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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

Please Pray For Our Family

Josh Stutzman

Campus

Minister

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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, Linda Holland, Charlotte Bibb, Les & Joyce Brooks, Glenn Hallas & his family, Gregg Strawn, Reneé Gunselman's parents, Deanna Patton, Connor

#### Murphy's mom (Linda Murphy) Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Please pray for Joyce Brooks, she is in Samaritan hospital right now (Room #3207; Phone: 541-768-4959).
Pray for Karie Holland and her surgery coming up this week on Thursday. We pray for God to be with her and with those serving her in her surgery. We pray she will be healed and her pain will be relieved.
We lift up the people we know who are suffering mentally and those who are battling addictions. Father, help us as we suffer and may your Spirit be the comfort you have promised. Please give us as Christians your words that speak your compassion to people fighting these battles, that we may help them come closer to you.

## Physical:

Please pray for Susan, as she remembers the deaths of her dad (almost a year ago), her husband and her stepmother.

Pray for Susan's neighbor (going through some issues) and her friend, who lost her grandmother over Easter.

### Spiritual:

We pray that God will defeat evil in the hearts and minds of men and women wherever they are. We lift up everyone in Ukraine who has lost family members, friends, and properties, and we pray wisdom will be given to people there so they know how to help refugees. We pray for the churches there who have suffered so much, and for Christians there who are suffering.

<u>Military:</u> John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy <u>Expecting Mothers:</u> Maria Zhang

### Praise:

Mark Johnson gives praise that his dad, Lyle, has improved enough to leave the nursing facility and is at home. He is also thankful for his sister who has cared for his father at this time.

Heidi Powell gives praise that one of her dad's cancers is now in remission, and the other is beaten back to the point that he can now be in the garden again, which he loves!

Thank you, God, for all the gifts you have given mankind in the way of medical science.

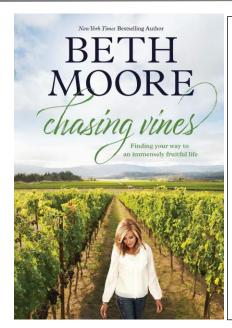
Deacons: Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen, Bob Parsons, Jose Reyes, Jake Shore

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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





# Ladies Bible Study Begins Today!!!

- Join us from 5pm-6:30pm in the basement!
- Each evening will include fellowship time, a video session by Beth Moore, and snacks
- This is a free class, open to women of all ages
- Please RSVP to Nancy or Maria today so we can get you a workbook

## "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**

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am: From Creation to Chaos Bible Class

**April 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am:** Livestream Worship on our website & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5pm: Ladies' Bible Class April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Wednesday Evening Study: Walking With God in the Desert by Ray Vander Laan (in-person only; no livestream)

# From The Desk of Summer Shore

I cannot wait to see Jesus. Not because I need an escape from the troubles of this life-though I totally get that and have been there before. I just can't wait to finally see Jesus face to face after all that we've been through together. In my mind, it plays out like one of those old cheesy movies where two people who haven't seen each other in ages run in slow-motion toward one another. Tears of joy stream without shame and my face is radiant as I look into the eyes of my Savior that has loved me through it all-the good, the bad, and the ugly. I won't slow down as I get closer, instead, I'll throw myself into the best hug I've ever known, wearing the biggest smile I'll ever smile.

It wasn't always that way though. For a long time, even though I knew God loved me and knew that He had sacrificed everything for me, I only felt guilty and undeserving of His love and sacrifice. I hadn't yet experienced the love of Jesus in a way that I felt free to approach Him with confidence. I felt like I was perpetually on shaky ground, with the memory of my most recent screw-up fresh in my mind. I didn't feel excited to talk to Jesus in my prayer time, let alone see Him face to face.

I think a lot of us have felt like that, holding our breath each time we stumble and fall, waiting for God's grace to finally run out.

Dear friend, making us second-guess God's love is one of the devil's oldest tricks. He will twist our thoughts and parade our failings in front of us until we shrink away in shame and self-doubt. He'll tie us up in knots until we are prisoners of self-loathing. He wants to make us forget who we are, and believe that we have wandered beyond God's reach.

It's the biggest lie. Ever.

Eph 1:5-8 reminds us of the truth:

"God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding." (NLT)

God is the God of freedom and grace, not used up chances and unforgiveness. It makes Him happy to bring us to Him through Jesus, and make us part of His family unconditionally, forgiving our sins and lavishing His love upon us.

Ephesians 3:12 says "In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence."

Because of this truth, we can run right up to God, heart in hand, and let Him scoop us up into His arms like a beloved child. We can be confident when we go to God, not because of our own strength or goodness, but because of Christ's faithfulness. Not because we are perfect, but because we are forgiven and loved. When we make mistakes, we can go to Him and ask for forgiveness and He gives it tirelessly because He delights in us as His children.

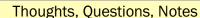
So my dear friend, if you have been shying away because of past mistakes, or feeling unconfident in His love, please let these truths settle deep into your heart:

You are never too far that He won't run to meet you in the middle of your mess.

He loves you and has planned all along to adopt you as His own. It is His desire and His delight to call you His child.

Because of Jesus, you can throw off the shackles of fear, shame, and inadequacy, and live in the freedom that His love provides this very moment. You can come to Him in prayer today without hesitation or doubt, confident in His faithfulness and love.

And when the day comes that you see Him face to face, you can run straight toward Him, into the best hug you've ever known, with the biggest smile you've ever smiled, confident in your identity as a child of the King.



# University Christian Center

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Special thanks to Ruslan Bryan for planning our snowshoe trip this week. He planned an excellent trip around Hayrick Butte near Hoodoo. We had 11 Students attend, and 4 were well outside our core group. The students all paid for their own snowshoes or worked to pay them off. Great trip! Thanks Ruslan.





## Sunday Servants Apr 17

Elder of the Month: Rolland House Deacon/Minister of the Month: Jake Shore Service Monitor: Maria Zhang

A/V: J House/F Cloutier: A Brooks/J Boss Song Leader: Casey Long Opening Prayer: Josh Stutzman Communion: Eric Bracht Closing/Pastoral Prayer: TBA Speaker: Gregg Strawn

## Sunday Servants Apr 24

A/V: J Baxter/B McCaughan; A Brooks/J Boss Song Leader: Connor Harless Opening Prayer: Peter McPartlin Communion: Fred Womack Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Josh Stutzman Speaker: Rolland House

## Ladies Corner

Beginning **Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup>**, we will be meeting in the basement every other Sunday to study Beth Moore's "Chasing Vines" together, fellowship, and eat some snacks. This is a **free class** for **women of all ages**, but please **RSVP** to Maria as soon as possible so we can order enough workbooks.

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

Circle Facilities Manager (Inside)	Eric Bracht
UCC Facilities Manager	Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons
Campus Ministry	osh Stutzman, Eric & Chris Jensen
Education Ministry	(CR-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
	Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen
	Rolland House
	Frank Cloution Bill McCaughan
Media/Web Ministry	·
Men of Iron	
Clothing Drive Lead	
Food Boxes Lead	Charlene Franklund
Quilts for CASA	Cathy Brooks
Van Ministry	Bob Parsons, Chris Gollakner
Widows Ministry	L Munson
Women's Ministry	T Brown, M Freeman,
R Gunselman, N Johnson, J Parsons, M Zhang	
Youth MinistryEric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen	

Sunday Morning Attendance58Last Week's Contribution\$5,424.76Year to Date Weekly Average\$5,545.67Weekly Budget\$5,284.00