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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 Steven with liver and lung cancer, that his chemo has been effective and tumors have shrunk. He is the husband of Heidi Powell's Maid of Honor in her wedding.
Pray for LeAnn, Trent's fiancée's mother, who has been fighting cancer for years. May she find the best treatment. She is a strong believer and trusts in God.
Please pray for Nora, who was not feeling well yesterday.
Continue to pray for Bob's recovery from back surgery. He is thankful for the healing he has experienced and his Proverbs 31 wife and all his family and friends for the help and support. He is doing a lot better, but still has a ways to go.
Please also pray for Lydia's mom, in a nursing home, also with COVID, that she will make a speedy recovery. **12/19 Update: Praise for Lydia's mom and Dillon Boss' stepdad with COVID, both doing well!**
Pray for Dillon's aunt, who is in the hospital.
Please pray for Veronica Johnson, Mark's sister-in-law. She has been struggling with COVID for a couple of weeks and got admitted to the hospital yesterday afternoon with extraordinarily low oxygen levels. Please ask God to intervene on her behalf.

Physical:

Please pray for Gregg to heal from his accident and for his fragile heart as he goes into this very heavy week.
Pray for Renee's sister, Rhonda, to continue winning on her road to recovery.
Please pray for Lance, Bill & Gail's grandson, as he travels home for Christmas, as well as for everyone travelling during the holiday season.

Spiritual:

Help us to form God habits, and be salt and light.
Please pray for peace within our body.

Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy
Engaged Couples: Cody Parsons and Michelle Maeda

Praise:

We are so thankful for the body God gave us! We pray we will reach out to the people around us.

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 26th, 9:30am: From Creation to Chaos Bible Class
December 26th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ
January 1st: Happy New Year, Everyone!

From The Desk Of
Summer Shore

Growing up, my mom would wrap Christmas presents early for my brother and me and keep them in her closet until Christmas Eve. Then she and my dad (a.k.a. Santa) would put them under the tree. Occasionally, she would give us hints as to what lie beneath the colorful paper and curly-Q ribbons, and we'd marvel at it and try to guess what it could be. All we knew is that it would be wonderful. It was absolutely thrilling.

1 Corinthians 2:9 reminds me a bit of Christmas time and peeking at presents: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him."

God loves us infinity more than we can comprehend. He has wonderful things in store for us that we cannot even imagine; the likes of which we have never seen or heard. But unlike peeking at Christmas presents, we are given countless glimpses of the Kingdom of God.

We catch a glimpse of it in worship when we pour out our hearts to Him in praise. We experience it when we come together in faith and pray. When we serve and put others' needs before our own, we are getting a sneak peek at the Kingdom of God. When we laugh together, rejoicing with one another, we feel it, because we are living out the Kingdom of God. When we comfort one another in times of need, the Kingdom of God is near. Every good thing that has come from above, every blessing we experience, is just a hint at what's coming.

That gives us tangible hope for today and is part of the abundant life to which God invites us. Jesus came to bring light and love to the earth, and left his Holy Spirit here with us, to help us do the same. Jesus showed us how to live, how to love, and how to be a sign and foretaste of the Kingdom of God until He returns and sets the world right again.

The New Year is right around the corner, and with it comes countless new opportunities for our lives to point to Jesus and His unshakable Kingdom. May the words of our mouths, and the meditation of our hearts be pleasing to God, and may the world catch a glimpse of the glory that is coming, through Christ alive in us.

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

Ladies Corner

- 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!

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows include Sunday Morning Attendance (73), Last Week's Contribution (\$3,086.40), Year to Date Weekly Average (\$4,644.75), and Weekly Budget (\$4,705.29).



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"The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world" (John 1:9). It's dark out there. It's rainy, cold (hovering just above freezing), and we only get 7 hours of daylight. It's time to stay inside and watch a feel good Christmas Comedy, eating fatty foods and packing on the pounds like a hibernating grizzly bear. I'm writing this article on the Winter solstice (Tuesday, December 21). It's 4:45 pm and the sun has already set. If I were an ancient English Druid or Mayan pagan, I would have traveled to a stone calendar/temple, made some sacrifices and done some other not-so-groovy pagan rituals. Isn't it interesting that the Catholic church chose celebrate Jesus birth 4 days after the darkest day of the year? The gospel of John says that Jesus birth brought the light of God into the world (Jn 1:9). So perhaps this is a GREAT time to celebrate Christmas. When the sky is at it's very darkest and pagans were making sacrifices to placate their false gods of death, darkness and war, Christians declare to the world that the light of Jesus shines "in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" (2 Cor 4:6-7). Jesus is water in a thirsty land, life in a valley of dry bones and light in the darkness. His light in our heart is something that is not seasonal or temporary. It will last eternally, long after we are dead. I pray that this Christmas is a time of light and joy for you and your family.

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Sunday Servants Dec 26

Elder of the Month: Rolland House
Deacon/Minister of the Month: Jake Shore
Service Monitor: Lorelea Glenn

A/V: J Baxter/J Gunselman; B McCaughan/F Cloutier

Song Leader: Casey Long
Opening Prayer: Eric Jensen
Communion: Eric Bracht
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Ed Gunselman
Speaker: Rolland House

Sunday Servants Jan 2

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

Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!

Table listing church ministries and their facilitators, including Circle Facilitator, Outside Circle Facilitator, UCC Facilitator, Overall Support, Campus Ministry, Church Safety Ministry, Discipleship Ministry, Education Ministry, Fellowship Ministry, Life Group Ministry, Media/Web Ministry, Men of Iron, People Needs Facilitators, Clothing Drive Lead, Food Boxes Lead, Publicity Ministry, Quilts for CASA, Roster List, Van Ministry, Vision Ministry, Widows Ministry, and Women's Ministry.