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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 continue praying for Bob Parsons. Treatments are not working as quickly as hoped. Pray for him to be relieved of this debilitating back pain and recover.

Pray for Linda Rugh as she continues recovering from a fall, that her pain will ease.

Jennifer House's dad's surgery went well! Please continue praying for Don's recovery, and that he will receive a kidney soon.

Please continue to pray for Maria's grandpa, Gene Erickson, to get a heart valve transplant. Sometime in the last couple weeks he had 2 strokes and has lost the ability to speak clearly.

Pray for Michael Neuman. His colon cancer has returned. Please pray for him and his treatments. Please pray for Frank, who is still dealing with serious back issues. Pray for answers and healing.

Physical:

Pray for Loretta, who is moving to AZ to be close to family. Pray for her move, and that she will be able to find a job soon.

Pray for Ed and Reneé to have guidance as they make decisions regarding Reneé's dad's care.

Please pray for Gregg and the Strawn/Veik families as they continue to grieve.

Pray for all of our seniors and shut ins, that we will be able to put this behind us soon and see them again.

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:**

The Johnsons praise God for safe travels for them and their family last week. We also pray for them all to have peace as things are sorted out.

We are so thankful the Goddards arrived in Okanowa safely, and we pray that God will be with them as they get settled in Japan and that God will bless their work.

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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

May 23rd, 9:30am: Bible Class

May 23rd, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ

June 1st: Blood Drive

June 6th: Graduation Sunday

August 22nd: UCC Work Day: Josh needs lots of help on this day, so please save this date! **August 27th-28th:** Adult Clothing Give Away

Deacons: Eric Bracht, 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



Thomas' **Takeaways**

"Repentance & Community"

"And yet today, and I don't want to say this in meanness, the church is one of the last places that one would want to repent because people do not respect the privilege of accountability. I use accountability, but transparency. Um, and it may be in fact that one of the reasons the Bible speaks about not being gossipers is because there's so much to gossip about in the church, because it's one of the few places where people might talk about the darkness of their spirits, their souls. I mean, you don't go to a Kiwanis club and confess your sins. You don't do it at the little league soccer game on Saturday morning. What do you do at church? Well, one of the things ought to be you give thanks, but a second would be I acknowledge my sinfulness. If you ever want to see this done...go to a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. I went to AA meetings two and three times a week for about a year and a half. Not because I drink alcohol...I went to an AA meeting and within minutes I was thoroughly mesmerized by the openness of women and men to repent to each other to acknowledge when they'd slipped and taken a drink and shouldn't have. And I walked away saying in the church, "The preacher often has to start with the people who think they're here and talk them down to here so that they could maybe start doing something right". In AA, you start down here and you build up. The first thing you do in an AA meeting is say,..."I'm an alcoholic." Everybody says that every day. So we all now know where each other stands and then the next hour is spent reading from the so-called big book and telling our story. That's repentance. And that also is the received group that hears the repentance. ... So repentance is this acknowledgement. I have failed and I renounce any desire to excuse myself or to ask you to look past this. We're going to deal with it. This is what happened. And when that has been satisfactorily pronounced, then the next step is the forgiveness and restoration. And, if I'm the one that's repenting, I cannot forgive myself. I cannot dictate the terms beyond that. But I'm, I must be, surrounded by a group of men and women who accept the responsibility to oversee the working out of my repentance and too, they're like a cast on a broken arm. The arm is broken and can't function, but the cast is sturdy. And the people who surround me become the cast and they're the people who say, after a period of time, "We've been watching this woman or watching this man or this couple. The sorrow that they feel for their sin is real and genuine. And from everything we can see, God has brought to them full forgiveness. We recommend that they come out and take steps forward to the more visible." That's what the church is. It's a communal process." -Gordon Macdonald, The Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast, Episode 297

	Thoughts, Questions, Notes
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Sunday Morning Attendance 58 Last Week's Contribution \$4,695.80 **Year to Date Weekly Average** \$5,247.01 **Weekly Budget** \$4,705.29



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"The fear of the Lord leads to life; then one rests content, untouched by trouble" (Proverbs 19:23). This week at UCC we studied about contentment. I've found it particularly difficult to stay content recently. I've had 2 years of chronic stomach pain with no answers, I'm auarantined for Covid-19 (that I probably don't have) and I just got a nasty outbreak of poison oak! How can a guy stay positive?

Well, Paul has auite a bit to say about contentment. He was content with or without food, rich or broke (Philippians 4:10-13). He tells slaves to be content and not get greedy for wealth or their freedom (1 Timothy 6:1-10). However, the real kicker comes from the book of Hebrews:

 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you," [1] 6 So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper: I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"[1]

Material possessions won't give us contentment. Relationships won't work either. Leisure, knowledge, fame, Bible reading, prayer or altruism all fall short. The only thing that brings contentment is knowing God is with us. That's a promise you can take to the bank.

Sunday Servants May 23

Elder of the Month: Casey Lona Deacon/Minister of the Month: Thomas Pruett **Service Monitor:** Loralea Glenn

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

Song Leader: Ryan McPartlin **Opening Prayer:** Josh Stutzman **Communion:** Mark Johnson

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Eric Bracht

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

Sunday Servants May 30

A/V:B McCaughan/T Pruett; B McCaughan/A Member

Song Leader: Thomas Pruett **Opening Prayer:** A Member Communion: Fric Jensen

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Casey Long

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	
	Jose Reyes	
Education Ministry	Thomas Pruett (CR-8th Grade)	
	Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen	
	R & H McPartlin, J & S Shore, L Wise, E Womack	
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	Jordan & Kellie Strawn	
	tryAdam & Erin Goddard	
	Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan	
	Rolland House, Bob Parsons, Jake Shore	
•	Tami Brown & Maria Zhang	
•	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 MinistrySee Elders		
Vision MinistryElders, Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders &		
Spouses		
Widows MinistryL Munsor		
Women's MinistryLead: Laurie Eastridge		
Support Team: T Brown, M Freeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, M Zhang, R Gunselman		
Worship MinistryThomas Pruett & The Worship Team		

..Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen

Youth Ministry

Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!