

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:

Please continue to pray for Gregg and Pam, specifically for Pam to be peaceful.

Also continue praying for Bill Perry and his heart condition, for healing for Bill and his situation.

Terri Kent, Don & Deanna Patton’s daughter, who twisted her ankle. We pray she will recover quickly.

Kari Slater’s friend, Michelle, to have a healthy pregnancy.

Keep Greg Brown in your prayers as he recovers from knee replacement surgery. Pray for him to have patience during his slow recovery.

Pray for Frank who had some medical tests last week, that there will be good information and outcomes.

Physical:

Ron Eastridge, Glenn Hallas and Shaun Womack.

Continue praying for Kari Slater’s son, Michael, that he will have patience and peace.

We ask that God bless Gabriel and McKenzie and their new life together.

Please also continue to pray for Angela, McKaya, and the Rugh family.

We pray for all of our senior saints, that they will have a good Christmas.

**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

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:

Thank you God for protecting Circle Church of Christ and allowing us to gather together, whether in person or online.

We are so thankful for all our staff, Elders, Deacons, Ministry Leaders and everyone who is a part of our Circle Family and the faith we share together. Thank you for Jesus.

Thank you for the COVID vaccines. We pray this will free us from the virus and help us more easily spread the love of Jesus. We pray for continued safety, patience and vigilance as we wait for the vaccines to do their work.

**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

**December 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am:** Bible Class  
**December 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am:** Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ  
**January 11<sup>th</sup>:** Blood Drive at Circle Church of Christ. Appointment only, sign up online.



## Thomas' Takeaways

## Songs

Songs are an important part of our life, and every time we hear a meaningful song we are transported back to the point in time in our lives when that song became meaningful. Don't believe me? Listen to a song that played at your wedding. Can't you just see everyone important to you and your spouse all dressed up like they were that day? Now, listen to a song that you absolutely loved in high school, one you knew all the words to and drove your family crazy listening to. Do you remember why you liked it so much back then? Do you still like it as much now? Probably not...but now you have a new memory to go with this song. You're welcome! 😊

Christmas, especially, has a LOT of songs we can relate to, and our favorite Christmas songs have probably changed a bit over the years. When you are really young, it's quite an accomplishment to learn all the words to Jingle Bells AND how to shake your bells in tune with the song. If you really challenged yourself, you also learned all the words to the 12 Days of Christmas. Then, as you get older, you learn the classic Christmas songs, including: Away in a Manger, Deck the Halls, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, O Little Town of Bethlehem, and, for the advanced, the Hallelujah Chorus.

There are also some contemporary Christmas songs we hear on the radio, some good, some great, and some we probably skip more often than not. Since it's December and I am listening to Christmas music, there are 2 contemporary songs I resonated with this week. The first was "My Grown Up Christmas List". I have been praying SO HARD this week for SO MANY people close to me (including Pam Strawn), and I really would like to see the peace on earth that this song talks about. The downside to this song, however, is that it was all too easy for me to focus on the sadness in my life and around me, which is why I recommend this song to you: Thank You by Pentatonix. This song talks about having a hard year and it's finally Christmas and all we can say is...Thank You. I especially love the last lines: "I can't believe this year you've got me through. The least I can do is thank you." It acknowledges the bad...but also how God and others have seen us through. Grace to you.

## Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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Help us bless our expecting mothers!

Very soon, there will be a table in the foyer with a basket for each expecting mom and her family, plus a basket to collect gift cards for Rouz and Shima. Please prayerfully consider adding an item to each basket. Naomi Smith is registered at WalMart. More information will be coming soon.



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If I could describe, in one word, how I feel about 2021, I would say "Hope". I know a lot of us use that word when we are looking forward to a new year, but I think it applies more than ever to 2021.

I am hopeful for the vaccines coming out, which gives me hope that my life can return to its pre-COVID normal. I am hopeful for the 2 AIM interns who will arrive in the Spring. I hope they will learn about Campus Ministry while they are here, and I hope we will learn something from them. I am hopeful for our student leaders, both present and future—for the events they will plan and the lives they will change. I am hopeful for the trips we can now plan—I checked with OSU and our faith liaison, and we can take students on trips in the vans again! We already have some activities planned, including a snowshoeing trip!

## Sunday Servants

## Elder of the Month: Mark Johnson

**Deacon of the Month:** Josh Wise

**Service Monitor:** Lorelea Glenn

**A/V:** J Baxter/J Gunselman

**Song Leader:** Ryan McPartlin

**Opening Prayer:** Ed Gunselman

**Communion:** José Reyes

**Closing/Pastoral Prayer:** Casey Long

**Speaker:** Thomas Pruett

Sunday Morning Attendance	32
Last Week's Contribution	\$2,703.80
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$4,561.64
Weekly Budget	\$4,705.29

**Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!**

<b>Circle Facilitator Inside.....</b>	<b>Eric Bracht</b>
<b>Outside Circle Facilitator.....</b>	<b>Jim Calkin</b>
<b>UCC Facilitator.....</b>	<b>Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons</b>
<b>Overall Support.....</b>	<b>M Zhang, G Brown, J Wise</b>
<b>Campus Ministry.....</b>	<b>Josh Stutzman, Eric &amp; Chris Jensen</b>
<b>Church Safety Ministry.....</b>	<b>Ryan McPartlin, Josh Wise</b>
<b>Discipleship Ministry.....</b>	<b>Jose Reyes</b>
<b>Education Ministry.....</b>	<b>Thomas Pruett (CR-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>
High School.....	<b>Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen</b>
Adult.....	<b>Casey Long</b>
Coordinators.....	<b>R &amp; H McPartlin, J &amp; S Shore, L Wise, E Womack</b>
<b>Fellowship Ministry.....</b>	<b>Ed, Renee &amp; Joel Günselman</b>
<b>Life Group Ministry.....</b>	<b>Jordan &amp; Kellie Strawn</b>
<b>Marriage &amp; Family Ministry.....</b>	<b>Adam &amp; Erin Goddard</b>
<b>Media/Web Ministry.....</b>	<b>Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan</b>
<b>Men of Iron.....</b>	<b>Rolland House, Bob Parsons, Jake Shore</b>
<b>People Needs Facilitators.....</b>	<b>Tami Brown &amp; Maria Zhang</b>
<b>Clothing Drive Lead.....</b>	<b>Charlene Franklund</b>
<b>Food Boxes Lead.....</b>	<b>Charlene Franklund</b>
<b>Publicity Ministry.....</b>	<b>Maria Zhang</b>
<b>Quilts for CASA.....</b>	<b>Cathy Brooks</b>
<b>Roster List.....</b>	<b>Maria Z, Casey L</b>
<b>Van Ministry.....</b>	<b>Bob Parsons, Chris Gollakner</b>
<b>Visitor Experience Ministry.....</b>	<b>See Elders</b>
<b>Vision Ministry.....</b>	<b>Elders, Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders &amp; Spouses</b>
<b>Widows Ministry.....</b>	<b>L Munson</b>
<b>Women's Ministry.....</b>	<b>Lead: Laurie Estridge</b>
Support Team: T Brown, M Freeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, M Zhang, R Günselman	
<b>Worship Ministry.....</b>	<b>Thomas Pruett &amp; The Worship Team</b>
<b>Youth Ministry.....</b>	<b>Eric &amp; Jann Bracht and Eric &amp; Chris Jensen</b>