

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:

Pam Strawn, who has been experiencing headaches since August. MRI results are pending. Please contact Gail McCaughan or Nancy Johnson for more information. **11/29 Update: Pam has been diagnosed with an uncommon neurological condition that is likely to continue progressing. She is at home and receiving assistance from Hospice.**

Please continue to pray for HEALING, comfort and peace.

We pray for Ezra Parker as he continues recovering from a sedated procedure last Monday.

We pray for the McCaughans' friends, David and Judy, who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, that they will recover and be healthy. **11/29 Update: Praise God that David and Judy have been released from the hospital! Pray for them both to make a full recovery.**

Pray for Emily Hoard's parents to make a speedy recovery from COVID-19 so Emily can enjoy the holidays at home with her family.

Physical:

Ron Eastridge and Glenn Hallas.

Tom and Maria Zhang, who have an immigration interview coming up on December 2nd, that everything will go well.

Jean Woods, Ron Eastridge, Linda Holland, Hallas Family

Thank you for praying for Tom and Maria during their immigration interview! The interview went well, and they will hear very soon if Tom will get his green card or if they need to submit more documents.

We pray for Karie Slater and her sons to get through the trying times her son Michael is having.

We are so happy that Ron and Laurie Eastridge celebrated their 24th anniversary last week. We pray they will be able to maintain their marriage while being separated right now.

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:

Thank You Lord for your church, both local and worldwide, and we pray You continue to bless Your church as we show Your love.

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



Go to our website (2020circle.com) at **6:30 on Saturday** December 12th to join us as we watch Klaus (2019) together! **Post pictures** of you and your family in your Christmas jammies on our Circle Family News Facebook group to earn a chance to **win a special prize!** Also, don't forget to **pick up your Family Movie Bag** at the church this week! Bags are labelled with the candy they contain, and bags labelled "small" are enough for 4 people or fewer. Bags also have popcorn, hot chocolate, candy canes and more!

"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 6th, 9:30am: "Encouragement For Today" class continues online and in person
December 6th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ
December 6th, 2020: Giving Sunday
December 12th, 6:30pm: Digital Family Christmas Movie Night



Thomas' Takeaways

My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.—Psa. 63:8 Christian theology teaches the doctrine of prevenient grace, which briefly stated means this, that before a man can seek God, God must first have sought the man. Before a sinful man can think a right thought of God, there must have been a work of enlightenment done within him; imperfect it may be, but a true work nonetheless, and the secret cause of all desiring and seeking and praying which may follow. We pursue God because, and only because, He has first put an urge within us that spurs us to the pursuit. "No man can come to me," said our Lord, "except the Father which hath sent me draw him," and it is by this very prevenient drawing that God takes from us every vestige of credit for the act of coming. The impulse to pursue God originates with God, but the outworking of that impulse is our following hard after Him; and all the time we are pursuing Him we are already in His hand: "Thy right hand upholdeth me."

In this divine "upholding" and human "following" there is no contradiction. All is of God, for as von Hügel teaches, God is always previous. In practice, however, (that is, where God's previous working meets man's present response) man must pursue God. On our part there must be positive reciprocation if this secret drawing of God is to eventuate in identifiable experience of the Divine. In the warm language of personal feeling this is stated in the Forty-second Psalm: "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" This is deep calling unto deep, and the longing heart will understand it.

To have found God and still to pursue Him is the soul's paradox of love, scorned indeed by the too-easily-satisfied religionist, but justified in happy experience by the children of the burning heart. St. Bernard stated this holy paradox in a musical quatrain that will be instantly understood by every worshipping soul....
-A.W. Tozer, "The Pursuit of God"

Thoughts, Questions, Notes



A neurologist called today from RiverBend hospital. Test results have confirmed the original diagnosis. Pam started on Hospice last Wednesday. Pam's physical condition and abilities continue to deteriorate: including her thought processes, speech and walking. Pam and I are very thankful to the congregation for your ongoing prayers, meals and assistance. If we were not in Covid season, we would gladly welcome everyone to come and see us. We so intensely wish we could be having that contact with our church family. Unfortunately, we have to be careful so Gregg and other key caregivers stay well. If you send an email to gregg.strawn@gmail.com, Gregg will read them to Pam. If you want to say something to Pam or Gregg on the phone, indicate that in an email and we will try to work it out in the midst of the busy caregiving. On occasion, Pam can stand briefly in the window to see people.



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Last week we talked about Elijah in the wilderness. Elijah was feeling tired, lonely, scared, and depressed. The application was to pray to God and he will provide what you need. Sometimes what we need is professional help. As a follow-up to the sermon, we wanted to present some resources for professional help:

- Friends of the Family Corvallis Counseling
- Mid Valley Fellowship Counseling (specializes in sexual addiction)
- Primary Care Physician (sometimes the problem is physical)
- The Circle Leadership Team

The last one is the Circle Leadership team. God told Elijah that he was not alone, and we want you to know you are not alone either. If you are suffering, please reach out and we will help you find the help you need.

Sunday Servants

- Elder of the Month: Casey Long
- Deacon of the Month: Jordan Strawn
- Service Monitor: Jim Calkin
- A/V:
- Opening Prayer: Rolland House
- Communion: Gregg Strawn
- Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Jordan Strawn
- Speaker: Josh Stutzman

Sunday Morning Attendance	6
Last Week's Contribution	\$3,759.08
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$4,511.96
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 Gungelman
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 Gungelman	
Worship Ministry.....	Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team
Youth Ministry.....	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen