**Elders** 

#### Ministers



Mark Johnson







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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:** 

Mark and Nancy Johnson's grandniece, Sydney Johnson, had her stitches out and the doctor said there should be minimal scarring. Please continue to pray for this 7 month old girl who was bitten in the face by the family dog.

We ask for Les and Joyce to experience healing, and for God to give them energy. We pray for Renee's mom, who is recovering from surgery and feeling isolated and confused. She came home on Thursday; please pray for a good adjustment and for her disorientation to

We lift up Virgil's stepdaughter, Anita, who has some heart issues and we pray she can experience relief.

We pray for Laurie Eastridge, who is having hip replacement surgery tomorrow. We pray the surgery goes well and that her recovery will be quick and complete.

#### **Physical:**

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

We pray for Al Hendrickson, who was recently put on hospice, and for his family.

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

We praise God for Les and Joyce's 65th wedding anniversary! We praise God for Joe and Barb Hammar's granddaughter Erika's baptism last 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.

2020 NW CIRCLE BLVD

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July 26, 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**



Judah Parker was baptized by Josh on his birthday last week. Happy birthday Judah, and welcome to the family!

#### "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 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am: Ecclesiastes Bible Class July 26th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on

our website, Facebook & YouTube

**In Progress:** Zoom Relationship Enrichment

Class, Sundays

July 29<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Churchwide Zoom Group



# Thomas' Takeaways

#### "The Pursuit of God" AW Tozer

Christian theology teaches the doctrine of prevenient grace, which briefly stated means this, that before a man can seek God, God must first have sought the man.

Before a sinful man can think a right thought of God, there must have been a work of enlightenment done within him; imperfect it may be, but a true work nonetheless, and the secret cause of all desiring and seeking and praying which may follow. We pursue God because, and only because, He has first put an urge within us that spurs us to the pursuit. "No man can come to me," said our Lord, "except the Father which hath sent me draw him," and it is by this very prevenient drawing that God takes from us every vestige of credit for the act of coming. The impulse to pursue God originates with God, but the outworking of that impulse is our following hard after Him; and all the time we are pursuing Him we are already in His hand: "Thy right hand upholdeth me."

... If we would find God amid all the religious externals we must first determine to find Him, and then proceed in the way of simplicity. Now as always God discovers Himself to "babes" and hides Himself in thick darkness In the midst of this great chill there are some, I rejoice to acknowledge, who will not be content with shallow logic. They will admit the force of the argument, and then turn away with tears to hunt some lonely place and pray, "O God, show me thy glory." They want to taste, to touch with their hearts, to see with their inner eyes the wonder that is God. I want deliberately to encourage this mighty longing after God. The lack of it has brought us to our present low estate. The stiff and wooden quality about our religious lives is a result of our lack of holy desire. Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual growth. Acute desire must be present or there will be no manifestation of Christ to His people. He waits to be wanted. Too bad that with many of us He waits so long, so very long, in vain.

Grace to you.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes
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"People with good sense restrain their anger; they earn esteem by overlooking wrongs" (Proverbs 19:11, NLT).

I find the first stanza of this proverb to be very expected, but the second is a total shocker! We all know that outbursts of anger usually get us in trouble. However, who gains esteem by overlooking wrongs? Isn't that just poor communication? Won't this lead to future resentment and people using you as a doormat? The NIV states it even more strongly, ". . . it is to one's glory to overlook an offense" (Prov 19:11 NIV). It's glorious to ignore offenses? Really?

I don't interpret this as a universal command—if someone hits you with a pillowcase full of doorknobs, by all means run away and call the police. So what are some situations where we should overlook offenses? Here's my interpretation: 1) Overlook a minor offense: If someone shows up late, I need to use the golden rule and show some grace. 2) Overlook an offense from a stranger: One time a guy in China intentionally spat on my sister's leg while we were running. I told him off in English and considered decking him. Both of these responses were pointless). 3) Overlook an offense when someone is intentionally trying to provoke you.

What do you think? When should we overlook offences? When should we speak up and confront? Send me an email if you think of other good examples. Stutzman.joshua@gmail.com.

### 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 Year to Date Weekly Average

**Weekly Budget** 

\$3,722.76 \$4,683.32 \$4,705.29 Contact Numbers: 541-753-4310 UCC 503-866-9117 cell



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