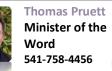


#### Ministers

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Please Pray For Our Family Please pray for God's healing hand to be on those with cancer:

Josh Stutzman

Campus

Minister

541-753-4310

Maria Zhang

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Secretary

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, Reneé'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. Reneé'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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January 10, 2021

# 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.

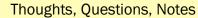
Today's Reading: Matthew 1:18-2:12.

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.

# **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. 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 peak 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

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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)	
	Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen	
	Casey Long H McPartlin, J & S Shore, L Wise, E Womack	
	Ed, Renee & Joel Gunselman	
	Jordan & Kellie Strawn	
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	Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan	
	Iland House, Bob Parsons, Jake Shore	
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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 MinistryElders, Dead	ons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders &	
Spouses		
Widows Ministry	L Munson	
	Lead: Laurie Eastridge n, N Johnson, J Parsons, M Zhang, R Gunselman	
	Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team	
Youth MinistryEric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen		