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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; 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, Reneé's mom, Linda Holland, Charlotte Bibb, Les & Joyce Brooks, Bill Perry

Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Please keep Bill Perry in your prayers for his congestive heart failure.

Angela Hallas with a pituitary cyst.

Josh Stutzman, who had an acid reflux flare up last week.

Eric Jensen's grandmother. Praise that she tested negative for COVID19, but please keep praying for her health!

Jean Woods, Ron Eastridge, Linda Holland, Tami Brown

We ask that you help the men in our congregation be good fathers and husbands.

We pray for our Senior Saints, and we pray we will be mindful of them and reach out to them.

Pray for the Barbosa family as they move to Canada, and that Bruno will be able to find a job and they will find a good church home.

Pray for the Dahkun family, expecting a baby boy any day.

Pray for Ed Gunselman to find a job closer to home so he can spend more time with his family.

Pray for Reneé's sister, dealing with stress right now, that she would find comfort and confidence in God.

Pray for Ed Calcote, as his daughter, Joyce, passed away last week.

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:

Praise God for the beautiful weather this week!

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.



Boy Dahkun!

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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June 28, 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

Socially Distanced Fellowship Time at Cloverland Park

Please join us this Sunday

(June 28th) at 5pm.

Bring your own snacks, seating and face masks.



"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

June 28th, 9:30am: Ecclesiastes Bible Class June 28th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website. Facebook & YouTube

June 28th, 5pm: Bring Your Snacks To Cloverland Park-Social Distanced Fellowship

In Progress: Zoom Relationship Enrichment

Class, Sundays

July 1st, 5pm: Churchwide Zoom Group



Thomas' **Takeaways**

Impatience

The saying goes "Lord, give me patience and give it to me right now!" Many of us laugh at this at the same time we ignore its lesson. True we may not be impatient at the doctor's office, but what about in traffic? Not in traffic? How about with your family? With COVID19? With Bible study? With other people who disagree with you? With church? With...hopefully you get my point.

Hebrews 2:10 tells us that to bring humans to glory, it was fitting that God make Jesus perfect through what He suffered. This is an extremely multilayered verse, so don't imagine I'm going to address every application here, please understand. Suffering doesn't necessarily mean physical agony, like we often imagine it to. It can mean any sort of strong feeling, emotion, or something we must endure. Even impatience.

There are a few things about this we must take to heart. First, suffering, in the Bible, is redemptive, meaning that it's connected somehow to knowing God better, and is only spoken of negatively when disconnected from God. Secondly, suffering reveals God in situations that are beyond us or our own capabilities. Thirdly, joy and suffering go hand in hand (James 1), not that we are joyful because of the suffering, though that actually can be the case, but that to choose joy in the midst of suffering points to the hope and glory of God who is above the world. And fourthly, doing so is a conscious choice on our part to seek where God is in the midst of suffering. So let's put this all together.

Right now, many of us are impatient. We're impatient to return to in-person services, to physically meet in small groups, to sing, to have our 'normal' life back. We're impatient with the pandemic, which no, is not over in the least. We're impatient with people don't share our convictions on these or other subjects. We're impatient with God for not making right other things in our life. We're impatient with many things. We're suffering, and while it's ok to admit that, we must also admit that we have a say in the midst of that impatience.

Brothers and sisters, **DO NOT** let the question of "where is God working around you in the midst of all this?" become trivial in your life. Do not let our impatience to get past whatever "this" is for you ruin the opportunity for God to transform you into more like Him. Do not let your impatience discolor your love towards others who may feel differently. Do not let this time go by without seeking who you are to be and become in the midst of it.

Jesus was made perfect by suffering on the cross. Who are we to say we ought to skip past our own suffering to get to better things, when perhaps the suffering is what will lead to those very better things? Grace to you.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

Update on Ron Eastridge

Ron has now been in prison for 6 months and he is doing quite well. God has been working in his life with many opportunities for Christian influences & fellowship. Along with his own personal Bible study time, he has a group session, or chapel, every week-day. He wrote the following in a letter to me: Last night I was sitting around a table talking to a couple of Christian guys. We talked for about an hour or more. It was a peaceful time for me, encouraging me, and helping me. If there was a prison to go to, it looks like Deer Ridge was the one to go to. With Chaplain Ball's help and some strong Christian guys, the Spirit of God seems to be moving over the facility. This is certainly a reason to praise God.

~ Laurie

Ron would love to hear from you! Address letters to:

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1655 NW Monroe Ave. Corvallis, OR 97330

"Sensible people keep their eyes glued on wisdom, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth." Proverbs 17:24

This verse is very pertinent in our time. We all have infinite digital entertainment at our fingertips. The digital world offers temporary enjoyment, but many apps and programs do nothing to educate, enrich or produce. Add pop-up advertisements, click bait, and infinite streaming, and pretty soon we turn into fools with our eyes wandering to the ends of the earth. This is only compounded during Covid-19, where we are stuck inside close to our phones and computers.

What can be done? In my experience, we need to practice "technological distancing". Here are 3 things that have helped me: 1) I do my daily devotionals with a paper Bible and my phone is far away. This eliminates distractions and allows me to keep my eyes glued on wisdom. 2) I don't take my phone into the bathroom. It's easy for a phone to transform a 5 minute potty stop into a 20 minute waste of time. 3) After 10pm, I leave my phone in the living room to charge. It's very easy to let late night gaming or social media destroy your sleep schedule. I find my life is better when I technologically distance, and worse when I don't.



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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

Year to Date Weekly Average Weekly Budget

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Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!

Outside Circle Facilitator Jim Calkin
UCC FacilitatorNathan Lopez, Bob Parsons
Overall SupportM Zhang, G Brown, J Wise
Campus MinistryJosh Stutzman, Eric & Chris Jensen
Church Safety MinistryRyan McPartlin, Josh Wise
Discipleship MinistryJose Reyes
Education MinistryThomas Pruett (CR-8 th Grade)
High SchoolEric Bracht, Eric Jensen
AdultCasey Long
CoordinatorsR & H McPartlin, J & S Shore, L Wise, E Womack
Fellowship MinistryEd, Renee & Joel Gunselman
Life Group MinistryJordan & Kellie Strawn
Marriage & Family MinistryAdam & Erin Goddard
Media/Web MinistryFrank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan
Men of IronRolland House, Bob Parsons, Jake Shore
People Needs FacilitatorsTami Brown & Maria Zhang
Clothing Drive Lead
Food Boxes LeadCharlene Franklund
Publicity MinistryMaria Zhang
Quilts for CASACathy Brooks
Roster ListMaria Z, Casey L
Van MinistryBob Parsons, Chris Gollakner
Visitor Experience MinistrySee Elders
Vision MinistryElders, Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders &
Spouses
Widows MinistryL Munson
Women's MinistryLead: Laurie Eastridge
Support Team: T Brown, M Freeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, P Strawn, M Zhang, R Gunselma
Worship MinistryThomas Pruett & The Worship Team
Youth MinistryEric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen

Circle Facilitator Inside.....