

Elders



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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

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, Renee'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.

We pray for Renee Gunselman's sister, that God will be with her and she will get the help she needs.
We lift up Jennifer House's father, Don Krebs, as he waits for a kidney transplant. We pray God gives him peace and comfort while he waits.

We pray for Renee's mother, recovering from a broken hip.

Physical:

Jean Woods, Ron Eastridge, Linda Holland, Tami Brown

We pray that we will return to worship at the right time, when it is safe, and that God gives us wisdom as to when that time may be.

We pray for safety and health for Ryan Bracht, working door to door in Houston. We pray he stays safe and faithful.

We pray for the Gunselmans to have strength and hope as they are facing a tough family situation, and we pray for God to work out those details.

We ask for God to be with the school system as they wisely and safely navigate reopening in September.

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

Praise:

Praise God for the beautiful weather this week!

We are thankful for the time we have to worship together, and for the technology that allows us to do so at this time.

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



Welcome Daazit Dahkun!

Born the morning of
6/25/2020

Mother and baby are at
home and doing well.

If you would like to bless
the Dahkun Family, please
get in touch with Pam
Strawn.

"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 5th, 9:30am: Ecclesiastes Bible Class
July 5th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube
In Progress: Zoom Relationship Enrichment Class, Sundays
July 8th, 5pm: Churchwide Zoom Group
July 12th, 10:30am: Meet at the building for Worship-REGISTER BEFORE YOU COME (More information coming soon)



Thomas' Takeaways

Bias

“These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.” –John 5:39b-40

Politically, it seems the Pharisees were interested in keeping power. Personally, their view of who the Messiah was didn’t fit who Jesus presented Himself to be. And socially, they perceived a possible riot of the people around one of their most sacred festivals. These, along with other biases, led to Jesus’ crucifixion.

The modern term for what the Pharisees did is called ‘confirmation bias’, which is defined as giving credit to the expert testimony we like and finding reasons to reject the rest. In other words, through motivated reasoning, one decides what evidence to accept based on the conclusion one prefers. The Pharisees had decided what kind of Messiah they were looking for, and then quite easily rejected that which didn’t fit their conclusion—even with the persuasive evidence, reasoning, and facts right in front of them. Those didn’t matter; only their preferred conclusion did.

As some reading this may have already gleaned, there is much confirmation bias through motivated reasoning in our world today. Politics, theology, health, social structures, race, our personal lives, nearly every sphere is touched by it whether by our own doing or encountering someone who perhaps even unknowingly practices it. What do we do, and how do we communicate with each other in such an age, and how do we do this as Christians?

One of the answers lies back in John 5:47: Jesus tells the Pharisees that if they believed Moses, they’d believe Him, but they wouldn’t even believe Moses. Ask yourself what would convince you that you are wrong. If you can’t think of anything, that’s telling. Another answer lies in the verse quoted—Is your conclusion pointing to Christ or an explicit Biblical principle? Or is it merely combating someone else’s point or belief? Finally, however, we must be aware that even when convicted of opposite conclusions, we have the duty, the obligation, to listen to each other’s views and still be in active fellowship with one another. In the end, many things won’t come down to what we believed about this issue or that, but how we treated and acted towards those who believed differently. After all, Jesus died for them too. Grace to you.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

Ron Eastridge would love to hear from you! Please address letters to:

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“Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions” (Proverbs 18:2-3, NLT).

This scripture is extra relevant in my life during Covid-19. There are many important and controversial decisions being made right now in our country. People have strong opinions about these decisions, which is only natural because these decisions have huge effects on the way we live our life. Finally, we are socially isolated, so we are not easily able to have constructive conversations about these things with people outside our nuclear families. So, in order to be heard, many people are “airing their own opinions” on social media. I read a post recently that I disagreed with and I was about to blast something back, but then I thought, “wait, is this a sin that needs to be rebuked, (or just a differing opinion)? Am I willing to take the time to do some research and come up with an informed, factual, data based response? Is this a person I could call and successfully rebuke?” The answer was no to all three, so I decided to follow the advice of this proverb,

“Even fools are thought to be wise when they keep silent; when they keep their mouths shut, they seem intelligent” (Proverbs 17:28 NLT).

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 \$1,681.78

Year to Date Weekly Average \$4,610.21

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 th 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 Gunselman
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 Gunselman	
Worship Ministry.....	Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team
Youth Ministry.....	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen