

## Elders



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## Ministers

### 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:

**Barb Hammar**, who is recovering from lip surgery last Tuesday.  
**Maria Zhang**, recovering from wisdom teeth extraction last Monday.

Physical:

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

We pray for the pandemic that we are currently in, but we know that God is constant and all-knowing, and that He will see us through this.

We ask for caution, compassion, and wisdom in reopening businesses around the state and country. We also pray that we will be people who are encouraging of one another and respectful of the different ways people react to the reopening of businesses.

We pray for the coming fall term, for students returning (physically or digitally) to OSU, that they will still be able to learn and meet their educational concerns. We also pray for Josh and the UCC for the upcoming fall term, that Josh and the Elders will also have wisdom in reopening.

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 give praise for a good blood drive and future opportunities with the Red Cross. Thank you for allowing us to help and serve our community!

Thank you God for your love through everything, and for the gifts you have given each of us.

**Please make sure to submit your prayer requests by phone (541-758-4456) or email (2020circle@gmail.com) by Saturday at 12pm to have them included in our Worship Service.**

**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



### "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 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am:** The Bible From Israel  
**May 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am:** Digital Worship  
**Evening Bedtime Story:** Live on Facebook every evening at 7:30 in the "Circle Family News" Group



Whether you have clowns to the left of you and jokers to the right depends on your family, but sometimes the middle is the hardest place to be. This is our 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive Sunday of exclusively digital Sunday services. Oregon's COVID-19 plan may allow for larger gatherings in the coming weeks, or may not. Of course, just because we *can* do something doesn't mean we *should* do that thing. Paul made that point clear, rebuking the Corinthian correspondence which claimed, "All things are lawful" to which Paul responded, "but not all things are beneficial," in 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10. While it's a simple principle, it's hard to work and think through well. That is the main concern of your staff here at Circle – not just to be concerned about what we can do, but what will continue to be most beneficial and encouraging to the whole congregation. And we're not all that sure about a lot of things.

The middle is often the hardest place to be, particularly when you're not all that sure if you're truly in the middle, closer to the beginning, or nearing the end. In truth, sometimes even when you know you're in the middle it can be hard (I was climbing up the side of a steep hill the other day thinking I was closer to the road when in fact I was juuuuuuust over halfway. I made it though, obviously). We may be in the middle of this, maybe closer to the beginning yet or we may indeed be closer to the end. We just don't know.

Especially when we don't know, it's all the more important to focus on what we do know. Not just of who God is, what He's done for us, or how to come to Him, but also to realize that how we finish each stage of life we find ourselves in matters. The principle of finishing the race applies just as much to a marathon as it does a 40-yard dash. Whichever one we're in right now and wherever we are in it, let us by God's grace make whatever remains better than what has come before. Let us as Christ's church strive ahead towards each and every morning ready to meet God in and throughout each day. Let us focus every moment, in and out of quarantine, cruciformly that every moment may be His. And then when this stage passes, let us celebrate, refocus, and continue to strive together. As we've been doing throughout. 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.



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Rick Warren's Purpose Driven Life contains a convicting chapter on service. He says, "Imagine if your liver decided to start living for itself: 'I'm tired! I don't want to serve the body anymore! I want a year off to be fed. I've got to do what's best for me! Let some other part take over.' What would happen? Your body would die. Today thousands of local churches are dying because of Christians who are unwilling to serve."<sup>[1]</sup>

This is a relevant message for us during Covid-19. Somehow, more than ever, serving God seems optional. We may be socially distant to stop the spread of the disease (which is good), but we must continue to find ways to use our gifts to serve the church and be a light to the world, even though we cannot meet in person. We are not allowed to open our doors like other businesses, but we must remember that the Church is still essential to the survival of the world. We must remember that we are the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Without us, the world will darken, spoil and rot. It is only the influence of Christ in his Church that can illuminate and preserve the world.

<sup>1</sup>Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life* (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2002), 230.



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# 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

<b>Last Week's Contribution</b>	<b>\$4,573.76</b>
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**Year to Date Weekly Average**    \$4,529.47

**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)
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 Günselmann
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 Eastridge
Support Team: T Brown, M Freeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, P Strawn, M Zhang, R Günselmann	
Worship Ministry.....	Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team
Youth Ministry.....	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen