

Elders



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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**, **Renee's mom**, **Linda Holland**

Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Shirley Baxter (Lois Munson and John Baxter's mother) who is on hospice. We pray for Lois and John at this time too.

Please pray for everyone who is dealing with tooth problems right now: **Thomas Pruett** (recovering from a pulled tooth), **Alan Brooks** (recovering from oral surgery) and **Maria Zhang** (wisdom teeth removal on Monday).

Be with **Alan Brooks** who had oral surgery last week, and help him to have a quick recovery.

Dr. Jesse Castro (**Katie Nolan's fiancée**) who is starting his internship in Chicago working with COVID-19 patients. **Alan Brooks' cousin, Alyce**, who has been told she may have a terminal illness, but is not receiving consistent or seemingly good treatment.

Physical:

Jean Woods, Ron Eastridge, Linda Holland, Tami Brown

We pray for God to be with all the healthcare workers and protect them. We are so thankful for their service. We pray that this virus goes away soon, and look forward to a time when we can all meet together for church without any fear.

We ask God to look after **Ryan Bracht** in his adventures in Houston.

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**

Expecting Mothers: **Marissa (Strawn) Veik**

Praise:

We are so thankful for all of our mothers, and for the mentors we have at church. We pray that everyone, regardless of their situation and experience, can know the love of a mother relationship in the church.

We rejoice that **Kim (Perry) Sawyer's husband** is back home from Afghanistan!

Happy Mother's Day to all moms, especially those who are new moms or moms of newborns!

Maria will not be available to answer phone calls or emails on Monday or Tuesday.

Deacons: **Eric Bracht**, **Adam Goddard**, **Ed Gunselman**, **Rolland House**, **Eric Jensen**, **Ryan McPartlin**, **Bob Parsons**, **Jose Reyes**, **Jake Shore**, **Jordan Strawn**, **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**



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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



Thank you **Holly McPartlin** for making a Blood Drive happen at Circle! For everyone who couldn't be there, here is how we did:

*We had 32 donors, and 10 first time donors!!!

*29 units of blood were donated, and the Red Cross goal for our drive was 26!

Thank you everyone who donated blood!

"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

May 17th, 9:30am: The Bible From Israel

May 17th, 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



Thomas' Takeaways

Productivity

The last few weeks have seen several shifts. The first one was obviously being quarantined as we're able, and adjusting to a new work schedule, new home life, new social/lack of social activities, and navigating our new hyper-digital world, among other things of course. Then people have gotten used to it, and work for many people has resumed to or even more than its previous cadence. Frustrations have come in methods and approach to regular work exacerbated by distance working, and home and work lives have been bleeding into one another. For as many who have had a fairly easy time, there are others who can't wait to go back to 'normal' because it was just downright easier!

That last point has particularly stuck with me this week. This week, I've been incredibly non-productive (I feel like). I've struggled to get stuff done, struggled to take the time away from my family at home to seriously study, read, and create the sermons and lessons I need to. Meanwhile, the grass needs mowed, projects around the house are undone still, and my five children are starting to get a bit of cabin fever, constantly wanting, as they should, Mom and Dad's attention and time. Yesterday, I was grumpy due to my lack of productivity. When three of my kids asked to go on bike rides, which they need us out there with them still as 2/3 are with training wheels and the older one isn't the most confident on two wheels, I didn't want to. I grumbled in my head about the things I haven't gotten done and needed to do, but they had been looking forward to it all day.

What was something I was unhappy about doing turned into the first time I rode my bike along with my two sons, one extremely savvy with his training wheels and the oldest finally getting confident on his own. It's a moment I'll look back on for the rest of my life. And I didn't want to do it. I'll admit, I don't have a Bible verse or some transcendent principle to connect this to today. Maybe I'm writing this just to tell you it's challenging anyway to harmonize work, family, and life. But I constantly need reminders about what will matter years from now, and those things are rarely ever what I got done at work that day, and nearly always things that have to do with my relationships with God, with my wife, and with my family. Today needs to be a productive day workwise. But I'll know my answer this evening when my kids ask to go ride bikes. Grace to you.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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What Can I Do Today?

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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In the Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren equates being a control freak with trying to become a god. He says many new religions promise the chance to become gods, but this is the same lie that the serpent spoke in the garden: "You will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:5).

Warren says, "The desire to be a god shows up every time we try to control our circumstances, our future, and people around us. But as creatures, we will never be the Creator. God doesn't want you to become a god; He wants you to become *godly*—taking on His values, attitudes and character."

I'm experiencing this temptation during COVID-19. I feel a lack of control. How will we get new recruits this year when all the summer camps are shut down? How will we maintain our fundraising base if we can't visit the Bend and Keizer Churches as planned? I don't know, I'm not a god. But God knows, and I trust Him. He will make it clear in time.

¹Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life* (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2002), 172.

We Are Here For You

We continue to appreciate the generosity in giving from church members. We are a family, and if you need help or know someone who needs help financially please do not hesitate to make this known to the Elders, Ministers, or Maria.

Sunday Morning Attendance

Last Week's Contribution	\$3,643.97
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Year to Date Weekly Average \$4,527.14

Weekly Budget	\$4,705.29
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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-8th Grade)
High School.....	Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen
Adult.....	Casey Long
Coordinators.....	R & H McPartlin, J & S Shore, L Wise, E Womack
Fellowship Ministry.....	Ed, Renee & Joel Gunselman
Life Group Ministry.....	Jordan & Kellie Strawn
Marriage & Family Ministry.....	Adam & Erin Goddard
Media/Web Ministry.....	Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan
Men of Iron.....	Rolland House, Bob Parsons, Jake Shore
People Needs Facilitators.....	Tami 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 Ministry.....	See Elders
Vision Ministry.....	Elders, Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders & Spouses
Widows Ministry.....	L Munson
Women's Ministry.....	Lead: Laurie Estridge
Support Team: T Brown, M Freeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, P Strawn, M Zhang, R Gunselman	
Worship Ministry.....	Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team
Youth Ministry.....	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen