

Elders



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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

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 Geri York, who is now blind in her left eye. She will see a specialist in Salem for an MRI on the 12th.

Pray for Jim and Linda Calkin's relative-in-law, who has recurrent cancer affecting his kidney. He has 3 young kids.

Pray for Joe & Barb Hammar's relatives as 6 people were diagnosed with COVID-19 after spending a weekend together.

2/28 update on Vince Gomez: After a week in the hospital, he is back at home! Vince is Joe & Barb's nephew.

Pray for Judy Miebach, who is still having AFIB issues. We lift up Judy and ask for a reprieve from these issues, and we pray for her doctors, that God will be with them and guide them as they treat her.

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

Please pray for Bob Parsons, who is still having back issues. We pray his pain will go away and his issues will be resolved very soon.

Pray for Megan Zaiger's grandmother, who is in the hospital with very serious health issues. Megan is active at the UCC, and she is a caretaker for both of her grandparents.

Pray for Brittany Pitt, who is a domestic violence survivor, and mom-to-be of twins. We pray God will help her know that He loves her, and also that she knows we love her.

Please pray for Bill Perry, who is getting his pacemaker installed this morning.

Pray for Cheryl Peterson, the speaker at the 2020 Women's Winter Weekend, who has an upcoming angiogram and a possible stent placement.

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 reduced.

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.

Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy

Engaged Couples: Cody Parsons and Michelle Maeda; Tony Chen & Kaitlin Hill

Praise:

Thank you to our amazing Technology Team! You all work so hard and persevere through so many difficulties, and you are all so appreciated!!!

We are so thankful for a successful clothing give away last Saturday! Thank you Charlene, Alyssa, Pat & Linda, Lorealea, Lois M., Lois K., Shannon, Darla, Pam Briggs, and everyone else who donated time, and thank you everyone who donated clothing items!

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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March 7, 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



"Consider the birds of the sky: They don't sow or reap or gather into barns, yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Aren't you worth more than they?" ~Matthew 6:26

"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 7th, 9:30am: Bible Class

March 7th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ

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



Thomas' Takeaways

Thirdly, only avid discipleship to Christ through the spirit brings the inward transformation of thought, feeling and character that “cleans the inside of the cup” (Matt. 23:25) and “makes the tree good” (Matt. 12:33). As we study with Jesus we increasingly become on the inside--with “the Father who is in secret” (Matt 6:6)--exactly what we are on the outside, where actions and moods and attitudes visibly play over our body alive in its social context. An amazing simplicity will take over our lives--a simplicity that is really just transparency.

This requires a long and careful learning from Jesus to remove the duplicity that has become second nature to us--as is perhaps inevitable in a world where, to 'manage' our relations to those about us, we must hide what we really think, feel and would like to do if only we could avoid observation. Thus, a part of Jesus' teaching was to "avoid the leaven, or permeating spirit, of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy." (Luke 12:1)

The Pharisees were in many respects the very best people of Jesus' day. But they located goodness in behavior and tried to secure themselves by careful management at the behavioral level. However, that simply cannot be done. Behavior is driven by the hidden or secret dimension of human personality, from the depths of the soul and body, and what is present there will escape. Hence they always failed at some point to do what is right, and had to redefine, redescribe or explain it away--or simply hide it.

By contrast the fruit of the spirit, as described by Jesus and Paul, does not consist in actions, but in attitudes or settled personality traits that make up the substance of the “hidden” self, the “inner man.” “Love” captures this fruit in one word, but in such a concentrated form that it needs to be spelled out. Thus, “the fruit (singular) of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” (Gla 5:22) ...

“Spiritual formation” in the Christian tradition is a process of increasingly being possessed and permeated by such character traits as we walk in the easy yoke of discipleship with Jesus our teacher. From the inward character the deeds of love then naturally--but supernaturally--and transparently flow. Of course there will always be room for improvement, so we need not worry that we will become perfect--at least for a few weeks or months. Our aim is to be pervasively possessed by Jesus through constant companionship with him. Like our brother Paul: “This one thing I do! ...I press toward the mark! ...That I may know him!” (Phil. 3)

-Dallas Willard, excerpt from 'Why Bother with Discipleship'
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Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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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 this Sunday, 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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Special thanks to Conner Harless, Ruslan Bryan, Gudi, Kimberly Harless, Michael, and Ryan and Jesse Bracht for helping out with our Newberg trip last Sunday. The scripture was Lamentations 3:24 "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail." The main point was that God is still loving and faithful, even in hard times. Jesse and Ryan's song selection was spot on, Conner lead us in communion effectively, and the rest of the students did a great job mixing, mingling and building friendships with our supporters. You know, I can preach till I'm blue in the face, but what really makes an impression is when our supporters actually get to see our group's heart for God, ethnic diversity, and sacrificial leadership in action. Also, we have at least 6 faithful alumni who attend Newberg Church of Christ, ranging in age from my Uncle Chuck, (who attended in the late 1960's) all the way to Jesse and Erin, who just graduated a few years ago. Newberg Church of Christ is a great testimony to God's faithfulness to UCC and the Church of Christ in the Northwest. We give God all the glory—he is faithful and makes it all possible.



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Sunday Servants Mar 7

Elder of the Month: Casey Long

Deacon of the Month: Eric Jensen

Service Monitor: Maria Zhang

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

Song Leader: Rolland House

Opening Prayer: Adam Goddard

Communion: Eric Bracht

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Mark Johnson

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

Sunday Servants Mar 14

A/V: B McCaughan/J Gunselman; A Bracht/Ca Jensen

Song Leader: Frank Cloutier

Opening Prayer: Bill McCaughan

Communion: Joe Hammar

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Casey Long

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

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-8th 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