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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

<u>Please continue to pray for:</u>

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 praying for Geri York and reaching out to her.

Please pray for Les and Joyce Brooks. Les is having a retina specialist test today, please pray for that to go well. 3/21

Update: Les is having very serious eye issues, please pray for him to get the answers he needs and to receive healing. Joyce is in constant pain, please pray for her to have peace, comfort, and relief from pain.

Pray for Negrodos, Linda Bughlagreat piece, Marcados, 2/23 Undate: Her haby girl was here at 26 1/2 weeks.

Pray for Mercedes, Linda Rugh's great niece, Mercedes. **3/22 Update:** Her baby girl was born at 26 ½ weeks gestation. Baby is doing as well as possible, and will spend a while in NICU.

Pray for Vince Gomez. He is back in the hospital with severe dehydration and weakness, and he has tested positive for COVID. Please pray for him to be healed, and also pray for his doctors and his family.

Pray for Amy's mom, who has a back surgery coming up.

Pray for Gail's nephew, Terry White, and his surgery for an aneurysm that took place on Monday. Please pray for Terry as he recovers.

Pray for Laurie Eastridge's sister who is having heart issues. She will see a Doctor this week. Please pray for her to get the answers and treatments she needs.

Physical:

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

We pray for Gregg Strawn and his family to experience God's comfort and love as they deal with the continued struggles of losing loved ones and adapting to a new life. We pray God will give Gregg His power, hope, comfort, peace, and vision in this new phase of life, and we pray we will all show Gregg God's love and comfort at this time.

Pray for the family of Melissa Klumph in Sweet Home. She was a teacher and taught many students in Sweet Home, including 3 of Ed and Reneé's children. She fought cancer for 7 years and always bounced back, but this time cancer took her. Please pray for her husband, 2 teenage boys, her family, and the many students whose lives she touched.

Please lift up the family of Nsian Thang (Santung), who lost his oldest son Kai Kai as the family was fleeing marshal law in Yangon and going to their home village near India. Please pray for healing for this family, and healing for the whole country of Myanmar.

Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy

<u>Engaged Couples:</u> Cody Parsons and Michelle Maeda; Tony Chen & Kaitlin Hill; Ryan Bracht & Allaina West

Praise:

We are so thankful that we serve a big God who is good, in control and hears our prayers!

Thank you God for Tom's green card coming in the mail last week!

We rejoice with Julie Wells that she found a new apartment, and is moving in this week!

We are thankful for the hope we have in You through all of life's challenges, and we pray that we will remember to give our anxieties to You.

Deacons: Eric Bracht, Adam Goddard, Ed Gunselman, Rolland House, Eric Jensen, Ryan McPartlin, Bob Parsons, Jose Reves. 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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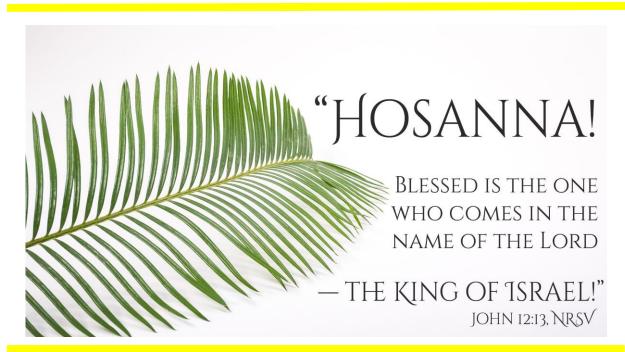
2020 Circle Family Times

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



"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

March 28th, 9:30am: Bible Class March 28th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ March 31st: Blood Drive



Thomas' **Takeaways**

Peace & Conflict

I hope you've been enjoying the new Sunday morning adult class on the Sermon on the Mount. It's a worthwhile part of Scripture to not only take an in-depth study upon, but also to take seriously to one's heart. There's something that came up that I'd like to expound upon – blessed are the peacemakers...

There's a misconception among people in general, but seemingly particularly among Christians, that conflict is bad. We can't confront someone, we can't say something that sounds mean, we can't insist upon a higher standard because that's conflict and that's bad. Well, that way of thinking is bad.

It's true that unhealthy conflict is bad – accusations, unfounded criticisms, selfish fights, etc. That kind of conflict is it's own reward for people who want to either say something so they feel better or who just want to stir up a fight. BUT, healthy conflict is not only good, but necessary. Healthy conflict addresses ways we can grow, keeps a needed standard for a relationship or organization, and is geared towards improving the relationship or organization. In fact, that's what being a peacemaker is, not someone who avoids a conflict, but one who actively makes peace by addressing things needing addressing. We know this as Jesus has done this with us.

Jesus is the ultimate peacemaker NOT because He simply says we're good if we believe in Him, but because following Him (at least should) actively force us to confront the ways we can and need to grow in Christ, address our actions & ways of thinking that are not godly, and actively molds us into His image. In short, Jesus forces us to be in healthy conflict with everything that is not of God. His incarnation & resurrection, which we're on the eve of celebrating, is the ultimate proof of that, that Christ would become one of us to show us what healthy, Christlike conflict with evil and our own sin looks like. Thus, to avoid such conflict not only impacts our relationship with God, but to avoid it with each other is un-Christlike towards each other. This doesn't mean you seek it every day, but it means you don't just *keep* peace (i.e., no conflict) but that we are active peacemakers, dealing healthily with conflict, with God, each other, and the world. They, Jesus says, are blessed. Grace to you.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes
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Sunday Morning Attendance 49 **Last Week's Contribution** \$3,672.20 **Year to Date Weekly Average** \$5,692.87 **Weekly Budget** \$4,705.29



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A areat way to read the Bible is to pick a book and read it in a few sittings. This allows you to read the book like a novel, helping you follow the plot better and make connections between the people, places, and events. I just finished reading Exodus this way, and although this is a book I am very familiar with I did make a couple new connections I would love to share with you.

1) Aaron's clothes. I don't know about you, but when I get new clothing I try my best to keep it clean. Inevitably, it does get dirty or ripped, and the first time this happens is very disappointing for me, because my new clothes are no longer new. In Exodus, God gives specific instructions for making Aaron's clothes out of fine linen, beautiful colors, and even gold. And then, the first time Aaron wears them, he is to be anointed with blood mixed with oil... 2 things that never come out of clothina. And now his clothina is holy. So I will remember this the next time my new clothes get stained.

2) The anointing oil. God gives the Israelites a recipe for His holy anointing oil. Exodus gives the auantities of each ingredient to add to this oil, but the main ingredient (twice the volume of any other) is myrrh. Among other uses, this spice is mentioned in the Bible as being used to prepare bodies for burial and in the Psalms as being used by prostitutes to perfume their beds. Dead bodies and prostitutes made Israelites unclean, so why would this spice feature prominently in God's holy anointing oil? Could this be an example of how God can take something unclean and make it holy?

Sunday Servants Mar 28

Elder of the Month: Casey Long **Deacon of the Month:** Eric Jensen Service Monitor: Maria Zhana

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

Song Leader: Thomas Wood **Opening Prayer:** Peter McPartlin **Communion:** Josh Stutzman

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Mark Johnson

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

Sunday Servants Apr 4

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

Song Leader: Ryan McPartlin **Opening Prayer:** Eric Bracht Communion: Dane McKinney Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Casey Long

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

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
	Thomas Pruett (CR-8 th Grade)
High School	Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen
	R & H McPartlin, J & S Shore, L Wise, E Womack Ed, Renee & Joel Gunselman
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	ryAdam & Erin Goddard
	Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan
	Rolland House, Bob Parsons, Jake Shore
•	Tami Brown & Maria Zhang
	Charlene Franklund
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	Maria Zhang
	Cathy Brooks
	Maria Z, Casey L
Van Ministry	Bob Parsons, Chris Gollakner
Visitor Experience Ministr	γSee Elders
Vision MinistryElders, I	Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders &
Spouses	
Widows Ministry	L Munson
	Lead: Laurie Eastridge
	eeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, M Zhang, R Gunselman
	Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team
Youth Ministry	.Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen

Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!

