

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:

We pray for Pam Strawn to be peaceful, and for God to be with Gregg as he provides primary care for Pam, and that Gregg will be strong and courageous as he and Pam go down this path together.

We pray for Mark and Nancy's granddaughter and her first grade class who were exposed to COVID last week. We pray those affected will heal quickly, and that further exposures will not happen.

We pray for Nora's cousin, Jean, who recently saw a surgeon for her leg. We pray her leg will heal normally, and that she will recover soon from COVID.

We pray for Roger Hartman, that his knee replacement went well and that he will heal and recover quickly.

We continue to pray for Lydia's brother, Charlie, who is having a COVID relapse. He is not currently in the hospital, so please pray for him to recover without needing the hospital.

Pray for Virgil, as his sister-in-law Alice passed away last week.

Physical:

Ron Eastridge and Glenn Hallas.

We pray for Gabriel and MaKenzie's wedding this week, that everything will go smoothly and family will have safe travels.

Jean Woods, Ron Eastridge, Linda Holland, Hallas Family

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: Alicia Gollakner, Naomi Smith, Summer Shore, Shima Kanani, Alanna Sullivan

Spiritual:

We pray we will rise to the challenge of loving God and others.

We pray we will be God's people this week, and that we will be able to stand up for Him and put our pride aside.

Praise:

Mark and Nancy give praise that their friend has recovered from COVID!

We give praise that we are all able to meet in person.

Laurie Eastridge praises God that Ron still has no symptoms of COVID. We pray his good health will continue.

Bill and Gail McCaughan just celebrated 60 years of marriage! Praise God!

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



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. ~Isaiah 9:6-7

"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

December 20th, 9:30am: Bible Class
December 20th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ



Thomas' Takeaways

Why Jesus' Birth Matters

At first glance that article title may seem a bit ridiculous, particularly if you're indeed a Christian. *Of course, it matters!* You may say. *Do some people think it doesn't matter?* Yes, many don't realize how much it matters, but what you may realize is that many Christians don't realize how much Jesus' birth matters.

Many people know the birth is an obviously necessary part for Jesus to die and be raised again, because that is what matters to all who believe in Him. But do we ever stop to think of the significance of Jesus being physically born on earth? Here are three things to consider.

Jesus is the ultimate example of a God wanting to be not only near to His creation, but to reassure His creation that He is intimately and innately active and present in His creation. As Christians we take this for granted, but it's incredibly different than many other ways other 'creators' interacted with their world, if they did at all. This tells us God is never, nor has ever been far away, and indeed will come into His creation to redeem it.

Jesus' birth also tells us the lengths that God is willing to take to reveal Himself to us. One of the criticisms of God as well as the 'gods' is that they're far away and even if they cared about us, which is a huge if, they're in the spiritual realm and what do they care about our life. God indeed cares so much about this life, our life, and our world that He not only revealed Himself in our world but became a life in His own world to reveal to us His life.

From that, when we encounter suffering, pain, loss, grief, sin in this world and we wonder how God feels about it, because He came into this world, while we may not be able to answer why we're going through these things, we can know it's not because He doesn't love us, doesn't care about us, or doesn't know what's going on. Jesus' birth proves that, unlike nearly any other god in the history of religion, the God of the Bible, the God of Heaven, the God who came in Jesus, will not only overcome the darkness of the world, but walk with His creation in and through it, and show us the light on the other side. Merry Christmas, and grace to you all.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

Update Your Directory! Here is James and Misty Freeman's new contact information:

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Corvallis, OR 97330

541-231-0964 James Cell
541-231-0930 Misty Cell



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"If you assist a thief, you are only hurting yourself. You will be punished if you report the crime, but you will be cursed if you don't. Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but to trust the Lord means safety" (Proverbs 29:24-25 NLT).

Confession time: I've aided a thief before! I was taking a high school algebra test and our teacher stepped out of the class to use the restroom. One of my wrestling teammates (we'll call him Han Solo) asked me for some answers on a test. You know the type, naturally gifted, 12 sport athlete, handsome, popular with the ladies, intimidating, but not the sharpest knife in the drawer (not me, I'm talking about the other guy ☹!). I was afraid of him and revered him (you know, like the way we should feel toward God?!). My teacher returned and the rest of the class departed (I'm a slow test taker). My teacher asked me, "Did anything happen while I was gone? Was there any cheating? I noticed Han got an unusually good score." I knew I was caught. "I helped Han cheat," I said. "Give me a zero, I deserve a zero." The worst part was, my math teacher was my Uncle Chuck and I knew my mom would find out. I think Uncle Chuck gave us both B's or C's. It wasn't enough to help Han's final grade, nor was it enough to hurt my final grade, but we both learned a valuable lesson that day. Han was afraid of failing and I was afraid of Han, but we both would have been better off trusting in the Lord and doing what was right.



Sunday Servants

Elder of the Month: Mark Johnson

Deacon of the Month: Josh Wise

Service Monitor: Lorelea Glenn

A/V: J Baxter/B McCaughan/A Bracht/Ca Jensen

Song Leader: Casey Long

Opening Prayer: Frank Cloutier

Communion: Joe Hammar (digital)

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Mark Johnson

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

Sunday Morning Attendance 33

Last Week's Contribution	\$6,347.09
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Year to Date Weekly Average \$4,598.79

Weekly Budget	\$4,705.29
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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 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 L
Van Ministry.....	Bob Parsons, Chris Gollakner
Visitor Experience Ministry.....	See Elders
Visitor 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, M Zhang, R Günselman	
Worship Ministry.....	Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team
Youth Ministry.....	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen