

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, Renee's mom, Linda Holland, Charlotte Bibb, Les & Joyce Brooks, Bill Perry, Ron Eastridge & his family, Glenn Hallas & his family, Gregg Strawn, Hendrickson Family

Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Please continue to pray for Bill Perry and his heart condition, for healing for Bill and his situation.

Ezra Parker, that his chin will heal quickly and he will be back to his normal self soon.

Roger & Loretta Hartman, who were exposed to COVID, that they remain healthy.

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

Bill's sister, Debbie, her niece and her niece's family, who all have COVID, that they all have mild cases.

Dan King, the Hammars' brother in law, that he have a quick, complete recovery from surgery last week.

Chris Jensen's cousin's surgery goes smoothly, and experiences no snags due to COVID.

Pray for Loren Paul, who was hospitalized last week with heart issues. He is home now.

Cathy Brooks' friend Sally in constant pain, that she experiences relief. Also, that Sally's sister, Gina, will come to know the Lord. We pray Cathy's friend Sid will come to know the Lord and that Cathy's friend Mary receives the help and encouragement she needs.

Physical:

We lift up Gregg, Jordan & Kellie, Aaron & Marissa and their families, and the Hendrickson family at this time. We pray for them to have peace and comfort, and that God will help us surround them and show them love.

Ron Eastridge, Glenn Hallas and Shaun Womack.

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

Loren Paul to make a complete recovery from the back surgery and heart issues he had last week.

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

Renee's cousin & his mother as they grieve the death of his friend, and the friend's family as they grieve.

Military: 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 2021 will be a great year for God.

Praise:

We rejoice that Greg Brown was back at church on Sunday after his knee surgery, and we pray he continues recovering and improving.

We praise God that Frank Cloutier received good news from his doctor last week.

We are so thankful that Ron is doing well and is back at Deer Ridge in Madras! We pray he has no symptoms or signs of his positive COVID diagnosis.

**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



**Today's Reading:** Matthew 1:18-2:12.

**Reading for January 17<sup>th</sup>:**  
Matthew 2:13-23.

**Discussion guides** for each sermon this year are available on our website. From the home page, click Ministries, then 2021 Life Groups. Life Groups can choose to work through these questions together, and individuals or families can also work through them on their own.

**"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**

**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am:** Bible Class  
**January 10<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.  
**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 3pm:** Digital Baby Shower for Summer Shore



# Thomas’ Takeaways

## The Myth of A Fresh Start

We’re in a season of newness – a new year has started, a new month is here, we may have new goals or resolutions to strive towards, even as I write this it’s early in a new day. I’ve heard and read the same sentiment over and over that it’s nice to have a fresh start in 2021.

The thing is, what’s really changed? The pandemic continues, this week we’ve seen that political tensions are still incredibly high, as are ethnic and racial tensions in our country. People are still suffering financial loss. For some in our own congregation the new year is worse than the year before due to loss of various kinds. You and I are still the same people we were 11 days ago, same flaws and strengths. Fresh start, huh?

There’s nothing wrong with mentally and emotionally ‘resetting’ as it were, and a calendar change help that. But we must not fall into the trap of thinking that a calendar change really affects anything other than the date. There are still things to be dealt with and handled. We must still strive actively towards peace and reconciliation with each other. We must intentionally destroy the barriers of partisanship that wreaks havoc not only on our political system but between friends and family. There are still the flaws and strengths of the world that have not and will not change save for our action.

So far as I can tell, there’s only one true fresh reset that we can truly have, and it’s when we become new in Christ upon faith and baptism. 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 5:17 literally says if anyone is in Christ, new creation has come. What so many people seek is only truly found in Jesus. What we must take seriously this year and every date change that the only way to actually deal with and change the world’s constant problems is out of our transformation in new creations in Christ. The world desires a new hope, a new life, and a new way of living. We cannot show them that by living according to the old standards, but only by intentionally and actively seeking what it means to live out our new life in Christ’s eternal life. So yes, Happy New Year to you, but remember what kind of newness is truly new.

Grace to you.

## Thoughts, Questions, Notes

Partnering with CRF to drill wells throughout Africa is a cause that was very important to Pam Strawn. A fund has been set up in her name to collect money for CRF to drill a well. Thanks to a matching fund, CRF needs only \$5,000 to drill a well, and already over \$3,000 has been donated in Pam’s name. Please prayerfully consider memorializing Pam with a donation.

## Next Week’s Servants (1/17)

**A/V:** J Baxter/F Cloutier; A Bracht/Ca Jensen

**Song Leader:** Rolland House

**Opening Prayer:** Bill McCaughan

**Communion:** Eric Jensen

**Closing/Pastoral Prayer:** José Reyes

**Speaker:** Thomas Pruett

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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“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body” (Philippians 3:20).

I got to witness some intense anticipation this week. I celebrated my birthday over the break with my parents and my brother’s family (he has a 2 year old and 3 year old). My brother had the foresight to brief his son (Josiah, age 3) before the party, saying, “now, this is Josh’s birthday, it’s different then Christmas. Only he gets to open the presents, we watch.” And watch he did. The whole time Josiah had a death grip on my shoulder and was shaking with anticipation. “What is it, WHAT IS IT!” He would cry as the paper was coming off. Finally, he could restrain himself no longer and his hand shot into one of the gift bags, pulling out a candy bar. “Josiah . . .” my brother chided (in a drawn out tone that said, “If I finish this sentence you’re in trouble”). Josiah immediately returned it. Then he said, “guess what’s inside?” A candy bar, I laconically responded. “You are SOOOO RIGHT!” he exclaimed in delight.

Kids at Christmas time eagerly await the opening of presents in a way that adults can’t comprehend—they count their packages, study the sizes and try to peek through the paper. Do we have that same kind of anticipation for Jesus returning to rule us as king? Do we long for it, prepare our world for it and share it with our friends? Or do we view faith as more of a vitamin to supplement our healthy and comfortable lives? Let’s make it the first answer.

## Sunday Servants Jan 10

**Elder of the Month:** Casey Long

**Deacon of the Month:** José Reyes

**Service Monitor:** Linda Chuinard

**A/V:** J Baxter/F Cloutier; B McCaughan/J Gunselman

**Song Leader:** Thomas Wood

**Opening Prayer:** Eric Bracht

**Communion:** Don Patton

**Closing/Pastoral Prayer:** Casey Long

**Speaker:** Thomas Pruett

Sunday Morning Attendance	32
Last Week’s Contribution	\$8,231.79
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$8,231.79
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 <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
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, M Zhang, R Gunselman	
Worship Ministry.....	Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team
Youth Ministry.....	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen