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**Thomas Pruett** Minister of the Word 541-758-4456

**Please Pray For Our Family** Please pray for God's healing hand to be on those with cancer:

Les Brooks (malignant leukemia); Renee Gunselman's parents; Carmen Warren (Tami Brown's mom), lung

cancer;

Gregg's cousin Susan, serious cancer

#### Please continue to pray for:

Keith Cornell, Phil & Linda Weimer, Paul & Donna Johnson, Jean Woods, Betty Carter, Al Hendrickson, Carmen Warren, Reneé's mom, Linda Holland

#### Pray Also For These Health Requests:

We pray for Rodney Howell's family as Rodney passed away last week. Rodney was a friend of Virgil Oakes. We lift up Jennifer House's dad, and pray for comfort while he waits for a kidney transplant, and that the transplant will be soon.

#### **Physical:**

#### Jean Woods, Ron Eastridge, Linda Holland, Tami Brown

We pray for the healthcare workers we know who are working hard on the front line right now. We pray that God protects them and blesses them with health and for the ones who are ill to recover quickly.

We pray for the church to be close because of what God has done, and for all of us to be strong and rely on each other.

We pray for all the teachers and parents who are navigating online learning, and that both will team up together and be a blessing for the students. We also pray that all students, pre-K through college, will be able to finish their school year strong and be good examples for God.

We pray that God will help us all serve each other.

Military: Jordan Paul, stationed in N Carolina in extensive training; John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy; Morgan Sawyer, deployed in Afghanistan **Engaged Couples:** Cody Parsons and Michelle Maeda

#### Praise:

We are grateful for all of the Lord's gifts, and how He reminds us of His beauty and wisdom. Praise that Nancy Johnson's mom is home from the hospital! Praise for Nathanial Franklund's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday last week! Happy Birthday, Nathanial!



Jann Bracht and Cathy Brooks are making masks for anyone in the congregation who needs them! If you need a mask or know someone who does, please let Jann know: 541-730-6313.

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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



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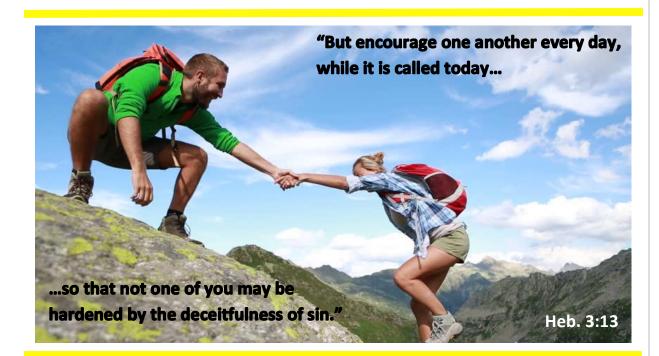
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April 26, 2020

#### 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

## **Family Newsletter**



#### "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**

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am: The Bible From Israel April 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am: Digital Worship Daily Devotional Guides: Available on our website and on Facebook in the "Circle Family News" Group Evening Bedtime Story: Live on Facebook every evening at 7:30 in the "Circle Family

News" Group



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**Takeaways** 

#### Friendly Faces

We're now six weeks into Circle meeting exclusively online, and for the most part it seems like we're settling into a new church groove – the teens are hosting story time every night in the Facebook group along with Zoom devos and prayers. Life groups are meeting digitally. The deacons have been doing a wonderful job calling and checking in on people. The Daily Worship Guides are being posted and read in the Facebook group and on the website. Open Circle Study Time has been going strong for about a week (with a short break due to a dental emergency). Mask materials have been donated and masks will continue to be made through the end of April. And, our first few weeks of services online have gone smoothly and seem to have been well-received.

Technology is an amazing thing. Without home access to the Internet, everything I described in the paragraph above would not be possible. Because of technology, you can see me every Sunday as I share a lesson with you, but there is one thing I miss. I miss seeing you all every Sunday, whether you are dressed in your finest clothes or your favorite pair of jeans. I miss hearing the singing, over one hundred voices, young and old, coming together to sing praise to our God. I miss smelling the food cooking during church when we are having a potluck after Worship-and I think we all miss tasting the food. I miss being able to physically worship with you all in the same space every week. And from what I've heard this week, I am not the only one.

I firmly believe that church is not a building, it is not what happens on a Sunday morning. WE are the church, and this time of quarantine has really shown how true this statement is. We are all the church as we meet to stream services on Sunday morning in our homes, with our families. We are all the church Sunday afternoon, after church, when we eat lunch and go about our day. And we are all the church Monday-Saturday as well, whether we work from home offices or work offices, grocery shop in the store or online, or make dinner or order carside-to-go meals. Remember that WE are the church this week, even if we can't meet in person. Grace to you.



Thoughts, Questions, Notes

Make Facial Masks: Jann Bracht has a pattern and can get you materials if you would like to help cut fabric for or sew facial masks.

Love Your Neighbor Flier: This can be downloaded from our website so you can fill in your information and print it. If you need someone to edit it for you, let Thomas or Maria know.

Bedtime Stories: Our Teens want to use Facebook to read your kids a bedtime Bible story at nighttime! Stay tuned here and on Facebook for more information.

**Daily Devotionals:** Summer Shore is diligently posting a devotional each day in our "Circle Family News" Facebook group. Read passages from both Testaments, Psalms and Proverbs daily, and share any questions or comments you have with everyone who is reading!



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This is a time of financial worry for many, including myself. I lost \$6,000 in my IRA mutual funds and had a similar tax bill (I have enough saved that I will make it through this with no problems, so thank you for providing well for your ministers). My financial advisor tells me it's one of the biggest bear markets in US history. These words from Rick Warren's Purpose Driven Life encouraged me this week,

"The Bible says, 'God has reserved a priceless inheritance for his children. It is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay (1 Peter 1:4; New Living Translation).' This means that your eternal inheritance is priceless, pure, permanent, and protected. No one can take it away from you; it can't be destroyed by war, a poor economy, or a natural disaster. This eternal inheritance, not retirement, is what you should be looking forward to and working for."[1]

The stock market may go up and down based on the unpredictable turn of fortune's wheel, but God's got an inheritance for us in heaven that cannot be touched. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many mutual funds (paraphrase of Matthew 10:31).

<sup>1</sup>Rick Warren, The Purpose Driven Life (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2002), 119.

### We Want To Help!!!

Circle Church of Christ has been blessed by innumerable generous donations, and we want to use these donations to help! If you need money, food, or anything else, please call 541-758-4456 or email 2020circle@gmail.com. Our Elders do not want our members to have to suffer through this pandemic. Reach out if you need anything.

#### **Sunday Morning Attendance**

Last Week's Contribution	\$4,397.80
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$4,609.53
Weekly Budget	\$4,705.29

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

Circle Facilitator Inside	Eric Bracht
Outside Circle Facilitator	Jim Calkin
UCC Facilitator	Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons
Overall Support	M Zhang, G Brown, J Wise
Campus Ministry	Josh Stutzman, Eric & Chris Jensen
Church Safety Ministry	Ryan McPartlin, Josh Wise
Discipleship Ministry	Jose Reyes
Education Ministry	Thomas Pruett (CR-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
	Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen
	R & H McPartlin, J & S Shore, L Wise, E Womack
	Ed, Renee & Joel Gunselman
	Jordan & Kellie Strawn
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	Rolland House, Bob Parsons, Jake Shore
	sTami Brown & Maria Zhang
Clothing Drive Lead	Charlene Franklund
Food Boxes Lead	Charlene Franklund
Publicity Ministry	Maria Zhang
Quilts for CASA	Cathy Brooks
Roster List	Maria Z, Casey L
Van Ministry	Bob Parsons, Chris Gollakner
Visitor Experience Minist	rySee Elders
Vision MinistryElders,	Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders &
Spouses	
Widows Ministry	L Munson
	Lead: Laurie Eastridge
	reeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, P Strawn, M Zhang, R Gunselman
• •	Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team
Youth Winistry	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen