

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, Reneé Gunselman's mother, Deanna Patton, Tim Eastridge (recovery and physical therapy), John Fancy's mom.

Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Pray for Susan's boss, Daisy, who is having an MRI on her left knee. Please pray for Cam McGinnis, Cathy Brooks' friend, who had his thyroid removed in January due to cancer, but the cancer has spread to his lungs. He will be undergoing radiation treatments soon. Pray for John Corbin, with Hodgkin's lymphoma. Please continue praying for Lois Munson's back issues. Pray for Eric Bracht's sister-in-law, Toni, who has an infection from her back surgery. **8/10 Update: Toni is** home with the antibiotics she needs.

Physical:

Please pray for Susan as she remembers her father and her husband, Jon. Pray for Eric Bracht as he is still in Alaska taking care of his parents. Pray for the many people as they deal with various health problems as they get older. Pray for them to keep the faith and to continue to be and feel blessed by God. Pray for all who are estranged from family members, and for there to be reconciliation at some point.

Spiritual:

Susan is having a hard time being herself and reconciling memories from her past.

Military: Justin & Briar Rogers in Oregon National guard

<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, Jean Woods, Geri York; Christian Relief Fund, Mountain States Children's Home, Orphans' Lifeline of Hope

Praise:

Susan gives praise that she read two chapters in Psalms last week! Susan also praises God that she and Brie have been working together for three years now!

Doing some spring cleaning? We are always accepting donations of children's clothing (sizes NB-18 years old) and unopened, unexpired canned and boxed foods.

Deacons: Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen, Jose Reyes

Outreach Programs: 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, UCC Mission Trips



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August 13, 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.

Join us this Wednesday (8/16) at 5:30pm to set up racks for our Clothing Give Away! Dinner is provided, and Timothy Udumula, a missionary from India, will be giving a short talk after.

Upcoming Events

August 13th, 9:30am: Bible Class August 13th, 10:30am: Sunday Morning Worship (Livestream available at 2020circle.com): Wes Hanson: "Coming To Church: To Our Judge And Mediator" August 13th: Last day to return Mountain States Children's Home change cans

August 16th, 7pm: "All Hands On Deck" to set up our Clothing Give Away August 19th: Guys' Breakfast

From the Desk of Jennifer Boss

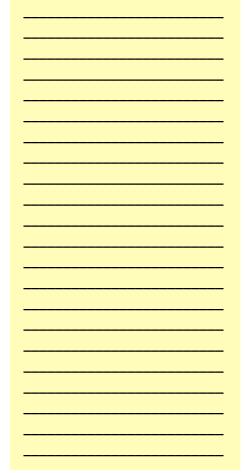
The previous week my thoughts have been dwelling on a class we had where we spent time in Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43. It is the parable of the wheat and the weeds. The parable is about wheat sown, and weeds are sown among them by an enemy. Pulling the weeds out immediately might end up pulling out some wheat, so they are left to grow up together until the time of harvest where they will be separated. The wheat to the barn and the weeds to the fire. We explored how some weeds could look like wheat, and some could look like weeds, and how that relates to people and the kingdom of God. Not only do we as believers need to guard against becoming weeds or looking like the world, but we do not know who will run that race, who will or won't be a weed at the time of harvest. This connected with what I had recently been reading both in the book of Jude and a historical sermon.

In Jude, he urges on those that are called by God and kept by Christ. We are reminded of the salvation we share. From the time the Lord delivered His people out of Egypt but later destroyed those who did not believe, when some angels did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their home, and when Sodom and Gomorrah gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. He adds to that the dreamers who pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings (v. 1-8). The reminder of the doom of man's history and the state of a fallen world is followed by a call to persevere. This was all foretold. It is known by God and He made provisions for a reconciliation with Him. You are to "... build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you eternal life." (20-21). As we are growing up among the weeds, and I pray earnestly we run the race and finish as wheat, we must remember we are not growing as a potted plant. We are in a giant field surrounded by the growth of so many others. Jude goes on in verses 22-23 to spur us on to have a heart for others' salvation. Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear - hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh."

The historical sermon this reminded me of was given in 1860 by Charles Spurgeon called the Wailing of Risca. A passage from it reads "oh my brothers and sisters in Christ, if sinners would be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees imploring them to stay and not madly to destroy themselves. If hell must be filled at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions. And let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for." A sobering portrayal of the importance of the message we carry and the gravity of the time we have on this earth until the time of the harvest. Let us be soberly and fearfully reminded of the reality we are living in, but encouraged and spurred on knowing God has already won, and that there are still hearts and souls to be won for the kingdom. Many that look like weeds around us will end up wheat come that time.

The book of Job closes with submission and praise to God, which I would like to as well. "To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen. (Jude 24-25).

Thoughts, Questions, Notes





Last Week's Contribution	\$2,545.16
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$4,087.94
Attendance	101

University Christian Center



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Servant Spotlight: Jason Kuo For the next few weeks I want to highlight behind the scenes servants at UCC and Circle. Jason does so much for our church and UCC. He's a student leader. He's a UCC van driver for almost every trip. He comes every Sunday and Tuesday (often Wednesday too). He cooks for UCC and Circle about once a month. He plans at least 1 trip per term. He designed UCC T-Shirts. He reads his Bible daily (He's read through John, Acts and Genesis this vear). Last week he came by UCC and asked me. Josh, what can I do for UCC? He painted for 5 hours by himself, and I didn't even ask. Here's the kicker. he's doing all this and he's not a Christian. So what can you do? 1) Thank him. 2) Take him out to lunch and find out about his life (I'm gone for the next two weeks, this is your chance. He's only here till December)!

Sunday Servants Aug 13

Elder of the Month: Rolland House

A/V: N Cloutier/F Cloutier; G House/J Gunselman Song Leader: T Wood Opening Prayer: R Bracht Communion: M Johnson Closing/Pastoral Prayer: R House Speaker: W Hanson

Sunday Servants Aug 20

A/V: B McCaughan/J Boss: A Bracht/Ca Jensen Song Leader: G House Opening Prayer: J Reyes Communion: T Wood Closing/Pastoral Prayer: C Long Speaker: W Hanson

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Ladies' Corner Ladies' Yamhill Retreat: September 8-10, 2023. Cost: \$95 (\$120 after 9/2). Theme: Just Breathe Ladies' Autumn Brunch: September 30th, 9-11am here in our basement.

Food, Fun & Fellowship!

Many Hands Make Light WorkGet Involved!		
Circle Facilities Manager (Inside)James Freeman		
UCC Facilities Manager	Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons	
Campus Ministry	Josh Stutzman, Eric & Chris Jensen	
Education Ministry	(CR-8 th Grade)	
	Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen	
	Rolland House	
	Jann Bracht	
	Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan	
	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		
Youth MinistryEric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen		