

Elders



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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 Thomas, as he is back in the hospital after over-exerting himself. **12/27 Update: Thomas is discharged from the hospital! Please continue prayers as he adjusts his lifestyle to heal his heart.**

Please keep praying for Tim Eastridge, as he continues to recover.

Please pray for James & Judy Reed (Alan Brooks’ relatives) as they recover from COVID. James is hospitalized with breathing difficulties and a loss of liver function.

Pray for Les Brooks, who was taken to the hospital Christmas morning.

Physical:

Please pray for safe travels for everyone this holiday season. Pray especially for Gabriel and Mackenzie Gunselman as they fly back from Spain on Monday.

Pray for all of our shut ins, that they will feel loved and receive the support they need.

Pray for Renee’s sister, Rhonda, regarding her job opportunity.

Spiritual:

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

Please Pray For Our Expecting Mothers:

Marisol Uzochukwu, Monica Allen

Military: Justin & Briar Rogers in Oregon National guard

Expecting Mothers: Marisol Uzochukwu, Moncia Allen

Engaged Couple: Gregg Strawn and Jennifer Rowland

Widows, Widowers, and Orphans: Pam Briggs, Ed Calcote, Bobbie Cooke, Anna Dyk, 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:

Father, thank you for loving and hearing us!

Deacons: Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen, Jose Reyes

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



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January 1, 2023

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



“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

January 1st, 9:30am: Bible Class
January 1st, 10:30am: Sunday Morning Worship (Livestream available at 2020circle.com)
January 4th, 7pm: “Peak of the Week” Life Group meeting at the building. All welcome.

Recently I have been studying habits of sitting locations of churchgoers so have been looking at trends at several congregations. There has always been many that sit in the back half of auditoriums. A trend that I have been picking up on, though, since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 is that a much larger percentage have been moving to the back. At first, I thought it was in an effort to stay safe by social distancing, however, as I started making closer note of this I found that many of the people sitting in the back are actually huddled together fairly tightly while leaving the front half of auditoriums with empty rows. This is a trend happening in many congregations. Rather than focusing on where to not sit I want to challenge everyone to think about their own choices and how they affect others. Whether it is intentional or not, some feel hurt that so many push to the back as though they almost don't really want to be there with others as family should. Also, what does it say to our members that rely on our broadcast and they see so many pulling back from view when they watch in order to feel connected during a time that they can't physically be there? I know some readers won't like this article. We humans tend to be creatures of habit so it seems natural that most of us tend to sit in the same place on Sunday every time. I realize that nobody else is calling for changing this pattern. Nevertheless, I press on with my reasons that you and I may want to consider sitting in a different place at church.

1. Most of us get too comfortable at church on Sunday in general. We develop all kinds of habits, like parking in the same area, sitting in the same place, and often going to the same restaurants after the service. Nothing changes—including, frankly, the depth of our walk with God.

2. **You'll get to know different people.** You might already know everybody at Circle but sitting among different people will give you opportunity to get to know somebody more deeply. If you don't know everybody, moving your seat will allow you to know somebody new. You'll appreciate better the Body of Christ.

3. You'll see and hear the service differently. It's strange how changing your seat alters your perspective on the service. You look at the preacher from a different vantage point. You hear the singing differently. You notice things about the building you had never seen before. You'll often even listen to the sermon differently, simply because everything feels new (and, if you think I'm nuts here, at least try it...).

4. Somebody else might need your current seat. For example, too many people end up sitting in church toward the back of the auditorium, thus forcing latecomers and guests to walk to the front. That's not the most loving or wise way to welcome these folks to the service. Why don't you sit toward the front and free up space for others? It never hurts to put others first.

5. **You'll learn to be more comfortable with change in general.** Here's my crazy suggestion: Sit in a different place every week. Don't let yourself get stagnant in your approach to church, beginning with the simple decision of where you sit. Change your place each week, and you'll likely be more open to change as Circle moves forward in the future.

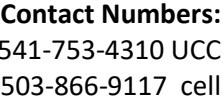
6. If you completely refuse to change, you might reveal a negative side of your heart. I understand there are reasons to sit in a particular place (e.g., for access to restrooms, seating for handicapped, etc.), but most of us have little reason not to change—except for stubbornness. If that's your reason for not even considering this suggestion, you may need to check your heart.

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Can you build a new donation box for clothing giveaway? It needs to be waterproof and have 2 openings. One for dropping clothes in and the other to remove donations and ability to keep it locked up. Please see Lorealea for more information.

Last Week's Contribution	\$2,555.19
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$4,687.76
Weekly Budget	\$5,284.00

Let me know your thoughts. I'm OK if you differ with me...



Cooks Needed:

Remember to sign up to cook a Tuesday Dinner at UCC next term!
The sign up sheet is on the back bulletin board next to the church calendar and across from the mail boxes.

We are having 15-20 students every week and the food is a major draw for many of our underfed grad-students from other countries. The global economy is rough right now, so many students can't afford to eat well (especially with high exchange rates)! Tony and Tom both reported that free food is one of the main things that led them to become a Christian. So when you cook for UCC, remember you are not just giving a hand out to needy students, you are attracting Christians and non-Christians to hear the Gospel. Thanks for your support!

Elder of the Month: Ed Gunselman

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

Song Leader: C Long

Opening Prayer: E Bracht

Communion: B McCaughan

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: R House

Speaker: José Reyes

A/V: J House/J Gunselman; J House/J Boss

Song Leader: T Wood

Opening Prayer: Ca Jensen

Communion: M Johnson

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: E Gunselman

Speaker: Josh Stutzman

Submit any prayer requests by email to 2020circle@gmail.com or by text to 541-908-7393.

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	Loralea Glenn
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	
Young Ministry	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen