

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:

Renee’s brother, Rob, who has spine cancer. The tumors had shrunk initially, but are now growing. Please pray for him, and the treatment decisions that are being made. We also pray for Renee as she works hard taking care of her parents, and we pray that she will be an encouragement to them.

Jackie Parsons’ brother, Kenny, who broke his ribs, and for his upcoming surgery. We pray he will be kept safe and have a good recovery.

Dave, Bill & Gail McCaughan’s neighbor, who is currently dealing with an unknown illness. We also pray for Dave’s wife, Julie, as she cares for her husband.

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.

We pray that, if it is God’s will, He will provide a cure for COVID-19, heal the people affected by this disease, and allow businesses and events to take place as before.

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

Spiritual:

We pray for God to be with Christians worldwide, provide spiritual food for all of His people, and lead us all to be light and salt to those around us.

We pray Ron Eastridge, Glenn Hallas, and Shaun Womack will grow spiritually while they are away from family and that they and their families will be blessed.

Praise:

We rejoice with the McCaughans at the birth of their great-grandson Axel Fenway McCaughan, born last Saturday!

**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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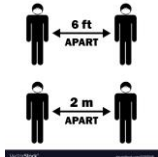
2020 Circle Family Times

**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



We know Sunday Morning Worship is not the same as it used to be. There are **SO MANY** extra things we need to do: sign in, have our temperature taken, wear a mask or face shield, and stay 6 feet away from everyone not in our household. There are **SO MANY** things we do differently: recorded songs instead of a song leader, picking up our own prepackaged communion when we walk in, and dropping our offering into a box when we walk out. We can’t even make ourselves a cup of coffee when we come here! **BUT**, we can still worship God. We can still see people we haven’t seen in **SO LONG!** We can still **ENCOURAGE** each other with our presence. We realize these guidelines may seem overly restrictive to many. However, they are guidelines recommended by our state to make sure everyone who comes into our building stays healthy. As a congregation, we need to show our willingness to abide by these requirements, both out of love and concern for each other and, as the Scriptures encourage us, to show our respect for the authorities and provide an example to those who may be watching our actions as they are broadcasted on Facebook, YouTube, and our website.

“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

**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am:** “Encouragement For Today” class continues online and in person  
**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am:** Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ  
**Join A Life Group Today!!!**



## Thomas' Takeaways

## God's Will - Part 2

1st Thessalonians 4:3, 1st Peter 2:15, 1st Thessalonians 5:18, and Romans 12:1-2 – did you look them up from last week? No? Well, go and do that right quick please, I'll still be here...got it? I asked a few questions last week concerning those passages and God's will, that I'm happy to give you my perspective on, which then hopefully helps answer the everlasting question of how to discern God's will for our lives:

- What are they explaining as God's will?

1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 4:3 explains the will of God as actions which lead to purity and sanctification, i.e. becoming holy like God. Romans 12 says that which is good and acceptable and perfect. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2 says that it's doing right which silences foolish people. And 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 5 says it's to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and to give thanks in everything. And those things are expounded in the context.

Why bring this up? Well, do you see any either/or choices? Nope...these passages all have to do with *how* you conduct yourself within choices, not *what* the choices are. Nor do these passages, nor anywhere else I read in Scripture, tell us that God will give us clear answers to *which* of our choices is best, but it does tell us that God tells us *why* you ought to choose one over the other:

- Which of these choices helps me be purer and more sanctified?
- Which of these seems more right with biblical principles that tell me what is good and acceptable?
- Which of these helps me to rejoice, give thanks, and pray?

The question then is “well what if the choices are practically the same according to those criteria?” Does it ever occur to us that instead of God forcing us to make our own choices, that perhaps God is letting us make our own choices? That perhaps God knows by virtue of considering and choosing that that is how we can grow in God’s will? That maybe free will isn’t a curse, but something God wants us to exercise according to His wisdom and guidance?

We still will be faced with hard choices. But I'm less convinced that God wants us to make the *right* choice according to His will but is more concerned with how we make the *best* choices according to where we are in our spiritual walks. While for some this may seem like more stress, I have come to find it gives a sense of peace that life becomes less about right and wrong choices, but in freedom becomes how to be more like God. Grace to you.

## 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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In life, only two things are certain: free food attracts college students to events and Bible Studies will happen. I am constantly surprised at how true these statements are.

People joke about food being a great motivator for others, and with good reason. It truly does bring people in the doors. Thank you to everyone who has brought food to our Tuesday Bible Studies and who has signed up to do so. This is a tremendous blessing, one I wasn't sure we were going to have with all the current restrictions going on. A free dinner is a great opportunity to invite someone to hear about Jesus and fellowship with people their age.

Even without food, though, people want to study the Bible. Last Spring, our Bible Study was done through Zoom, and people still came. People are hungry for Jesus...and free food! ☺



## Sunday Servants

## Elder of the Month: Mark Johnson

### Deacon of the Month: Jake Shore

**Service Monitor:** Maria Zhang

**A/V:** John Baxter

**Opening Prayer:** Frank Cloutier

**Communion:** Josh Stutzman

**Closing/Pastoral Prayer:** Mark Johnson

**Speaker:** Thomas Pruett

<b>Sunday Morning Attendance</b>	49
<b>Last Week's Contribution</b>	\$4,630.20
<b>Year to Date Weekly Average</b>	\$4600.77
<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 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
Visitation Ministry.....	Elders, Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders & Spouses
Widows Ministry.....	L Munson
Women's Ministry.....	Lead: Laurie Estridge
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