

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; 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:

Aiden McPartlin, as his arm and elbow heal.

Casey’s friend Bill, diagnosed with a difficult and complicated cancer. We pray Casey will be an encouragement to his friend right now.

Joe’s brother Jerry, who is starting to walk, and we pray he will have patience and experience healing through this process.

Linda Weimer, as she heals from a broken vertebra in her neck.

Donna Johnson’s long-term health issues.

Renee’s brother Rob (cancer growing), her brother in law Rick (broken ribs) and father (dementia). We pray Renee and the Gunselman family will be a light to these people and be able to care for them.

Ezra’s upcoming oral surgery to go well.

Physical:

**Jean Woods, Ron Eastridge, Linda Holland, Hallas Family**

Please keep the Hallas family in your prayers as they process and adjust to their new lives. Please pray especially for big court decisions being made soon.

Lois Munson’s daughter’s home in Ontario to sell soon, and for her and her family’s upcoming move to Texas to go smoothly.

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

Engaged Couples: Cody Parsons and Michelle Maeda; Gabriel Gunselman & McKenzie Kemp

Expecting Mothers: Marissa Veik, Alicia Gollakner, Naomi Smith, Summer Shore, Shima Kanani

Praise:

We are so thankful that Barb has started recovering from shingles!

**Please make sure to submit your prayer requests by phone (541-758-4456) or email ([2020circle@gmail.com](mailto: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



“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

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am:** “Encouragement For Today” class continues online and in person  
**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am:** Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ  
**Join A Life Group Today!!! Contact Jordan or Kellie Strawn for more information.**



What should the role of Christians in politics be? More people than ever are asking that question. Christians cannot pretend they can transcend politics and simply “preach the Gospel.” Those who avoid all political discussions and engagement are essentially casting a vote for the social status quo. American churches in the early 19th century that did not speak out against slavery because that was what we would now call “getting political” were actually supporting slavery by doing so. To not be political is to be political...Nevertheless, while believers can register under a party affiliation and be active in politics, they should not identify the Christian church or faith with a political party as the only Christian one...

[A] reason Christians these days cannot allow the church to be fully identified with any particular party is the problem of what the British ethicist James Mumford calls “package-deal ethics.” Increasingly, political parties insist that you cannot work on one issue with them if you don’t embrace all of their approved positions.

This emphasis on package deals puts pressure on Christians in politics. For example, following both the Bible and the early church, Christians should be committed to racial justice and the poor, but also to the understanding that sex is only for marriage and for nurturing family. One of those views seems liberal and the other looks oppressively conservative. The historical Christian positions on social issues do not fit into contemporary political alignments.

So Christians are pushed toward two main options. One is to withdraw and try to be apolitical. The second is to assimilate and fully adopt one party's whole package in order to have your place at the table. Neither of these options is valid. In the Good Samaritan parable told in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus points us to a Samaritan risking his life to give material help to someone of a different race and religion. Jesus forbids us to withhold help from our neighbors, and this will inevitably require that we participate in political processes. If we experience exclusion and even persecution for doing so, we are assured that God is with us (Matthew 5:10-11) and that some will still see our "good deeds and glorify God" (1 Peter 2:11-12). If we are only offensive or only attractive to the world and not both, we can be sure we are failing to live as we ought.

The Gospel gives us the resources to love people who reject both our beliefs and us personally. Christians should think of how God rescued them. He did it not by taking power but by coming to earth, losing glory and power, serving and dying on a cross. How did Jesus save? Not with a sword but with nails in his hands.

– Timothy Keller

## Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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We are still preparing food boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas 2020! However, due to COVID-19 precautions, we cannot accept food donations. At this time, we can only accept cash, checks, online donations, or gift cards to aid us in shopping for these boxes. Please contact Maria (541-758-4456) if you have questions or would like to help.



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I just got back from the A.I.M. (Adventures In Missions) program in Lubbock, Texas. This is a program where 18-23 year olds receive 1 year of Biblical/Missions training, then go to a mission field for 12-24 months. We are blessed to be one of those fields. Last week, I went down and gave a speech explaining the vision and mission of UCC. All 23 students came to the follow up interview! I hope this means we are an appealing field and some of these students will choose to join us. We hope to get 4 interns for UCC (2 guys and 2 girls).

I am very impressed that 18-23 year olds would choose to raise their own support and spend 3 years serving churches all over the world. Last year at the Campus for Christ conference I prayed, "God, I could really use some interns, but I don't have the money to pay them. What should I do?" That same day I met Cory Burns (the director of A.I.M.) and he told me he came to the conference because he wanted to send interns to campus ministries in the north. What an answer to prayer! I ask you all to pray for these interns and to help invest in them. They are giving us 2 years of their lives, and I believe we are entering into a sacred trust to mentor these students and prepare them for lives of ministry.



# Sunday Servants

**Elder of the Month:** Casey Long  
**Deacon of the Month:** Jordan Strawn  
**Service Monitor:** Jim Calkin  
**A/V:** Bill McCaughan/Joel Gunselman  
**Opening Prayer:** Frank Cloutier  
**Communion:** Eric Bracht  
**Closing/Pastoral Prayer:** Jordan Strawn  
**Speaker:** Thomas Pruett

<b>Sunday Morning Attendance</b>	36
<b>Last Week's Contribution</b>	\$5,411.05
<b>Year to Date Weekly Average</b>	\$4619.62
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$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 <sup>th</sup> 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 Günselman
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 I
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 Günselman	
Worship Ministry.....	Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team
Youth Ministry.....	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen