. we will share some devotional time as well as learning music to share with the community.

Circle Leaders **Elders**



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Deacons

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

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