

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:

Treatments for Bob Parsons' back pain are not working as quickly as hoped. Please pray for Bob to be relieved of this debilitating pain and to recover. **5/30 Update: Please continue to pray for Bob.**

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. **5/30 Update: Gene is back home.**

He has been diagnosed with aphasia in addition to being on hospice.

Michael Neuman's colon cancer has returned. **5/30 Update: He had surgery June 2nd. Please pray for good results from this surgery.**

Please pray for Frank, as he is dealing with serious back issues. **5/30 Update: The Cloutiers are so thankful that Frank's back has improved!**

We pray for Lance McCaughan, who was in a car accident last Monday. He is ok, but the car is totaled.

Please pray for him and his family.

Pray for Kate, a child with Noonan syndrome who recently fell and fractured her skull. Please also pray for her parents and doctors.

Pray for Stephanie Appleton, who had a high risk pregnancy and gave birth to Eric Jr. at 32 weeks pregnant. Please pray for her and Eric Jr, who is on CPAP in the NICU.

Physical:

Gregg Strawn is so thankful for your prayers and assistance. Please pray for God to bring him and his family comfort and new life.

Please pray for the family of Dave Dowlen (GNEW organizer), as he passed away very recently.

Pray for all of our graduates.

Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy

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

Praise:

We are thankful for the warm weather and all the beautiful flowers!

Thank you God that we are seeing improvements with the COVID situation, and thank you for the vaccines and their success so far!

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



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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

New Sunday Morning Bible Class



Begins Today, 9:30am

A huge thanks to Eric B., Josh S., and John B. for teaching the Sermon on the Mount. Well done! June 6th will start our new adult class. We will use the book "Praying the Names of God" by Ann Spangler. Mark Johnson, Bill McCaughan and Dane McKinney will be our teachers. This class will look at the various names and titles of God in the Bible. Starting with Elohim, God, Mighty Creator and ending with Abba, Father, we will look at 26 names and titles of God. These names and titles give us more understanding about who God is and His personality. Please join us! Casey, for Adult Education.

"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

June 6th, 9:30am: Bible Class
June 6th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ
June 6th: Graduation Sunday Drive Through and Walk Up
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



Thomas' Takeaways

Times of Transition

Joshua 1:9 – “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Many of us are familiar with these words and may have even used them to bolster ourselves in our own times of uncertainty and transition. It's a truth that with God with us, we ought to be strong and courageous in what we do. While that's a fact, we often forget the context that Joshua found himself when God said this to him.

40 years before, Moses had been called by God to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage. Due to their complaining and lack of faith in God's leadership, God proclaimed that that generation wouldn't enter the promised land, setting them on a course wandering the desert for 40 years. Imagine living the same way for 40 years. Even if it's not ideal, you get used to it. It becomes familiar. It's safe. Not to mention that Joshua went from being most likely in his 30s to now in his 60s or 70s between spying out the promised land and being commanded to take it. Who wants to change their life at 70?

High school & college only last a few years, yet they also become familiar. Even if they're not ideal, you get used to them. It's a safe environment in which you know what's expected of you, how to succeed or at least get by, and know more or less what tomorrow will hold. Change of the familiar can be scary, disorienting, exhilarating, and uncertain all at the same time.

To the graduates of 2021, you're probably aware that there's an odd dichotomy upon graduation in which nothing changes and yet everything changes. The future may be becoming clear yet still uncertain. You may not be sure what will be expected of you in the coming weeks & months as your environment and situations change. All that is good and needed. Change is sometimes needed to reorient yourself towards where you want to go. Change will also be constant in life, thus always remember "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Congrats on this years accomplishments, and grace to you in the places you'll go!

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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Graduation Sunday is Today!!!

HS Grads: Alex Bracht, George House,
Madison Pruett

College Grads: Emily Jensen, Dane McKinney, Ryan Rapp

There is an opportunity today to honor our graduates! You can drive around our lot and give each one a card today from 12:30-12:50pm. From 12:50-1:20, you may walk up to each grad and talk to them or give them a card in person. They have all worked so hard and accomplished so much. Please help us celebrate these amazing grads!

Sunday Morning Attendance	54
Last Week's Contribution	\$3,993.10
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$5,113.40
Weekly Budget	\$4,705.29



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"The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches" (Matthew 13:31-32).

We had an interesting discussion about this scripture at UCC. I've always heard this scripture explained that the Kingdom starts as a small seed and grows to a large tree (which is a good interpretation, small beginnings are part of the metaphor). However, I think there is more going on here. There are bigger, more beautiful trees that come from small seeds. Why didn't Jesus say the Kingdom is like a cedar of Lebanon? Black mustard in the middle east is a weed (just like mustard in Oregon) that grows into an ugly bush (maximum height 10 feet). Why does Jesus call his Kingdom a weed? I think the answer lies in context. In the next verse, Jesus describes the kingdom as yeast. These are both things that 1st century Jews didn't want in their homes/gardens (yeast or mustard weeds). They try to get rid of it, but comes back all on its own (yeast is also a sign of spoiled crops). I think Jesus is saying that the kingdom will be persecuted, judged and slandered (Mt 5:11; Mt 27:29-31), but it is invasive, unstoppable and produces good fruit. Thomas Wood commented, if Jesus were from Oregon, he would have said, the Kingdom of God is like a Blackberry bush. I think he's on the right track.



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Sunday Servants June 6

Elder of the Month: Mark Johnson

Deacon/Minister of the Month: Ed Gunselman

Service Monitor: Peter McPartlin

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

Song Leader: Rolland House

Opening Prayer: Eric Jensen

Communion: Eric Bracht

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Mark Johnson

Speaker: Thomas Pruett

Sunday Servants June 13

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

Song Leader: Ryan Bracht

Opening Prayer: Bill McCaughan

Communion: Josh Stutzman

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Casey Long

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
Vision 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