

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

Pray Also For These Health Requests:

**Thomas Pruett**, who recently had an unexpected tooth extraction. Pray for the pain to ease, for a complete recovery, and a long-term solution to this problem.

**Les and Joyce Brooks**. Joyce is having some health issues and experiencing a lot of pain, and we pray for that pain to ease. Despite these issues, Les and Joyce are enjoying streaming our services!

**Josh Stutzman**, that he will continue to be healthy.

**Jessie**, a friend of the Hammars, whose health is declining and is in pain. We pray for healing and comfort.

Physical:

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

We pray for the mother of **Lois Munson** and **John Baxter**, **Shirley**, who is now on hospice. We also pray for **Lois**, that her efforts in reaching out and caring for her mother will be blessed.

**Ryan Bracht**, who is going to Houston for several months for a job. We pray he will have physical and spiritual safety, and that he will do good works and glorify his Father in Heaven.

**Aaron and Marissa Veik**. **Aaron Veik** is a pharmacist who is constantly interacting with the public, and **Marissa (Strawn) Veik** is expecting. Pray for them all to stay healthy.

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 thankful to **Josh** for preaching on such short notice.

We praise God for **Ezra's 7<sup>th</sup> birthday** last week, and for the parade that drove by his house.



**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.

**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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# Family Newsletter

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



This Sunday, tune into **Gregg's Israel class at 9:30am** and our **Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30am**. You can watch on:

- 1) Our Website: 2020circle.com
- 2) Facebook: Circle Church of Christ
- 3) YouTube: Circle Church of Christ

Invite everyone you know to check us out online too!

"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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30am:** The Bible From Israel

**May 3<sup>rd</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



## Thomas' Takeaways

**...For The Good Of Those Who Love Him...**

It's beyond our purview to say whether God did or did not cause this pandemic. We're not biblical prophets, and I at least have not seen anyone be able to biblically prove that their insights came directly from God. So while we can't answer all those why's, we can have some thoughts about the what's that are in front of us, and how they impact the why's we can answer.

This week, I invite you to reflect on a few of these questions, if you haven't already. Pray about where the Spirit may guide you in your reflection, and for how they may impact the future of your life, your walk with God, and the church.

- What have you learned during the last few months that you may not have otherwise learned about God, about the church, or about fellowship?
- What do you miss most about assembling in person?
- What do you like most about streaming services at home?
- What are some things, based on this experience, that could be different about meeting together in person for the better?
- How has your relationship with God been away from structured church services, ministries, and others, and why do you think it has been that way?

I offer these with no agenda, simply believing that intentional reflection can be valuable. We look to meet online for at least another month, though probably longer, and I'm sure things will be different when we do return to physical presence. But, even if we can't answer the whys, we can trust that God will work out all things for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). So I invite you this week to reflect, meditate, and take to heart the good that has and can come from this experience, and intentionally start to let that shape our hearts. Grace to you.

## Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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## What Can I Do Today?

**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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"God blesses churches that are unified. At Saddleback Church, every member signs a covenant that includes a promise to protect the unity of our fellowship. As a result, the church has never had a conflict that split the fellowship. Just as important, because it is a loving, united fellowship, a lot of people want to be a part of it! In the past seven years, the church has baptized over 9,100 new believers. When God has a bunch of baby believers He wants to deliver, He looks for the warmest incubator church He can find."

This quote is important for two reasons. First, it shows that division ruins churches. I've found that when there is a lot of conflict at UCC it shrinks, and when there is peace and respect it grows. Second, God sends new Christians to a church that is prepared to love them. I believe God sends us many International students because we have so many people willing to read the Bible with them. I hope this continues. Thanks for being a great church!

<sup>1</sup>Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life* (Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2002), 167.



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## 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](mailto: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

<b>Last Week's Contribution</b>	<b>\$3,689.85</b>
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**Year to Date Weekly Average** \$4,553.67

<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$4,705.29</b>
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### Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!

<b>Circle Facilitator Inside.....</b>	<b>Eric Bracht</b>
<b>Outside Circle Facilitator.....</b>	<b>Jim Calkin</b>
<b>UCC Facilitator.....</b>	<b>Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons</b>
<b>Overall Support.....</b>	<b>M Zhang, G Brown, J Wise</b>
<b>Campus Ministry.....</b>	<b>Josh Stutzman, Eric &amp; Chris Jensen</b>
<b>Church Safety Ministry.....</b>	<b>Ryan McPartlin, Josh Wise</b>
<b>Discipleship Ministry.....</b>	<b>Jose Reyes</b>
<b>Education Ministry.....</b>	<b>Thomas Pruett (CR-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>
<b>High School.....</b>	<b>Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen</b>
<b>Adult.....</b>	<b>Casey Long</b>
<b>Coordinators.....</b>	<b>R &amp; H McPartlin, J &amp; S Shore, L Wise, E Womack</b>
<b>Fellowship Ministry.....</b>	<b>Ed, Renee &amp; Joel Gunselman</b>
<b>Life Group Ministry.....</b>	<b>Jordan &amp; Kellie Strawn</b>
<b>Marriage &amp; Family Ministry.....</b>	<b>Adam &amp; Erin Goddard</b>
<b>Media/Web Ministry.....</b>	<b>Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan</b>
<b>Men of Iron.....</b>	<b>Rolland House, Bob Parsons, Jake Shore</b>
<b>People Needs Facilitators.....</b>	<b>Tami Brown &amp; Maria Zhang</b>
<b>Clothing Drive Lead.....</b>	<b>Charlene Franklund</b>
<b>Food Boxes Lead.....</b>	<b>Charlene Franklund</b>
<b>Publicity Ministry.....</b>	<b>Maria Zhang</b>
<b>Quilts for CASA.....</b>	<b>Cathy Brooks</b>
<b>Roster List.....</b>	<b>Maria Z, Casey L</b>
<b>Van Ministry.....</b>	<b>Bob Parsons, Chris Gollaker</b>
<b>Visitor Experience Ministry.....</b>	<b>See Elders</b>
<b>Vison Ministry.....</b>	<b>Elders, Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders &amp; Spouses</b>
<b>Widows Ministry.....</b>	<b>L Munson</b>
<b>Women's Ministry.....</b>	<b>Lead: Laurie Estridge</b>
<b>Support Team: T Brown, M Freeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, P Strawn, M Zhang, R Gunselman</b>	
<b>Worship Ministry.....</b>	<b>Thomas Pruett &amp; The Worship Team</b>
<b>Youth Ministry.....</b>	<b>Eric &amp; Jann Bracht and Eric &amp; Chris Jensen</b>