

Elders



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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

Please Pray For Our Family

Please pray for God's healing hand to be on those with cancer:

**Les Brooks** (malignant leukemia); **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**, **Glenn Hallas & his family**, **Gregg Strawn**, **Hendrickson Family**; **Renee Gungelman's** parents, **Deanna Patton**

Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Pray for **Miles and Veronica Johnson**, who have COVID. We pray God will give them healing and relief, and keep their doctors safe and healthy. We also pray God will take away their anxiety.

Pray for **Allen Rugh**, who had surgery last Tuesday.

We lift up **Lois' friend, Rob**, having an eye surgery this week, and for his healing to go well.

Please pray for **Lydia's mom**, COVID quarantine ends today! We pray she will be fully healed from this very soon.

Pray for **Heidi's dad**. He is doing well, but had to miss a week of chemo due to COVID exposure. We pray for God to work mightily in his life.

Continue to pray for **Amy Shore** and her family as they recover from COVID. Amy is hospitalized, and we pray God will heal her and that she can be back with her family very soon.

Pray for **Mary**, Cathy's friend, dealing with double pneumonia, and for **Alan Brooks** who has a sore throat today.

Please also pray for her friends who tested positive for COVID, and for **Donny** and his son and the situation they are going through. Please pray for **Hailey** who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Physical:

**Janet Nash**, **Virgil's landlord**, passed away on Friday. Please pray for her family.

Please pray for **Susan Molero**, to have a good and safe time for her birthday next week. Please also help her and her family go through this first Christmas without her dad.

We lift up **Jean Woods**, in TX, as her mother is not doing very well and there are tornadoes going on as well. We pray for health, safety and healing.

Spiritual:

Help us to form God habits, and be salt and light.

Please pray for peace within our body.

**Loralea** asks for prayers for help and healing as she works through some defects of character.

Military: **John**, **Betty Carter's grandson**, Navy

Engaged Couples: **Cody Parsons** and **Michelle Maeda**

Praise:

Praise God for 61 years of marriage on December 16th!

Thank you so much for the blessings we receive every day.

**Deacons:** **Eric Bracht**, **Eric Jensen**, **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



"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

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am:** From Creation to Chaos Bible Class

**December 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am:** Livestream Worship on our website & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ

**December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Merry Christmas, Everyone!

Christmas is my favorite time of year! I love all of the busyness: the Christmas lights, the Hallmark movies, the “ugly” sweaters, and I’d be lying if I didn’t admit that I love the presents too. But more than anything, I love the **anticipation**!

Beginning in November, my family starts adding holiday activities to the calendar, and by the time December 1st comes around, our schedule is filled with sing-alongs, concerts, parties, visits with friends, festive food, and family traditions. With the approaching of each activity, excitement builds until finally the last door of the advent calendar is opened, and it's Christmas Eve! Finally, the day that we've been anticipating has arrived, and our excitement can hardly be contained!

Some people might cringe at this. They might think that celebrating the birth of our Lord should be solemn, quiet, and peaceful – Silent Night, Holy Night. However, the days and nights leading up to Jesus’s birth were anything but silent and peaceful for those who knew the significance of what was happening:

Luke 2:4-18 *“In the same region, there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terribly frightened. And so the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for **behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people**; for today in the city of David, there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” **And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God** and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased.’”*

Can you imagine the excitement the angels must have been feeling that night? This was the night they had been waiting for since the fall of man. To the people on earth, it was just another night, but they knew that the baby being born was the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. The Savior! It wasn't a time to be solemn and silent. It was a time to shout for joy and to celebrate the arrival of the Christ child! So, as we head into this final week before Christmas, let's find ways to share in the Joy of anticipating the coming of the Lord.

*"My soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation." Psalm 35:9*

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1. Women's Winter Weekend:  
February 4th-6th at the Dawn  
Treader House in Lincoln City. Cost:  
\$100. All ladies who attend will have  
to undergo a free COVID test at the  
building administered by Nancy  
Johnson. Register today!

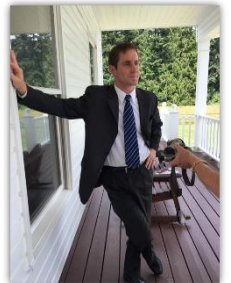
Sunday Morning Attendance	66
Last Week's Contribution	\$3,086.40
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$4,644.75
Weekly Budget	\$4,705.29



What comes to mind when you think of Christmas? For me, I think of a time of "comfort and joy" (as "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" describes). It's a time to watch feel good Christmas comedies, sit around the fire drinking hot coco, eat delicious, heavily, carbohydrate foods and watch my waste line gradually become equatorial. What a happy, pudgy, snuggly, comfy holiday, right?

However, the word "comfort" is nowhere in the Christmas story. Good news, yes. Great joy, yes. A savior is born, yes. But comfort, no. Why? Well, the first Christmas was not comfortable. Joseph had just thrown away the divorce papers and dealing with immigration paperwork, Mary was traveling pregnant, Jesus spent his first night in a barn and insecure old king Herod was committing infantile genocide to try to kill the rightful king of the universe. Yet this was all happening to fulfill God's plan and bring about the salvation of the world.

Why do I mention this? Two reasons: 1) You might not be having the most comfortable Christmas this year. Neither did Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, but through the struggle they all trusted in God's plan and found joy amidst the hardship. 2) If you ARE having a comfortable Christmas, thank Jesus that he made the sacrifice so you could live in peace. Also, let's consider others who are not living in comfort and how we can be of service.



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**Deacon/Minister of the Month:** Jake Shore  
**Service Monitor:** Lorealea Glenn  
**A/V:** B McCaughan/J Gunselman; A Bracht/Ca Jensen  
**Song Leader:** Thomas Wood  
**Opening Prayer:** José Reyes  
**Communion:** Casey Long  
**Closing/Pastoral Prayer:** Ed Gunselman  
**Speaker:** Rolland House

**A/V:** B McCaughan/J Gunselman; A Bracht/Ca Jensen  
**Song Leader:** Thomas Wood  
**Opening Prayer:** Peter McPartlin  
**Communion:** Mark Johnson  
**Closing/Pastoral Prayer:** Jake Shore  
**Speaker:** Josh Stutzman

**Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!**

<b>Circle Facilitator Inside.....</b>	<b>Eric Bracht</b>
<b>Outside Circle Facilitator.....</b>	
<b>UCC Facilitator.....</b>	<b>Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons</b>
<b>Overall Support.....</b>	<b>M Zhang, G Brown</b>
<b>Campus Ministry.....</b>	<b>Josh Stutzman, Eric &amp; Chris Jensen</b>
<b>Church Safety Ministry.....</b>	
<b>Discipleship Ministry.....</b>	<b>Jose Reyes</b>
<b>Education Ministry.....</b>	<b>(CR-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)</b>
High School.....	<b>Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen</b>
Adult.....	
Coordinators.....	<b>J &amp; S Shore</b>
<b>Fellowship Ministry.....</b>	<b>Ed, Renee &amp; Joel Gunselman</b>
<b>Life Group Ministry.....</b>	
<b>Media/Web Ministry.....</b>	<b>Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan</b>
<b>Men of Iron.....</b>	<b>Rolland House, Bob Parsons, Jake Shore</b>
<b>People Needs Facilitators.....</b>	<b>Tami Brown &amp; Maria Zhang</b>
<b>Clothing Drive Lead.....</b>	<b>Charlene Franklund</b>
<b>Food Boxes Lead.....</b>	<b>Charlene Franklund</b>
<b>Publicity Ministry.....</b>	<b>Maria Zhang</b>
<b>Quilts for CASA.....</b>	<b>Cathy Brooks</b>
<b>Roster List.....</b>	<b>Maria Z, Casey L</b>
<b>Van Ministry.....</b>	<b>Bob Parsons, Chris Gollakner</b>
<b>Vision Ministry.....</b>	<b>Elders, Deacons, Ministers, Ministry Leaders &amp; Spouses</b>
<b>Widows Ministry.....</b>	<b>L Munson</b>
<b>Women's Ministry.....</b>	<b>Lead: Team:</b>
Support Team: T Brown, M Freeman, N Johnson, J Parsons, M Zhang, R Gunselman	
<b>Worship Ministry.....</b>	<b>The Worship Team</b>
<b>Youth Ministry.....</b>	<b>Eric &amp; Jann Bracht and Eric &amp; Chris Jensen</b>