Elders Ministers Staff



Rolland House



Ed Gunselman



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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:**

Please pray for Stoneybrook assisted living; they have multiple COVID cases right now.

Pray for Susan, who got an MRI on her back last week.

Pray for Susan's friend Melissa who has COVID.

Please pray for Greg Brown. He had an MRI last week.

We pray for the wife of a Minister in India who has COVID.

Pray for Reneé's dad, who has pneumonia.

Pray for Nancy Pruitt (related to the Weimers) who had a bad car accident last week.

Pray for Pam McCaughan, healing form injuries after a fall.

### Physical:

We pray that God will help us find our next Minister.

Please pray for Susan as the 1 year anniversary of her husband's death is approaching.

Pray for Gregg and Jennifer as they start their marriage.

#### Spiritual:

Pray for Cathy's friend Mary to become part of a congregation.

## 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

<u>Widows, Widowers, and Orphans:</u> Pam Briggs, Ed Calcote, Bobbie Cooke, Anna Dyk, Sarah Giboney, Loralea 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:

Susan gives praise that she is continuing to lose weight with Weight Watchers! We are so thankful for all of your blessings in our lives.

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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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**

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### "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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30am: Bible Class

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30am: Sunday Morning Worship

(Livestream available at 2020circle.com)

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12pm: Potluck

January 25th, 7pm: "Peak of the Week" Life Group meeting at the building. All welcome. Topic: The Forbidden Fruit.

# The Importance Of Spending Time in the Word By Maria Zhang

I love the start of a new year, because it means that for one glorious day (January  $1^{st}$ ) I am not "behind" in my Bible reading! I was especially excited to read my Bible this year because my sister gave me a new Bible for Christmas—a journaling Bible with lines to write notes on some pages and pictures to color on others. I used part of the Amazon gift card from my dad to buy a set of pens that won't bleed through thin pages, and I had a plan:

- ☐ Start in Isaiah. Most years I start in Genesis or Matthew and make it through the Pentateuch or the Gospels before life happens and I am no longer reading every day. This year, I was going to start with something I don't usually get to by the end of the year!
- Read at least one chapter each day. A do-able amount, I thought. It won't get me through the Bible in a year, but I would spend time in the Word each day, which is more than I could say about last year.
- Start Early! I had my new Bible and my new pens, so why not start before January 1st and get ahead, so I don't fall behind so early on in the year?
- Read at the same time every day, (7am) and leave my Bible in a place I would see it every day.

So I set out on my Bible reading journey with great expectations. I started reading a few days early, and by January 1st I had read 1 whole chapter of Isaiah...but I had colored a masterpiece in the margin of my new Bible! I continued with my plan to read at the same time every day, but with a new baby at home that didn't always work. Sometimes she would need a new diaper at that time, or to eat, and by the time she was full and clean, I had forgotten to sit down and read. By the time the first week of January came to an end, I had still only read one chapter of Isaiah, and I was feeling guilty when I saw my Bible every day.

Last Sunday, Eric talked about the importance of spending time in the Word daily. He mentioned a few plans, some that would take more than a year to finish the Bible, and said that it is OK to not be perfect. I approached my Bible reading differently this week, sans guilty feelings, and have read at least one chapter almost every day...and I did regret not spending time in the Word last Wednesday. I adjusted my plan to read after breakfast instead of at a specific time, and I no longer allow myself to color first. 

My Bible reading plan is not a conventional one, but I am spending time in the Word and I feel a stronger connection with God because of it.

What Bible reading "plan" works for you?

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singings will be held on January 29<sup>th</sup> at Lancaster Church of Christ in Junction City at 2pm AND at Metro Church of Christ in Gresham at 5pm. Mark your calendars if you would like to go!

Last Week's Contribution\$4,643.00Year to Date Weekly Average\$6,162.36Weekly Budget\$5,284.00



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Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1).

We just got back from an excellent statewide Young Adults retreat. Special thanks to Anya Banister and Nathanial Franklund for their help with food prep, George House for leading singing, Shawn Durr leading communion, and everyone else who helped out. Daniel prayed for the first time, and that was a wonderful thing to hear. The theme was "United together in Christ" from the book of Ephesians. It was a very emotional moment for me to see these students I've counseled for so many years stepping up and leading for Jesus. My prayer is that in a few years, George, Shawn, Anya, Nathanial and all the others will be leading retreats when I am gone.

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## Sunday Servants Jan 22

Elder of the Month: Ed Gunselman

A/V: G House/J Boss; B Uzochukwu/J Gunselman
Song Leader: N Franklund

Opening Prayer: B McCaughan

**Communion:** F Cloutier

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: E Gunselman

**Speaker:** Wes Hanson

## Sunday Servants Jan 29

**A/V:** B Uzochukwu/J Gunselman; J House/F Cloutier

**Song Leader:** G House **Opening Prayer:** J Stutzman

Communion: E Bracht

Closing/Pastoral Prayer: R House

**Speaker:** T Wood

All ladies are encouraged to attend Women's Winter Weekend February 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2023! We will go to Lincoln City to study "Through It All. God Has Been There". Cost: \$100. **Today is the last day to register!!!** 

| Many Hands Make Light WorkGet Involved!                  |                                    |  |
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| Circle Facilities Manager (Inside)Eric Bracht            |                                    |  |
| UCC Facilities Manager                                   | Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons          |  |
|  | Josh Stutzman, Eric & Chris Jensen |  |
| Education Ministry                                       | (CR-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)         |  |
|  | Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen           |  |
|  | Rolland House                      |  |
|  | Jann Bracht                        |  |
|  | 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       |  |
|  | 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 |                                    |  |