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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: Monday-Friday, 8-5

Family Newsletter

Please Pray For Our Family

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

Les Brooks (malignant leukemia)

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 Misty's friend Ted who is getting ready for a bone marrow transplant. Pray for God to make his body strong and heal him completely. Give him and his loved ones peace through this scary time.

Pray for Cathy's friend, Mary, with cancer.

Please be praying for Linda Rugh. She had surgery last Friday.

Pray for Brie, who was ill and having migraines last Sunday.

Physical:

Please pray for comfort and peace for Frankie Kent and her sister's family as her sister passed away on Friday.

Pray for Jackie's best friend and her family, as she lost her husband who was on hospice last Wednesday.

Please pray for a young mom, Larissa, who is pregnant with her 3rd child. She has had to leave her alcoholic husband for the safety of herself and her children.

Pray for the support troops in Ukraine.

Pray for Alan and Cathy's daughter, Jennifer, as she carries the bulk of household responsibilities without her husband.

Spiritual:

Pray for the church in this place.

Military: John, Betty Carter's grandson, Navy

Expecting Mothers: Maria Zhang, Alyssa Fieldhouse

Widows, Widowers, and Orphans: Pam Briggs, Ed Calcote, Bobbie Cooke, Sarah Giboney, Lorealea Glenn, Linda Holland, Susan Melero, Virgil Oakes, Florence Purvis, Jean Schreiber, Luci Spencer, Gregg Strawn, Jean Woods, Geri York; Christian Relief Fund, Mountain States Children's Home, Orphans' Lifeline of Hope

Praise:

Eric and Jann are glad to be in Worship with Ryan at Woodward Park. Thanks for brothers and sisters all over the world!

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



This Clothing Give Away is for children ages Newborn-18 years old, and we need help sorting an abundance of donations. Please let Alyssa, Charlene or Linda C. know if you would like to help sort during the week!

"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 17th, 9:30am: Bible Class

July 17th, 10:30am: Livestream Worship on our website & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ

July 20th, 7pm: Wednesday Evening Study: "The Truth Project". Everyone welcome!

July 24th, 12pm: All Church Potluck

From The Desk Of Misty Freeman

This week, James and I got to dog sit for a delightful golden Bichon named Luna. The joy she brought simply by being there made me reflect on the idea of companionship. By companionship, I mean being together with others, spending time in each other’s presence, in the good times and the bad. It seems to me that humans are made for companionship—and not just of the canine variety. In the book of Genesis, chapters 1 and 2, we read about God’s creation. As He surveys everything He has made, He sees that it is good...until chapter 2, verse 18, when God declares that it is *not* good for Adam to be alone. God creates Eve, and the two humans make a life together. In the year 2022, we are more connected than ever through our phones and devices. We have all the Facebook friends and Instagram followers, yet many of us are lonely. A 2021 Harvard study¹ found that 36% of adults reported feeling lonely often or all the time, and another 37% reported feeling lonely occasionally. Like Adam, it seems that it is *not* good for us to be alone either. I wonder if the pattern God offers for companionship could be the solution for us. Consider these companions and how they serve as a model for us:

- **David and Jonathan** (beginning in 1 Samuel 18): “the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David...” and “Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.” Throughout the story, the two face serious challenges to their friendship, including Jonathan’s father seeking to kill David, yet they showed up for each other, protected each other, and cared for each other.
- **Ruth and Naomi** (the book of Ruth, especially chapter 2): the two had been brought together as daughter- and mother-in-law, yet after the death of Ruth’s husband, she vowed not to leave Naomi, and stayed with her instead of leaving to find another husband. Both were richly blessed through their relationship.
- **Jesus and John** (the gospels, especially the book of John): these two were together through Jesus’ ministry and clearly had a close relationship, as John refers to himself as “the disciple whom Jesus loved.” I like to imagine that in the midst of all the teaching and traveling and stress of going against the religious authorities, John was someone Jesus could relax around, recline at the table with, and be Himself.

We also see a pattern for companionship in 1 Corinthians 13, where the author describes agape love, which is *intentional* love—an act of will and sacrifice. It tells us that love “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails.”

Humans want companions like these, don’t we? We want someone to come alongside us in the fun times and the hard stuff. To make a commitment to us that they will not leave us or betray us. We want to be able to be ourselves and know that our companion will love us, not in spite of who we are, but because of it.

I wonder if the first step is to become a companion ourselves. Perhaps as we step out and learn what it means to agape love another person, show up and simply be there with them, we will gain a companion as well. I pray that God will give each of us opportunities to be a companion to someone this week, and that we will be blessed as we step out in faith to try.

Holy Lord, please open our eyes to the companionship you have planned for us. Help us to be brave and step out in faith. And please bless our relationships richly. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



Read Misty’s article to learn more about the companion-ship lessons brought to mind by this adorable dog!

We are SO EXCITED to be getting chairs soon, and for all the opportunities this will allow us to have at our building! With chairs we can host blood drives indoors again, easily set up groups around tables for Bible Studies/dinners, and so much more! If you feel called to give to support our chair fund, please write a check with “Chairs” in the memo line, or give on Tithely under the “Other” category.



All Church Potluck-7/24/22!

Everyone is invited to join us in the basement after Worship on next Sunday! Bring your favorite savory dish to share. Dessert provided.

Sunday Morning Attendance	65
Last Week’s Contribution	\$3,501.15
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$4,551.41
Weekly Budget	\$5,284.00

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Brothers and Sisters: For those of you who don’t know, I am on Sabbatical. It started July 10th and will end August 13th. I’ve worked 7 years at Circle Church of Christ. Can you believe it? I have 2 main goals for the Sabbatical: 1) Learn to cook. As most of you know, I have acid reflux, and during the school year I pretty much eat the same fish and rice dish every meal (which the doctors tell me is not very healthy). So I have a goal to cook at least 2 new recipes per week, finding new dishes that make my stomach feel good. Thanks to Lois Knutson for teaching a cooking class at UCC last term, it’s exactly what I needed! I’m going to experiment with her cook book. 2) Read ministry books. I’m a social guy, which means during the school year I get in evangelism/service mode, spending most of my time with students. This Sabbatical is a good chance for me to learn some new ministry skills that I can use next fall.

You will not see me at Circle for a month. I’m attending other congregations in the area, seeing how they do things, and seeing what I can learn from them. Blessings to you!

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Sunday Servants July 17

Elder of the Month: Ed Gunselman
Deacon/Minister of the Month: José Reyes
Service Monitor:

A/V: N Cloutier/F Cloutier; A Brooks/J Boss
Song Leader: Rolland House
Opening Prayer: George House
Communion: Eric Bracht
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: José Reyes
Speaker: Jim Knutson

Sunday Servants July 24

A/V: J House/J Gunselman; A Bracht/Ca Jensen
Song Leader: Nathaniel Franklund
Opening Prayer: Don Patton
Communion: Gregg Strawn
Closing/Pastoral Prayer: Ed
Speaker: Jim Knutson

Ladies Corner

We are looking for people to cook meals for Meal Trains that are created for church members, and we also need people who love to coordinate Bridal and Baby Showers! If you would like to help with either of these things, please talk to Nancy, Jackie, or Maria.

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.....	Charlene Franklund
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