

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, Linda Holland, Charlotte Bibb, Les & Joyce Brooks, Glenn Hallas & his family, Gregg Strawn, Renee Gunselman's parents, Deanna Patton, Connor Murphy's mom (Linda Murphy)

Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Pray for Lydia's sister, Linda, and her family as her husband passed away Friday morning.
Pray for Ed and Renee's daughter, Naomi, with a sinus infection and walking pneumonia.
Please pray for Geri York who has a cold and a fever.
Pray for Bob Parsons' surgery pain to decrease as he starts to heal.
Please pray for Matt Cohen, a friend of Jennifer House's, who has advanced colon and liver cancer.
Please also pray for an unnamed patient of Rolland's with metastatic abdominal cancer.
Pray for Nora Cloutier, who is having some nausea for the past few days.
Bill Oakes has metastasized cancer and is having surgery this morning.

Physical:

Pray for Renee's cousin, John Osborne, that a bed will open for him to join a rehab center. His family is so thankful for his courage while he's gone through detox.
Please pray for everyone involved in the shooting in Buffalo that happened Saturday.

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.

Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy

Expecting Mothers: Michelle Parsons, Monica Allen, Maria Zhang, Alyssa Fieldhouse

Praise:

The Gunselmans are so thankful for the blessing of being able to have Renee's dad walk out of the hospital after a fall Saturday.
Praise God for Ryan Bracht connecting with the Woodward Church of Christ here in Fresno. They are a very loving congregation, but he misses being here at Circle.
Eric Bracht is thankful for Men's day in Keizer. It is good to be with brothers!
Please pray for Mark and Nancy Johnson who are travelling for work this week.

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 UCC had a great time in Bend last weekend! Read Josh's article inside for more about their trip and the Worship Service they planned.

"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

May 22nd, 9:30am: Bible Class
May 22nd, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ
May 22nd, 5pm: Ladies Bible Class
May 26th, 7pm: Wednesday Evening Study: Walking With God in the Desert by Ray Vander Laan (in-person only; no livestream)

From The Desk of Misty Freeman

Thoughts, Questions, Notes

When I last wrote for the bulletin, I talked about how God has designed us to work together—with Him and with each other—to accomplish His plans. It seems important to Him not to simply take the path of least resistance by doing everything Himself, and He makes special things happen when we engage in teamwork.

In our ladies' Bible study, we have been talking about bearing fruit for the Lord and what that means. We have discussed how fruit bearing looks different from person to person, each of us being gifted differently and placed in our own unique circumstances. I am struck by how powerfully this idea connects with God's plan for teamwork.

The fruit each of us bears is special. One person is strong at organization, another at speaking boldly, another at gently correcting, another at creative pursuits or writing or gardening, lifting weights, teaching children, cooking, crafts, singing, sitting with people, and so on. There are so many different ways each of us is special, sometimes because we were born that way, other times because we have intentionally pursued a course of study or have practiced and practiced to be good at something. Still other times, our strengths come from the circumstances of our lives, the things we have gone through, the places we have been or problems we have had to solve. God uses all of it. Nature and nurture, the person we were born as, and the person we have become over time, all makes us the uniquely gifted person we are.

A strong team is made up of people who have different strengths and can play complementary roles in accomplishing their shared purpose. A team is aiming at a shared set of goalposts, and they come together to reach them. If we think about baseball, we need the outfielder and the infielder, the pitcher and the batter to win the game. And while all of these folks are playing the same game, they have different roles to play that leverage their individual strengths for everyone to win. Similarly, in football, we need the offense and the defense, the quarterback and the linebacker and the kicker, each of whom has their own skill and makeup, to win the game* for the whole team.

In Romans chapter 12, Paul writes about how our special gifts come together in a specific team context: the church. We, as the Body of Christ, are united in our shared goal, which is living forever with God in heaven. And we are at our best when we recognize that God's purpose is for each of us to do that thing we do so well, for the benefit of the team. God doesn't call us to do what somebody else is good at; He calls for us to bear the fruit He has purposed for us. We need people who play different roles, not all the same. We come together as a team, not all to play quarterback or all to be the right fielder, but for each of us to bring the unique strengths that God has made in us, from the moment we were born through every struggle and triumph of our lives. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul encourages us to remember that we need each other, as parts of the body are not whole without one another. The fruit we bear individually blesses all of us collectively, as we work together as a team.

As our ladies' study continues, we are exploring how to make the most of our gifts and circumstances to bear abundant fruit. I encourage all of us to consider how to lean into the unique person each of us was created to be, to accomplish our shared goal of this whole team living together forever in heaven.

**Footnote about the teamwork and game metaphor: I want to note that our work together as a team is not a substitute for Jesus, the One who has already won the game for all of us! Praise God that we don't have to earn our way into heaven! As the church, our work together is in thanks for this promise we already possess, bringing the good news to others, and encouraging one another to remain faithful until we reach the end of our lives or Jesus comes again.*

Loretta's birthday is coming up fast! Lorelea is collecting birthday cards and wishes to bring to Loretta. Please coordinate with her if you would like to provide a card.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in our parking lot on June 8th from 11am-5pm.

Sunday Morning Attendance
Last Week's Contribution
Year to Date Weekly Average
Weekly Budget \$5,284.00



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Bend Fundraising Trip Report: Thanks to everyone who went on the Bend Fundraising trip last week. Sai preached his first sermon titled "The Fishermen." His main point was it is our job to pray to Jesus, throw out the nets, and wait for God to send us the fish. This was a very Biblical, applicable, and timely message after Covid-19 as most congregations have lost people. Sai comes from a preaching family and has family instincts. I believe he will preach many more times in the future and has potential to preach professionally if he so desires. David led communion, Dora planned the fun and Alumni Eric Hinds lead singing. It's a joy to see our students serving Jesus!

Sunday Servants May 22

Elder of the Month: Ed Gunselman
Deacon/Minister of the Month: Eric Bracht
Service Monitor:
A/V: N Cloutier/F Cloutier; A Bracht/Ca Jensen
Song Leader: Frank Cloutier
Opening Prayer: Eric Bracht
Communion: Casey Long
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Rolland House
Speaker: Josh Stutzman

Sunday Servants May 29

A/V: N Cloutier/F Cloutier; A Brooks/J Boss
Song Leader: Connor Harless
Opening Prayer: Josh Stutzman
Communion: Frank Cloutier
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Rolland
Speaker: Bill McCaughan

Ladies Corner

On Sunday May 22nd, we will have our second meeting in the basement to study Beth Moore's "Chasing Vines" together. There will be fellowship and snacks in addition to the study. This is a **free class for women of all ages.**

Many Hands Make Light Work...Get Involved!

Circle Facilities Manager (Inside).....	Eric Bracht
UCC Facilities Manager.....	Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons
Campus Ministry.....	Josh Stutzman, Eric & Chris Jensen
Education Ministry.....	(CR-8 th Grade)
High School.....	Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen
Adult.....	Rolland House
Coordinator.....	Jann Bracht
Media/Web Ministry.....	Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan
Men of Iron.....	Rolland House
Clothing Drive Lead.....	Linda Chuinard
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 Ministry.....	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen