

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:** 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), Tim Eastridge (recovery and physical therapy)

Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Pray for Susan's doctor's appointment (physical) on Tuesday morning and her dentist appointment Thursday afternoon.

Pray for Angela Hallas as she has surgery on Tuesday. Pray for Angela and her doctors.

Pray for Gail McCaughan's nephew, Terry White, who is in the hospital with several health issues.

Pray for Keahi (Les and Joyce Brooks' daughter in law, who lives with them. She has tested positive for COVID.

Physical:

Pray for safe travels for Susan and Brie going to Rockaway Beach for the day next Sunday.

Please pray for the people of Mariposa, CA where they are experiencing a bad fire. Many people are evacuated and some may not have homes to return to. May the Lord give them protection and peace.

Please continue praying for Casey and Darla to have safe travels.

Spiritual:

Pray for everyone who is doubting their faith. Pray they will feed their faith and doubt their doubts.

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, Loreale 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:

Praise God that Susan lost weight last week, and that she read 6 chapters in Psalms!

Heidi Powell's mom, Mary-Ellen, had her surgery to remove the cancer from her colon. The operation went smoothly and she is already home and doing well. Please pray that the lymph nodes are clear of cancer. The results will come back soon. Thank you for lifting her up in prayer!

~~The missionaries are so thankful that their son, and granddaughters, Casey, are home today, and they don't have to worry about them as they drive back to Oklahoma later 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



Memorial Service

Everyone is invited to attend a Memorial Service for Pam Strawn on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Circle Church of Christ.

If you cannot attend in person, the Memorial Service will also be livestreamed at [www.2020circle.com](http://www.2020circle.com), and this livestream will remain on the website for several weeks if you wish to watch it at a later time.

"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 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am:** Bible Class  
**July 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am:** Livestream Worship on our website & YouTube; In person meeting at Circle Church of Christ  
**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10-6:30pm:** Bloodmobile Blood Drive; Make Appointment Online  
**August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm:** Wednesday Evening Study: "The Truth Project". Everyone welcome!  
**August 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>:** Children's Clothing Give Away

## From The Desk Of Chris Jensen

To the people who believe in Him, Jesus said: "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings...you will know the truth and the truth shall set you free...if the Son sets you free, you will be truly free." John 8: 34 & 36

A few weeks ago I was informed that I would have a new day off from work in honor of "Juneteenth", a new federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people. Many dates could have been selected for this holiday including the date of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation (September 22, 1862), the date General Robert E. Lee surrendered (April 9, 1865), or even the date when the 13th Amendment was ratified (December 6, 1865).

The celebration of Juneteenth (June + nineteenth = Juneteenth) has its origins in Galveston Bay, Texas when Union troops arrived on June 19, 1865 and officially ended slavery in this final remote part of the United States. Unlike today, news spread slowly during the Civil War, and Major General Granger's reading of General Order No. 3 was good news to the enslaved people of Texas. One year later, newly freed slaves in Texas organized "Jubilee Day" celebrations which included prayer meetings and singing to commemorate the anniversary of the good news of liberation! As descendants of slaves moved out of Texas, the tradition of Jubilee Day celebrations spread and expanded. In 1980, Juneteenth became an official state holiday in Texas. Yet, this commemorative date, and all that it represents, was known to only a small portion of our population.

I am ill-equipped to share about, or even to share in, the celebration of Juneteenth, which has been going on for the last 150 years! I've been alive for over a third of those years and it was only recently that I was introduced to Juneteenth. I have never participated in "Jubilee Day" traditions, nor have I engaged in conversation with someone that grew up commemorating this important day. I look forward to incorporating those in my future and growing in my understanding. It's one thing to "know about" something, however, that's not the same as "understanding" and "relating to" something. So, even though I did not grow up knowing about or celebrating Juneteenth, I have a basic knowledge of Juneteenth, and I'm striving to understand its many meanings.

With this new federal holiday, I see an opportunity to, individually and collectively, pause and:

- reflect on the significance of emancipation from slavery,
- evaluate whether American ideals like “land of the free”, “liberty and justice for all”, etc. are a reality for all people living in the United States,
- seek ways to bring about societal and cultural changes that bring America in line with godly ways, and
- turn to God in thanksgiving for true liberation in Christ.

I'm struck by the fact that each day is filled with opportunities to grow in my relationship with my Creator, Juneteenth being no exception. As I consider physical bondage and human enslavement I grow in my understanding of spiritual bondage and being enslaved by evil desires. As I consider freedom and liberty in earthly terms I gain greater understanding of spiritual freedom and liberty. While I mourn the fact that slavery and bondage exist in this world, I am overjoyed that my Creator has provided a way for perfect liberty in Christ!

*"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1*

## Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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Do you want to help with the Clothing Give Away? Talk to Alyssa, Charlene or Linda to set up a time to hang clothes, OR sign up to provide a meal for the volunteers using this link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1r6yww>

Sunday Morning Attendance	94
Last Week's Contribution	\$4,064.85
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$4,522.60
Weekly Budget	\$5,284.00



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This Spring I had the honor of getting to preach 4 weeks in a 5 week period. This was an immense blessing, however, it also made me realize the challenges of preaching every week. A professional sermon takes at least 6 hours (usually more like 10-12) to put together. When you add in 2-3 one-on-one Bible studies, Sunday/Wednesday night classes, hospital visits, filling holes in the order of worship and meetings, it's busy. Also, you have deadlines: Sunday (Class/Sermon), Monday (appointments), Wednesday (Bible class/vision email), Friday (PowerPoint due) and Saturday (final prep for Sunday). It's hard to take a day off. So when we DO get a new preaching minister, I have some suggestions:

- 1) We have a service monitor rotation of 4+ people who make calls and fill holes in the worship. It's something anyone can do, but frees up 2-3 hours for the preacher and gives him time to rehearse on Saturday.
- 2) We have a powerpoint support rotation of 4+ people that builds/beautifies the slides. PowerPoint consumes about 2-4 hours each week, and once again, must be compiled on the weekend. The powerpoint person is also "on call," and must wait on others. This responsibility is too much to ask of just one person (the preacher, or Frank!).
- 3) We make sure our preacher is taking a day off and as a congregation, we make a covenant not to call or email him on that day.

So the point of this article is let's make sure we build a robust PowerPoint and Service Monitor team! Let's support Frank, Maria, and our preachers. They do a lot of work.

# Sunday Servants July 31

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

**A/V:** J Baxter/B McCaughan; N Cloutier/F Cloutier

**Song Leader:** Casey Long

## Opening Prayer: Mark Joh

**Communion:** Frank Cloutier

**Closing/Pastoral Prayer:** Rolland

**Speaker:** Jim Knutson

## Sunday Servants Aug. 7

**A/V:** B McCaughan/J Gunselman; A Brooks/J Boss

**Song Leader:** Casey Long

## Opening Prayer: Don Patton

**Communion:** TBA

**Closing/Pastoral Prayer:** José

**Speaker:** Jonah Strand (Keizer)

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## Ladies Corner

Please save the date! A **baby shower** for Maria Zhang will be held on September 4<sup>th</sup> at the church building. Tom and Maria Zhang are expecting a baby girl in October, and they are registered on Amazon. All ladies are invited to attend this shower!

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

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