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UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN CENTER 541-753-4310

## 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.



### **Reasons For Existence:**

Lesson 1: It's all About the Stuff
Lesson 2: The Cosmic Vending Machine
Lesson 3: Chasing the Good Life
Lesson 4: Mephibo Who???

Jack Williamson is working diligently on these topics specifically for the youth who attend this rally.

Please pray for him, his travel and the entire upcoming rally!

Register today: 2020circle.com/rally-in-the-valley Many of our own have yet to register, if this is you, get on-line today!!

#### 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

As a younger person, I had little regard for opera. One major hindrance was the fact that most operas regularly performed are not sung in English. Consequently, it was difficult to follow the story line.

In addition, my primary exposure to that art form was through listening to recordings without the visual grandeur of costumes, staging and acting. But I still remember the day my friend John Bisset played me an aria from Mozart's "The Magic Flute." As the soprano

perfectly picked off the notes in an ascending arpeggio, I marveled at her impossible artistry. Was she even human?

It didn't matter where this aria fit into the story line. The language was far beyond my minimal understanding of German. I was struck by the pure beauty of the singing.

Some years ago, there was a move to make the church assembly "Seeker Sensitive." The idea was to make the church gathering as accessible to a visiting non-Christian as possible. The idea had some merit. Most people don't enjoy being in a foreign situation with no clue about what to do or how to behave.

But the fact is, Christians are strangers, exiles, aliens—foreigners to the surrounding culture. So if a non-Christian drops by, the meeting is apt to be a little unfamiliar. It's almost like an opera. Some Christian concepts and consequent language are foreign to mainstream speech. Moments that are profoundly moving to the insider don't connect to the person who doesn't understand the big story, the plot line of God's reach to humanity through Christ on the cross.

So the next time you see a visitor to our assembly, why not sit down and be a John Bisset? With a little introduction and explanation, the beauty of Christ's bride will begin to win that person over. And more than simply appreciating another art form, that person may finally appreciate God.



PM PREVIEW TONIGHT: 5:00 pm, "The Story" video



If you are interested in playing this year, please let Ed Gunselman know by April 12th. Must be 14 to play, games will be Monday evenings beginning in May. It is important to know how many are interested to determine if we can have a team this year.

## SCHEDULE OF FAMILY EVENTS

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

Mar 31st - Women's Bible Study, 10:30 AM at Circle

Mar 31st - TND&D at UCC, 7 PM, hosted by Johnsons & Brown's

Apr 3rd - Widow's Date Night at Circle hosted by the UCC 6 PM

Apr 4th - Fundraiser for WEI in Portland at 5:30 PM

#### Apr 10-12 - Rally in the Valley

Apr 12th - Congregation Potluck following services, Circle Basement

May 2nd - Women's Luncheon, Circle Basement, 12 PM

May 4th - Divorce Care, 7 PM Circle

May 6th - Worship and Praise Workshop, Lakeview Church of Christ 6 PM



### **Divorce Care**

A seminar will be lead by Karen Bull from Healing Hearts Ministries on Divorce Care here at Circle Church of Christ. The seminar will start May 4<sup>th</sup> and continuing for 11 weeks.

If you know anyone who is divorced, separated or wanting to be able to minister to those who are, please have them consider this seminar.

More information is on the kiosk, or talk to Sarah Giboney.



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#### **Contact Numbers:**

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#### **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
- 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
- Ramona Bracht

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
- Alex Bracht, daily headaches
- Elizabeth Emmerich
- Joyce Brooks
- Ezra Parker
- Barb Hammar, concussion

Pray for the family of Delia Cris who passed this week.

The Hammars request prayers for the Potts family in Norman, OK. Their 10 yr old daughter, Abby, has just been diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma, a type of bone cancer. Please pray for her and the family.

Pray for Vella, Cathy Brooks friend, who is scheduling a year of chemo treatments.

Please pray for Ramona Bracht, Eric's mom, who has a recurrence of cancer after nine years.

Pray for Debbie Smith's CT scan on April 1st.

#### Spiritual:

Pray for a successful UCC mission trip.

Karen Alkire asks for prayers for a heaviness on her heart.

#### Physical:

The Calcotes request prayer for their son's house to sell in LA.

The Acideras request prayer for a strong covenant marriage for Kylee and Reyn Oshiro today in HI.

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

Melody and Nate Otta, due April 28, 2015

Jenny and Eric Eastridge, due in July.

#### Pray for our engaged couples:

Kimberly Perry and Morgan Sawyer, August 29, 2015



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

#### Travel:

Pray for safe travels for our students and church family, the Calcotes' children driving up from CA.

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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 ...... Casey and Darla Long 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 Webmaster Tim Emmerich Men of Iron . . . . . . . . . . Rolland House Clothing Drive Lead . . . . . Linda Leslie Food Boxes Lead......Charlene Franklund 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

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Youth Ministry . . . . . . Mike and Shannon Sorah

and Eric and Jann Bracht

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone is invited (kids, teens, grandkids)
Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> **potluck lunch 12:00pm**,
egg hunt to follow

Please drop off three bags of <u>wrapped</u>
Easter candy (to fill plastic eggs) to:
4070 NE Pin Oak Street or give to Jesse,
Ryan or Alex **by April 2**<sup>nd</sup>

Bring side dish to share (main dish and dessert provided) and lawn chairs or a blanket

Plan to stay, open eggs, eat and play

Over 3000 eggs, with a chance to win prizes!

Call 541-730-6313 if you have any questions (hosted by the Bracht family)



## **MONTHLY SERVANTS**

Eldership Leader: Mark Johnson

Deacon/Minister Leader: José Reyes

Emergency Needs: Chilly Thayer

530-363-4619

Communion Prep: Dale & Tami Brown

PA Attendant: Michael Sorah

Service Monitor: Eric Jensen

#### **WEEKLY SERVANTS**

Mar 29th Apr 5th MORNING Greeters: M Woods T Eastridge J Woods E Eastridge **M** Gomes J Parker **Ushers:** J Parker J Calkin R Womack R Parsons Attendance: R Bracht J Paul N Franklund J Emmerich Communion: Counting Aide: N Franklund J Paul K McPartlin R Bracht Nursery: P Ireland K Lopez L Sorah H Ireland A Hammar Notes / Cards: S Childress Er Gunselman Em Jensen Song Leader: R Holland C Cloutier Kids' Time: Gunselman Calkin/Wells G Strawn Speaker: G Strawn Lord's Table: E Bracht J Strawn Servers: J Calkin Q Li **D** Patton N Acidera J Bracht J Hammar Opening Prayer: R McPartlin R Eastridge Pastoral Prayer: C Long M Johnson Closing Prayer: C Long M Johnson

5:00 PM EVENING SCHEDULE

Song Leader: R House J Swick

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

Sunday Morning Attendance153March 22nd Contribution\$3,136Year to Date Weekly Average\$4,795Weekly Budget\$4,400

# Circle Leaders Elders



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#### **Deacons**

Ed Gunselman, Eric Jensen, Peter McPartlin, José Reyes, Michael Sorah, Josh Wise

#### **Ministers**

All the members of the Congregation (I 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