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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, 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 pray for Alan Brooks' cousin, Rob, who is having his gallbladder removed today.

Pray for Lois Munson. Her gout has moved from one toe to another. Please pray for the pain to cease, the condition to be resolved, and no more spreading.

(Facebook Prayer Request): Please pray for Cali who is on a ventilator. Ask God for healing for Cali, and clarity and peace for the person requesting prayers for Cali. Oh Lord, you know the situation and we ask you to be in the details and assist those who are reaching out to you. **4/18 Update: Cali is out of the hospital. Please pray for the person requesting prayers for Cali, that his or her domestic and financial situations will improve.**Please pray for Caleb McCaughan who just tested positive for COVID. We are thankful his symptoms are not severe, and we pray his wife and baby will stay healthy.

Physical:

Please pray for Gregg and his family, that they will be able to continue taking the next step forward, and that they will hold on to their hope.

Pray for the Gunselmans, especially Reneé, as her mother is moved to a memory care facility. We pray this transition will go better than anyone can imagine. Also, please pray for her father as he makes this adjustment after 69 years of marriage.

Please pray for Frank and Nora to have safe travels on their way home from San Diego.

Pray for Thomas Woods' uncle, Richard Henry, and the losses in his life, that God will bring him comfort, strength and the peace only God can provide.

We lift up the Church of Christ in India who has been watching our services online while they are working on meeting some building needs. We pray those needs will be met, and that God will be glorified through the work they are doing in India

Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy

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

Lois Munson gives praise for the sunshine and beautiful weather of last week, and for the Circle Church Family. We rejoice with Laurie Eastridge that church services have once again returned to the prison where Ron is, and that he can now participate and fellowship again.

Ezra Parker turns 8 tomorrow (April 20th). Happy Birthday Ezra! We ask God to continue blessing Ezra and the Parker family.

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

"Everyone who will acknowledge me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven."

"Don't assume that I came to bring peace on earth."

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me."

"Anyone who finds his life will lose it, and anyone who loses his life because of me will find it."

"The one who welcomes you, welcomes me, and the one who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me."

"Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

"Among those born of women no one greater than John the Baptist has appeared, but the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

"What did you go out into the wilderness to see?"

"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

April 25th, 9:30am: Bible Class, Josh

Stutzman teaching

April 25th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ

May 15th, 9-5: Clothing Give Away for Babies

and Children



Thomas' Takeaways

Future Concerns

"Well, I just see exactly what Lesslie Newbigin saw, so this is nothing, but don't give me any credit for this at all. I'm just channeling him. He would say that for a thousand years the Western church assumed a mission model in which most people in the culture would feel some social pressure, or at least see some social benefits of going to church, and the culture created people that had the basic furniture for a Christian worldview, that is, they usually believed in a personal God, they often believed in an afterlife, heaven and hell, they believed that they should be good, and they weren't perfect, and that therefore they did need forgiveness. You could call those the religious dots, believe in God, believe in an afterlife, believe in the moral law, believe in sin, and so, the church could assume that people would just show up in church if they were invited, or they would show up in church maybe at Easter and Christmas, or maybe for weddings and funerals, and if they came they would have a general respect for the Bible, and they would have some basic understanding of these things.

Evangelism was just waiting for people to show up, and then, connecting the dots, but what do you do if people don't come to church, and won't come to church? Why should they? And, don't have the dots? You can't evangelize by saving, "Oh, you want to go to heaven when you die," Right? And, "You know you're not perfect, but Jesus Christ died for your sins so that you can be sure if you believe in him that when you die you'll go to heaven." So, that's assuming all the dots, and what if the dots aren't there, now what do we do? And, Newbigin's basically saying the entire Western church for a thousand years has assumed a Christendom culture, and now that it's gone, it has no way of reaching people, doesn't know how to talk to people, get their attention. It doesn't know how, even if they do show up, they don't know how to share the gospel in a way that makes sense to them. Is that a cause for concern? Yeah, that's why I'm saying to me that is an overshadowing concern."

 Tim Keller responding to a question about future concerns for the church, from *The Carey Neiuhof Leadership Podcast* May 10th, 2020

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

Mountain States Children's Home in Colorado provides housing, food, and other assistance to many children each year. We are once again partnering with them to raise money through change cans. Please pick up a can in the foyer, take it home, and fill it with change. We will let you know when to bring your cans back. Thank you all for supporting this ministry!

Sunday Morning Attendance 62
Last Week's Contribution \$4,477.60
Year to Date Weekly Average \$5,386.40
Weekly Budget \$4,705.29



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"And how they love the seats of honor in the synagogues and the head table at banquets. Yet they shamelessly cheat widows out of their property and then pretend to be pious by making long prayers in public. Because of this, they will be severely punished" (Luke 20:46-47).

Jesus has many condemnations of hypocrisy. I usually skim over these verses in my reading. I tell myself, "oh, you are not a Pharisee, this doesn't apply to you." But hypocrisy is one of the greatest threats to a believer. I've always had an unhealthy fascination with characters with a dual nature or a secret identity: Dr. Jekel and Mr. Hyde, Bruce Banner and the incredible Hulk, Harvey Dent and Two Face, Smegol and Gollum, the list goes on and on. I just realized this week that I've always had a false belief (taught to me by pop-culture) that there was an evil version of myself deep down and religion was a way to keep "evil me" chained and under control.

This is how shame develops. Guilt says, "I've done wrong" (guilt can be good). Shame says, "I am wrong, there is something wrong with me." But shame is a lie that has been completely destroyed by Christ. "We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin" (Romans 6:6). Jesus Christ destroyed the power of sinful nature through his sacrifice on the cross. There is no "evil me" that needs to be hidden and controlled. That is a lie of Satan and our culture. If you are trapped in shame and feel like there is something wrong with who you are, find a brother or sister to whom you can confess. We all make evil choices in times of weakness, but we are not evil people. God loved us and made us good. Then we chose to do evil (not become evil). Then Jesus paid the price and put us back on the good path that leads to life.

Sunday Servants Apr 25

Elder of the Month: Mark Johnson **Deacon/Minister of the Month:** Thomas Pruett

Service Monitor: Jim Calkin A/V: T Pruett/F Cloutier; J Baxter/F Cloutier Song Leader: A Member

Opening Prayer: Peter McPartlin Communion: Bill McCaughan

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Casey Long

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

Sunday Servants May 2

A/V:

Song Leader: Casey Long Opening Prayer: Jim Calkin Communion: Josh Stutzman

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Mark Johnson

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

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Support Team: T Brown, M Freeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, M Zhang, R Gunselman

....Lead: Laurie Eastridge

...Thomas Pruett & The Worship Team

...Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jenser

Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!

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