

Elders



Mark Johnson



Casey Long



Thomas Pruett
Minister of the Word
541-758-4456



Josh Stutzman
Campus Minister
541-753-4310



Maria Zhang
Secretary
541-758-4456

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:

Pray for Barb Hammar, awaiting the results of a skin biopsy, to have peace while she waits and to receive good results. **1/24 Update: The margins of Barb's biopsy were not clear. Please pray for her consultation this Wednesday (1/27)**

Pray for Shannon Sorah, who has COVID19 and is recovering well. We pray she will have a quick recovery, and no lasting effects.

Pray for Lucas, Virgil Oakes' young relative, who was injured playing on a treadmill. We pray for him to completely heal and recover quickly.

Pray for Misty Freeman's friend, Debbie, and her daughter, who urgently need healing.

Pray for John House, Rolland's brother, who has COVID-19, for him to recover, to have sound thoughts and peace of mind.

Pray for Bill Perry, who is having an angiogram this Thursday (1/28), for diagnosis and guidance in the next steps of treatment.

Pray for healing for Mark and Nancy's friend, Larry, who had a heart procedure last week. Pray also that this will open doors for Mark and Nancy to share the Gospel with Larry.

Pray for Nancy's mom, Joanne, in the hospital with several health issues.

Pray for Jennifer House's coworker, Brad Stonecipher, who is in long-term care due to COVID-19. We pray for his recovery, and for his wife and 2 children who are at home and missing him.

Pray for Jane Emmerich's dad (Tim Cochran in IL) who is recovering from COVID and is now thankfully out of the ICU.

Pray for Patsy Linder, baptized at Circle in 2004, who is critically ill at Good Sam. Her church family is her only family right now.

Physical:

We continue to pray for Ron, Glenn and Shawn, that God will be with them.

We lift up Gregg, Jordan & Kellie, Aaron & Marissa and their families at this time. We pray for them to have peace and comfort, and that God will help us surround them and show them love. **1/24 Update: We learned this week that Gregg's brother, Troy, has passed away.**

Pray for the Philomath school district as K-3rd graders are re-introduced to in-person learning 2 days a week, beginning this Tuesday (1/26).

Please pray for all of the students, parents and educators. Thank you!

Pray for Lydia Perry to have guidance for getting her 92-year-old mother into an assisted living situation. Please also pray for improved family relations in making decisions around it.

Pray for Karie Holland's boys to have a safe snowmobile trip in Yellowstone. They left yesterday (1/24) and will be gone for a week and a half.

Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy

Engaged Couples: Cody Parsons and Michelle Maeda

Expecting Mothers: Naomi Smith, Summer Shore, Shima Kanani, Alanna Sullivan

Praise:

We rejoice in the baptism of Allaina West. We're grateful for the role Ryan Bracht and the entire Bracht family had in pointing Allaina to Jesus.

Eric Bracht is thankful for the spiritual healing that Jesus brought Allaina, and prays for him to also bring her physical healing.

Praise God that Alyssa Fieldhouse has recovered from her recent surgery and is able to return to her normal life.

Renee Gunselman is excited to be a grandma this week! Please pray that Naomi will go into labor on her own, and that the birth and delivery will be safe and natural as possible. If she doesn't go into labor on her own, she will be induced on Friday (1/29).

We join Linda Chuinard in being so grateful for our tech team and everyone who works so hard to make online Bible Class, Worship and communication possible!

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



541-758-4456
2020circle@gmail.com
www.2020circle.com

January 31, 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



Today's Reading: Matthew 4:1-11.

Reading for February 7th:
Matthew 4:12-24.

Discussion guides for each sermon this year are available on our website.

Don't forget your free Matthew commentary!

Last Week's Challenge:
Intentionally share the good news of Jesus with one person.

"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 31st, 9:30am: Bible Class
January 31st, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ
January 31st, 3pm: Digital Baby Shower for Summer Shore
January 31st, 3pm: Digital (Via Zoom) Elder, Deacon, Minister Meeting



Thomas' Takeaways

Early Church Growth

“Most improbable of all, he churches [of the first century] did not use their worship services to attract new people. In the aftermath of the persecution of Nero in AD 68, churches around the empire...closed their doors to outsiders...they admitted catechumens [converts under instruction not yet baptized] to the opening part of the worship, the service of the word with its readings and sermon, but not pagans, and to the service of the Eucharist that followed they admitted neither pagans nor catechumens – only the baptized members of the community and believers from other churches with letters of recommendations. It is not surprising that pagans responded to their exclusion...by speculation and gossip. The baptized Christians, on the other hand, knew how powerful the worship services were in their own lives – early fourth-century North African believers said simply, ‘We cannot go without the Lord’s Supper.’ They knew that worship services were to glorify God and edify the faithful, not evangelize outsiders.

And yet, improbably, the movement was growing. In number, size, and geographical spread, churches were expanding without any of the probable prerequisites for church growth. The early Christians noted this with wonder, and attributed it to the patient work of God...It was brewing, but not under anyone’s control. It was uncoordinated, it was unpredictable, and it seemed unstoppable...it involved ordinary ingredients that at times synergized into a heady brew. The churches grew in many places, taking varied form. They proliferated because the faith that these fishers and hunters embodied was attractive to people who were dissatisfied with their old cultural or religious habits, who felt pushed to explore new possibilities, and who then encountered Christians who embodied a new manner of life that pulled them toward what the Christians called ‘rebirth’ into a new life. Surprisingly, this happened in a patient manner.”
- Alan Kreider, *The Patient Ferment of the Early Church*, p.11-12

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 \$8,442.62 has been donated in Pam’s name. Thank you for your generosity! We are accepting donations through January.

Sunday Morning Attendance	44
Last Week’s Contribution	\$6,284.17
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$7,391.06
Weekly Budget	\$4,705.29



1655 NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330

Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow (Proverbs 13:11).

Invest in seven ventures, yes, in eight; you do not know what disaster may come upon the land (Ecclesiastes 11:2).

This week I’m going to write an article about something I know very little about, the stock market! Apparently, there is some serious stock market manipulation going on right now. For some reason the stocks of brick and mortar stores that are going out of business are shooting up right now. A lot of students are talking about this and investing their money in these VERY high risk stocks. I heard one student say he made \$400,000 in three days investing in a company that is probably going out of business. Based on what the Bible says, this is a bad idea. If it seems too good to be true it probably is. Stick with good, conservative, low risk mutual funds and watch your money grow over time. Get a good financial planner you can trust. Please, everyone at Circle, don’t get sucked into this risky, shady business. The last thing we need is a stock market crash during Covid-19. Dear Lord, give us wisdom in how we use our money.

Contact Numbers:
541-753-4310 UCC
503-866-9117 cell



Sunday Servants Jan 31

Elder of the Month: Casey Long
Deacon of the Month: José Reyes
Service Monitor: Linda Chuinard
A/V: B McCaughan/J Gunselman; A Bracht/Ca Jensen
Song Leader: Frank Cloutier
Opening Prayer: Adam Goddard
Communion: Joe Hammar
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Casey Long
Speaker: Thomas Pruett

Sunday Servants Feb 7

A/V: J Baxter/F Cloutier; J Baxter, B McCaughan
Song Leader: Ryan McPartlin
Opening Prayer: José Reyes
Communion: Eric Bracht
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Mark Johnson
Speaker: Josh Stutzman

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 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