**Elders** 

#### Ministers



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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:** 

We lift up Mark and Nancy's grandniece, 7 month old Sydney Johnson who was bitten in the face by the family dog last week. We pray for no infection, no scarring and no lingering trauma or pain for Sydney. We also pray for her parents, Spencer and Amanda, as they navigate the aftermath of this event.

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

We lift up Jennifer House's father, Don Krebbs, as he waits for a kidney transplant. We pray God gives him peace and comfort while he waits.

We pray for Reneé's parents. Her mom's hip surgery went well, but she can't have any visitors right now. We pray for a quick and full recovery for her, and that she will be reunited with her husband soon.

We pray for friends of the Gunselmans, Lonnie and Terri Barrens, one of whom has a heart problem. We pray that this problem will be fixed and they can enjoy many more years together.

Please pray for Charlotte Bibb, that she will continue improving.

We lift up Les and Joyce Brooks, continuing to deal with ongoing health issues.

#### Physical:

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

We pray for the Veik family, expecting a baby girl soon, and for the Gollakner family, expecting a baby boy soon. We pray for God to be with all of our military personnel and first responders. We are so thankful for their service!

We pray for everyone who has been affected by the Coronavirus.

We pray for our country and leaders to stay safe and to make good decisions regarding everything that is currently going on.

We pray that God will keep our members and loved ones safe from this virus.

We lift up Ron Eastridge in prayer, as he has to spend some time away from home. We also pray for Laurie, Natalie, Ryan and Denise while Ron is away.

We pray for Ryan Bracht, who is home for a visit. We pray for a good visit with family and friends, safe journey back to Texas, and that he will be a light for You.

Military: Jordan Paul, stationed in N Carolina in extensive training; John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy

**Engaged Couples:** Cody Parsons and Michelle Maeda

Expecting Mothers: Marissa (Strawn) Veik, Alicia Gollakner

#### Praise:

Thank You God for the church, and everyone who makes it up. Thank You for the good we are all doing in our communities. Praise God for the birth of Deezi and Kashin's son, Daazit Dahkun, last week. We pray for God's blessings on the Dahkun family.

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**



We are opening the building this Sunday at 10:30am for anyone who wants to worship in person! Here is what you need to know:

- 1) Everyone who is attending service at the building MUST **register** online at 2020circle.com/service-july12/
- 2) Everyone must wear **masks** in the building at all times.
- 3) Your **temperature** will be taken at the door.
- 4) Please **bring** your own water bottle, Bible, mask and anything else you need.

#### "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**

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am: Ecclesiastes Bible Class July 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on

our website, Facebook & YouTube

In Progress: Zoom Relationship Enrichn

**In Progress:** Zoom Relationship Enrichment Class, Sundays

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 5pm: Churchwide Zoom Group July 21<sup>st</sup>: Blood Drive Hosted At Circle

Church of Christ, No Walk-Ins



# Thomas' **Takeaways**

#### **Opinions And The Gospel**

Stop! Collaborate and listen...whoops, wrong thing. But really, stop before you read this article any further and go read Romans 14...really, go do it...Yeah, YOU...I was serious...read it?

Paul is talking about disputable matters, or opinions, and how the church deals with them. An opinion is a judgement formed about something on grounds insufficient to produce complete certainty. This doesn't mean a lack of evidence; it can also mean conflicting evidence or reasoning. In Romans 14, Paul addresses people who thought you could eat everything, or not. Could treat certain days as more holy, or not. That things are unclean, or not. In other words, black and white issues that people were convinced of. I won't even wax poetic here—if Paul were writing this today, masks would be in this. So would social distancing. The pandemic. Politics.

So, what does Paul say to do with these opinions you're allowed to have? Shout them in the marketplace? Do what the modern-day equivalent would be and post them on Facebook? Or share that video which agrees with you on YouTube?

Romans 14 very clearly says **DON'T DO THAT**. Why? Because we're not to put stumbling blocks in anyone's way. Let me rephrase that: We're not to put a stumbling block in anyone's way—especially those who disagree with us—that may prevent them from hearing the Gospel from us. If someone read your Facebook wall or heard you talking about your views of the President who had the opposite opinions of you, would they hear Jesus? Could they be led to Jesus from whatever it is you said? Because that's what we're called to do—shine Jesus to EVERYONE. regardless of and including their political, ideological, and moral convictions.

Are you allowed to have your opinions and convictions? Sure. And there are things which we must take a stand on—racial inequality, injustice and idolatry. But these opinions? Have them, but don't fight over them (verse 1) and unless they lead to peace or mutual edification (vs 19) maybe even keep it to yourself and God (vs 22), unless you're talking with someone with whom you can actually have a conversation. May we never condemn ourselves by taking a stand on something disputable which keeps someone from the Kingdom (vs 22). Grace to you.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes
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Ron Eastridge would love to hear from you! Please address letters to:

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"The rich think of their wealth as a strong defense: they imagine it to be a high wall of safety." Proverbs 18:11

One lesson we learned during COVID 19 is that money comes and goes. Many people have been furloughed, and some have been fired. Many American students are withdrawing from college due to lack of funds. Many International students are forced to stay in America after their graduation, which causes a lack of funds. We are learning that "financial security" is a contradiction. Putting our trust in wealth won't work. So what's the solution? Look at the verse right before the one above:

"The name of the Lord is a strong fortress; the godly run to Him and are safe." (Proverbs 18:10)

The good news is God will protect His people, and we can always run to Him. When hard times come, believers are sheltered by Christ the Solid Rock-we need not hide behind flimsy walls of paper money.

## 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 \$5,866.45 **Year to Date Weekly Average** \$4,656.74 **Weekly Budget** \$4,705.29

### **Contact Numbers:** 541-753-4310 UCC 503-866-9117 cell



#### Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved! Circle Facilitator Inside......

Outside Circle Facilitator... UCC Facilitator. ...Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons Overall Support .....M Zhang, G Brown, J Wise ..Josh Stutzman, Eric & Chris Jensen Campus Ministry. Church Safety Ministry..... ...Rvan McPartlin, Josh Wise Discipleship Ministry..... .Jose Reves Education Ministry. ..Thomas Pruett (CR-8th Grade) High School... ....Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen Adult R & H McPartlin, J & S Shore, L Wise, E Womack Coordinators **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 ...Rolland House, Bob Parsons, Jake Shore Men of Iron ....Tami Brown & Maria Zhang People Needs Facilitators..... Clothing Drive Lead. ..Charlene Franklund Food Boxes Lead... ..Charlene Franklund Publicity Ministry...... Quilts for CASA.. .. Cathy Brooks Roster List.. .. Maria Z, Casey L Van Ministry. ...Bob Parsons, Chris Gollakner Visitor Experience Ministry... Vision Ministry.....Elders, Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders & Spouses Widows Ministry... Women's Ministry..... .....Lead: Laurie Eastridge Support Team: T Brown, M Freeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, P Strawn, M Zhang, R Gunselman

....Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team

..Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen

Worship Ministry..

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