Elders









Ministers





Josh Stutzman Campus Minister 541-753-4310



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 Lois Munson, who fell yesterday morning and hit her head and twisted her back. Pray for Joe and Barb Hammar's nephew, Vince Gomez, who has been in the hospital since late last Sunday night with bleeding issues. After several blood transfusions and many tests, there is still no definitive diagnosis. However, he is in Stage 5 kidney disease and that may be the root cause.

Pray for Judy Miebach, who is still having AFIB issues.

Please pray for Connie, Casey's niece, who is having various very serious health issues.

Pray for Virgil's dad, who had to be taken to the hospital. He has more doctors appointments in the next few days. Please pray for good outcomes and healing.

Pray for Virgil's uncle Paul, who is having severe kidney issues. Pray for comfort, peace and healing. Pray for Geri York. She is having vision problems and cannot connect with her eye doctor. She has lost vision in one eye, and is hoping to connect with her doctor very soon.

Physical:

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

Pray for the Wood and Henry families, grieving after the loss of Charity.

We pray for Gregg Strawn to experience God's comfort and love as he deals with the continued struggles of losing loved ones. Pray for our country as we transition to a new leader during this strange time.

Pray for all the people who have been impacted by the extreme cold weather this past week.

Pray for Tom and Maria Zhang as they have moved on to another step in Tom's green card process. Last week, they sent more documents, including letters and photos, to immigration and they received a notice that immigration is reviewing those documents now. Please pray for Tom to get his green card.

> Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy **Engaged Couples:** Cody Parsons and Michelle Maeda

Lois Munson celebrates that her son Matt has been clean and sober for 13 years! Great job, Matt! We are so thankful for the safe arrival of Cyrus, Rouz and Shima's baby boy!

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

"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward with your Father in heaven."

~Matthew 6:1





"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 28th, 9:30am: Bible Class February 28th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ February 27th, 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

The Methods of Tradition

We obviously have that in the church. We have the tradition of the early church, of history, of the Restoration Movement, and of when the elder generation of our current congregation were the youngest and middle generations. Tradition and the methods accompanying them are good. Having traditions to pass down is good. Knowing why and defending traditions are also good.

Problems arise when traditions become binding, meaning that what began as an expedient way of doing something now, either by decree or assumption, is now the only way or becomes the only preferred way. Preference is dangerous as when something becomes preference, it's no longer about the method, issue, or why it's there to begin with, but it's about emotions and identity: emotions in that one becomes very attached to a certain way of doing things because they like it, and identity in that sometimes a chosen method of doing something that comes from someone has come to define them – that's the _____ way of doing things. Thus, when change is suggested, it becomes difficult because the situation becomes not about just the issue, but sometimes unknowingly, about the people involved.

Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for letting their identity become so wrapped up in to-the-letter-obedience that they had forgotten or ignored who they were in their Father in the first place, forgetting the weightier matters of justice & mercy and being Kingdom people (Matthew 23:23). We often warn ourselves against becoming Pharisees, but it's worth honestly reflecting upon the question of what about our current church would we be uncomfortable, or downright unwilling, to change, and why? Is it because it works? Is it because it's traditional? Is it because of our preference? And I'm talking to all generations here, younger generations can be just as set on things without knowing why or solely because of preference. My point today is this: let us have the conviction to use all we can for the sake of the gospel, the humility to keep the gospel center, and the understanding that while methods and traditions change, and sometimes should change, our reason for those methods and traditions does not: to preach Christ to all people in all ways that they may know Him. Grace to you.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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

The Adult Class

A big thanks to Jake Shore, Ed Gunsleman and Thomas Pruett for teaching the biography class this term. Great job! Our next adult class, starting March 7th, will be a deeper dive into the Sermon on the Mount, during this year of studying Matthew. Please join our teachers Josh Stutzman, Eric Bracht and John Baxter, either in person or via the various streaming options. As you probably know, the Sermon on the Mount is the best organized summary we have of living and thinking as a Christian. Don't miss this! Casey, for Adult Education.

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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UCC Students in need of prayer:

This week we have a lot of prayer needs at UCC, I am going to write about that instead of a traditional article.

- 1) Megan's grandma had a stroke. Megan's grandpa and uncle are both dependent on her for care, so pray for healing. Also, Megan is a non-Christian, so pray that God would use this tragedy to show her his power, love and grace.
- 2) Brittany Pitt is trying to raise \$30,000 (her picture is below). She's a sister from Eugene Church of Christ and a victim of domestic violence. She's expecting twins. She will not be able to get maternity leave from her work. She's a faithful sister who volunteers with Eugene Rally Youth, Roundlake Christian Camp and UCC Fall Retreat.

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Sunday Servants Feb 28

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

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

Song Leader: T Wood

Opening Prayer: Bill McCaughan

Communion: Eric Jensen

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Casey Long

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

Sunday Servants Mar 7

A/V: B McCaughan/J Gunselman; J Baxter/J Gunselman

Song Leader: Rolland House

Opening Prayer: Adam Goddard

Communion: Eric Bracht

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Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved! Circle Facilitator Inside..... Outside Circle Facilitator... UCC Facilitator ..Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons Overall Support... ...M Zhang, G Brown, J Wise Campus Ministry ..Josh Stutzman, Eric & Chris Jensen Church Safety Ministry..... ...Rvan McPartlin, Josh Wise Discipleship Ministry... Jose Reves **Education Ministry**. ..Thomas Pruett (CR-8th Grade) High School.. ...Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen Adult.... R & H McPartlin, J & S Shore, L Wise, E Womack Coordinators Fellowship Ministry .Ed, Renee & Joel Gunselmai Life Group Ministry. Marriage & Family Ministry... .Adam & Frin 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.... Quilts for CASA.. ..Cathy Brooks Roster List. ..Maria Z, Casey L Van Ministry. ...Bob Parsons, Chris Gollakner Visitor Experience Ministry. Vision Ministry.....Elders, Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders & Spouses Widows Ministry... 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 Fric & Jann Bracht and Fric & Chris Jenser