

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 Renee's mom, that she will walk again.

Pray for Nora, who is having mobility issues and pain in her back, hips and knees.

Pray for Dave Franklund's wound on his foot to heal. The wound is painful and concerning.

Pray for Bob Parsons as he recovers from back surgery, and pray he will be relieved of this chronic pain.

Pray for Linda Rugh, who is recovering from a fall, that her pain will be eased and she will heal quickly.

Please pray for Jennifer House's dad Don, who is having quadruple bypass surgery on May 6th (Thursday). Please pray for everything to go well.

Continue to pray for Maria's grandfather who has CHF and is contemplating surgical options. Prayers for recovery, healing, and peace for him and his family are appreciated.

Please pray for Michael Neuman, hospitalized in Stayton with a bowel obstruction. We pray the tests he is having will provide answers and guide his treatments, and that he will be fully healed.

Pray for Hannah Linder, Lorin and Tapan Paul's daughter, as she and her medical team work through her recent diagnosis of Trigeminal Neuralgia and a brain cyst. God, we ask for complete healing for Hannah. Please remove her pain and keep her strong and courageous.

Physical:

Please pray for Amy Pruett's mom, Channell Banks, as she recovers from back surgery and mourns the passing of her father last Thursday.

Pray for the Eastridge family, as decisions about Ron's release date are being discussed by authorities. Pray for the trans-leave decision to be approved.

Please keep praying for Gregg Strawn and his family to keep hopeful rather than discouraged as Pam's death is becoming ever more real.

Pray for Loretta Hartman and her family, as they continue to mourn Roger's passing. Give Loretta peace and comfort, hold them all close, and protect Loretta as she travels back home this week.

Pray for Mark and Nancy Johnson and their family as they travel to California for Nancy's mother's memorial. Please pray for peace for Nancy's family.

We pray for the Goddards as they wrap things up here and make the transition to Japan. Keep them safe and pour out your blessings on them.

Please pray for Jim Calkin's sister and her family. One of her sons was stabbed to death in front of his apartment Saturday night.

Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy

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

Praise:

We thank God for protecting us during the pandemic and we ask for the pandemic to end soon. We pray for the people of India during the current COVID-19 surge.

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



"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 9th, 9:30am: Bible Class
May 9th, 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

Intent

It is so easy to become offended by someone who means well rather than acknowledging the person's intent. Don't believe me? We see this at the grocery store every winter. Cashiers want to be nice, so they tell someone "Merry Christmas", and the person who hears this but celebrates another holiday is offended. So it became the "norm" to say "Happy Holidays" instead, but people who like to hear "Merry Christmas" are now offended. You might be thinking that this problem could be solved if the cashier offers no holiday greeting, but I am certain some people would take offense since the cashier has now forgotten that this is a special time of year. So why am I talking about Christmas in May?

Because this is a tangible example of recognizing someone's intent, and the intent behind a law is what part of our text today is looking at. In Matthew 12:1-8, we see that Jesus and his disciples are walking through a grain field on the Sabbath. His disciples are hungry (Remember Mathew 10:10 where Jesus tells them: "Don't take a traveling bag for the road, or an extra shirt, sandals, or a staff, for the worker is worthy of his food"?) and they pick some grain to eat as they are walking. The Pharisees see this, and confront Jesus, saying that his disciples are breaking the law by doing work (picking the grain). You see, the Sabbath was a day set aside by God to allow the Jews to rest and abstain from work. But does that mean a person who is hungry cannot eat the food that is right in front of him? Jesus tells the Pharisees another story, one that they are already familiar with, about David and the men who were with him and hungry, that they entered the temple and ate the bread of the presence—something that is surely more important than a few heads of grain in a random field. Jesus also tells them that the Levites who worked in the temple on the Sabbath also violated the Sabbath law, but they had to work anyway.

There is an interesting parallel drawn here between the disciples and the Levites. The Levites were allowed to eat certain parts of the Israelites' sacrifices as part of their wages, and Jesus tells his disciples not to pack anything because "the worker is worthy of his food". Interesting.

So what is the point of all this? Intent. The intent of the Sabbath law was to give the Israelites a day to rest from their work, but it got twisted by people who were following the letter of the law rather than its intent. There is a day every May set aside to honor the mothers and mother figures in our lives. It is not always a happy day, as some of us are mourning the loss of important women or children in our lives, but the intent is to honor and thank the women around us. Grace to you.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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Sunday Morning Attendance	48
Last Week's Contribution	\$4,493.00
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$5,259.62
Weekly Budget	\$4,705.29



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^a Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9).

2020 was certainly a hard year, but it looks like we are headed for a season of growth. Usually springtime at UCC is sparsely attended. Fall is our big boom season, then by Spring, only the faithful remain. This year is different. Last night we had 11 young adults at UCC. Of these 11, we had 1 international, 2 students who grew up at Circle, 1 new Church of Christ student, 1 young professional, 5 new Christians from other branches of Christianity and 2 non-Christians. 6 of the 11 did not arrive at UCC until Spring. In my memory we have not had a group with this many diverse perspectives and walks of life. I believe the hardship and isolation of 2020 have caused young people to recognize their need for God and for each other. I encourage everyone reading this article, be bold. This is the time to reach out to your friends, co-workers and complete strangers. People are hungry for community right now, and their schedules are still empty. It's time to put ourselves out there and invite people to Bible studies. Sally forth!



Sunday Servants May 9

Elder of the Month: Casey Long

Deacon/Minister of the Month: Thomas Pruett

Service Monitor: Lorelea Glenn

A/V:T Pruett/J Gunselman; A Bracht/Ca Jensen

Song Leader: Ryan Bracht

Opening Prayer: Bill McCaughan

Communion: Eric Bracht

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Casey Long

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

Sunday Servants May 16

A/V: T Pruett/F Cloutier; B McCaughan/J Gunselman

Song Leader: George House

Opening Prayer: Ed Gunselman

Communion: Josh Parker

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Mark Johnson

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-8 th 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
Visitation Ministry	Elders, Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders & Spouses
Widows Ministry	L Munson
Women's Ministry	Lead: Laurie Estridge
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