

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 Jennifer Boss who broke her leg in two places and will have surgery on Tuesday (7/6) with titanium plate, screws, the whole works.

Please also pray for Kevin, Dillon Boss’ brother, who was rushed to the hospital by ambulance one-night last week after having a seizure. **UPDATE:** has had 2 more seizures. pray for healing and/or appropriate diagnosis treatment, as God wills.

Pray for Virgil’s neighbor, Catherine, dealing with breast cancer.

Please pray for James and Misty’s dear friend Shannan who is in the ICU.

Please pray for Michael Neuman. that his surgeries and chemotherapy are successful in removing the cancer.

Pray also for Kevin Brooks, who has recently had surgery and is making some decisions with his doctors. Please pray Trent Powell’s girlfriend’s mom (LeAnn) who has recurring cancer. Prayers for the right and best treatment be found and effectively beat the cancer. She starts immunotherapy this week.

Please pray for Heidi’ Powell’s dad Siegfried that his cracked rib heals.

Physical:

Pray for Laurie Eastridge’s parents who are moving to a retirement center on July 15th, and that their house will sell. Pray for the many other countries who are having deadly resurgences of COVID.

Spiritual:

Pray for Circle to continue to grow in love, patience, compassion, empathy, understanding, kindness, friendship, and unity as we navigate out of COVID. Also, with this season of change.

Military: John, Betty Carter’s grandson, Navy

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

Praise:

Gregg Strawn gives thanks to God for all the people who offered words and acts of kindness to him and his family recently.

**Deacons:** Eric Bracht, Ed Gunselman, Rolland House, Eric Jensen, Ryan McPartlin, Bob Parsons, Jose Reyes, Jake Shore

**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



**August 22<sup>nd</sup>:** UCC Work Day. We need all the help we can get to make sure the UCC is ready for Fall Term. Please mark this date on your calendar!

**August 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>:** Clothing Give Away for Adults. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> smaller give away, and we will focus on clothing adults in our community. We need your help on these days, and we will also have work parties coming up that we will need your help with too. Please help us make this a success!

“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

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am:** Bible Class

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am:** Livestream Worship on our website, Facebook & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ

**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 11am:** Cooking Through Bible Class

**July 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm:** Holy Holistic Living Class continues digitally and in person



Thomas' Takeaways

Change & Transition

As many of you know, on July 9<sup>th</sup> I gave the elders my resignation. There are many reasons for this which I'll not go into here, but feel free to call me, text me, email me at tpruett.circle@gmail.com, pigeon or smoke-signal me if you'd like to get together and ask questions. I'll tell you now the same four things I've tried to tell everyone who we've been blessed to talk to:

- We're not interested in justifying or defending ourselves, but simply interesting in sharing our experience.
- We'd tell the same story to everyone on the congregation.
- We can look everyone who's a member at Circle and truthfully tell them we love them and care for them.
- Don't just talk to us. Talk to others at Circle. Talk to previous staff and previous members. Talk to deacons and elders. Don't just hear our story but learn and hear others' perspectives as well.

Amy and I have striven and plan to be transparent and available during this time of transition. Our goal isn't to criticize or advocate for our way, but to be open, honest, and vulnerable with the truth of our experience here, how that's affected us, and why that has led to our resignation. This is all I'll say about this here, but I feel it's important to say in writing and publicly.

I write today secondly to admit that Amy and I were utterly overwhelmed with the response we received upon news of our resignation from Circle going public. We've been overwhelmed by the calls, texts, invitations, and schedules rearranged by many members to spend some time with us. We've been overwhelmed with the care of many for our mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health during this time and over the last two and a half years. We've been overwhelmed with the encouragement we've received by many, which admittedly was not expected. I can honestly say, from the conversations and time spent with people over the last two weeks, while there has been sadness, frustration at the situation, and ignorance as to how and why we got here, Amy and I have felt only loved, appreciated, and encouraged. Trust me, ministers talk, and this is generally not the response to resignations! This indeed shows the heart of many people who call Circle their church home, hearts that reflect the care, concern, and active love of God Himself. We're thankful for you, and grace to you all.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

Maria will be out of the office 7/12-7/24.

Sunday Morning Attendance	71
Last Week's Contribution	\$5,606.28
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$5,089.79
Weekly Budget	\$4,705.29



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<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:8-10).

Does anyone else struggle with patience? My shoes wore out at camp and I saved up some money for a new pair. When I went to a few stores, none of them had anything I liked (this made me impatient). So I tried "Amazon Prime Wardrobe." It is amazing! You can instantly get exactly the cloths you want. Worried it won't fit correctly? No problem. You can order up to 8 different sizes, try them on, then return the ones you don't like free of charge (as long as you mail it all back within 7 days). The only problem is, it takes 3-5 business days, and I ordered on a weekend. So my delivery will take 6 days. This is reasonable. But I am so impatient! I've never had to wait for shoes before. Everything else on Amazon arrives 2 days, what's the deal? Psychologists say a goldfish has an attention of 9 seconds, and the human attention span has dropped to 7 seconds in the digital age.<sup>[1]</sup> So how can we improve our patience? 1) Remember patience is a characteristic of God—he waited a long time for us. How long did it take you to

Sunday Servants July 25

Elder of the Month: Casey Long  
Deacon/Minister of the Month: Ryan McPartlin  
Service Monitor: Lorelea Glenn  
A/V: T J Baxter/T Pruett/ B McCaughan/ J Gunselman  
Song Leader: R McPartlin  
Opening Prayer: J Calkin  
Communion: Peter McPartlin  
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: R. McPartlin  
Speaker: Thomas Pruett

Sunday Servants Aug 1

A/V: A Member  
Song Leader: A Member  
Opening Prayer: A Member  
Communion: A Member  
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: A Member

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 <sup>th</sup> 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: A Member
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