**Elders** 

Mark Johnson







Ministers







**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, 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:**

Pray for Geri York, who is experiencing balance issues.

Pray for Stephanie Appleton, who is experiencing a difficult pregnancy where both mom and baby are at risk. She has made the difficult decision to keep her baby. Please pray for Stephanie, her baby, and her family. Pray for Don Krebbs, facing a quadruple bypass surgery which is delaying his kidney transplant. Pray for him to have health and peace of mind.

Pray for Alex Bracht, as he received a new treatment for his almost-daily migraines last week. Please pray that this treatment will work, and will finally relieve him of his pain.

Pray for Nancy's mom to regain her strength.

We continue to pray for Ron, Glenn and Shawn, that God will be with them. We are especially mindful of Ron who is facing some challenges with the workload assigned to him. We pray he will either acclimatize to his new workload, or that it will be reduced.

Pray for Charity Henry's family, as she passed away last week and they are mourning her loss. Charity was Thomas Woods'

Pray for the Gunselmans' friend's son and his wife who are struggling in their relationship and it is hurting their children. We pray God will bring peace, reconciliation, and restoration to their marriage.

Pray for Heidi Powell, as her car was recently broken into and her purse was stolen. We pray they will find the person who stole her purse, and there will be no financial repercussions.

We pray for Michael Neuman's power to be restored, and for the work crews who are working hard. We pray for Gregg Strawn to experience God's comfort and love as he deals with the continued struggles of losing loved ones.

Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy

**Engaged Couples:** Cody Parsons and Michelle Maeda

**Expecting Mothers: Shima Kanani** 

#### Praise:

Happy Birthday Barb Hammar!

We praise God that Mark and Nancy had a good visit with family in California.

We are thankful that Michael Neuman's power has been restored.

We praise God that Ron Eastridge's workload has been reduced, and we pray for the COVID-19 quarantine situation that led to this reduction.

Deacons: Eric Bracht, Adam Goddard, Ed Gunselman, Rolland House, Eric Jensen, Ryan McPartlin, Bob Parsons, Jose Reyes, Jake Shore, Jordan Strawn

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**



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Revive

#### Join Us This Saturday (2/20)!

This year's Revive conference is all digital, and will go from 9-3.

Can't join us on Saturday? All the sessions are available through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Because of our group rate, the cost is \$25, and scholarships are available. Contact Chris Jensen if you are interested.

#### "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**

February 21st, 9:30am: Bible Class

February 21st, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ **February 27<sup>th</sup>, 8-6:** Winter Wear Donation

and Give Away

Matthew commentaries are at the church building! Call Maria to schedule a time to pick one up, or to make arrangements for vours to be mailed to vou.



# Thomas' Takeaways

#### **Busyness vs. Business**

In reading a book this week I came across this quote from a gentleman named Douglas Steere, in which he says:

In religious circles we find today a fierce and almost violent planning and programming, a sense that without ceaseless activity nothing will ever be accomplished. How seldom it occurs to us that God has to undo and to do all over again so much of what we in our willfulness have pushed through in His name. How little there is in us of the silent and radiant strength in which the secret works of God really take places. How ready we are to speak, how loathe to listen, to sense the further dimension of what it is that we confront.

The kicker is that Mr. Steere wrote this words over 50 years ago. He observed this in Christian churches before cell phones, internet, video conferencing, youth programs as we know it, he already observed that churches were favoring, in my own phrase, kingdom busyness over kingdom business.

Kingdom business very much includes prayer, the quiet times of reflection on Scripture, listening for God & the Spirit to prompt and convict you, listening more than speaking, and to intentionally be still and trust that God is acting and will act on our behalf. I tend to agree with Mr. Steere in that given the choice between a full calendar of activities, good activities that are worthwhile, mind you, or a full calendar of prayer prompts over various topics, many would choose the activities. I feel many would choose an hour zipping between 50 Bible texts instead of reading, reflection, and prayer from a single passage. Are we guilty of conflating busyness over the true business of the Kingdom? Are we guilty of becoming so busy we forget how God works? Do we trust God to work without us? I do sometimes. Linvite all of us this week to take moments of guietness and silence and remember the true business of the Kingdom – right relationship with God. Grace to you.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes
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\$10,182.96 has been sent to CRF to drill 2 wells in Pam Strawn's name. Thank you for your generosity!

We are pleased to announce that Ben and Monica Hannan have placed membership with Circle. Monica previously was a member and is now officially back. The elders had an enjoyable conversation with them. Many of you know them already, but if you don't, you will come to love them as well. Welcome Ben, Monica, Isaac, Faith, Wyatt and Avonlea!



Sunday Morning Attendance 51

Last Week's Contribution \$3,764.42

Year to Date Weekly Average \$6,406.42

Weekly Budget \$4,705.29



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Normally I would use this opportunity to give you a weekly UCC update, fill you in on our activities, and thank everyone for all of your support that makes this Ministry possible. I do still want to thank you all for your financial support, prayers, meals and everything you do to make this a great experience for college students! Thank you!

However, instead of a UCC update, I want to tell you about our upcoming adult Bible Class. I am excited to work with John Baxter and Eric Bracht to provide an in-depth look at the Sermon on the Mount. This is the first non-college student Bible Class I will teach, and I am looking forward to this opportunity! Please join us every Sunday at 9:30 for Bible Class, either digitally or in-person.

### **Sunday Servants Feb 21**

**Elder of the Month:** Mark Johnson **Deacon of the Month:** Rolland House

Service Monitor: Eric Bracht

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

**Song Leader:** Ryan McPartlin **Opening Prayer:** Ed Gunselman **Communion:** Josh Stutzman

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Mark Johnson

**Speaker:** Thomas Pruett

#### **Sunday Servants Feb 28**

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

Song Leader: A Member

Opening Prayer: Bill McCaughan

**Communion:** Eric Jensen

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Casey Long

**Speaker:** Thomas Pruett

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