

## Elders



Rolland House



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Minister of the Word



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## Ministers

### Please Pray For Our Family

#### Please continue to pray for:

Keith Cornell, Phil & Linda Weimer, Paul & Donna Johnson, Jean Woods, Linda Holland, Charlotte Bibb, Glenn Hallas & his family, Don Patton, Tim Eastridge, House family, Fancy family, Tom Powell, Laurie Eastridge

#### Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Pray for Paul Weaver battling pancreatic cancer that has spread to his liver and colon. Paul is Laurie Eastridge's uncle and close friend of Nap Acidera.

Pray for Wes's mom, Linda Hanson, having a bladder tumor removed on November 20<sup>th</sup>. **Update: The surgery went well, and the Doctor was able to remove the whole tumor and administer chemo.**

Pray for Thomas Pruett as he finishes his week of testing to get on the heart transplant list. **Update: Thomas is now number 16 on the heart transplant list.**

Please pray for John Fancy's dad, as he will have surgery to have non-cancerous tumors removed.

#### Physical:

Please pray for everyone affected by hurricanes in the Southeast.

#### Spiritual:

Please pray for us all to be reading our Bible effectively.  
Let us not grow weary in doing good.

#### Praise:

Praise God that Debra (Cathy's friend) is home after spending months in the hospital!!!

**Military:** Ryan Bracht & Justin in Oregon National Guard

**Expecting Mothers:** Lauren Bracht, Michelle Parsons

**Widows, Widowers, and Orphans:** Pam Briggs, Bobbie Cooke, Anna Dyk, Laurie Eastridge, Sarah Giboney, Lorelea Glenn, Loretta Hartman, Linda Holland, Susan Melero, Virgil Oakes, Don Patton, Tom Powell, Florence Purvis, Luci Spencer, Tanya West, Jean Woods, Christian Relief Fund, Mountain States Children's Home, Orphans' Lifeline of Hope

**What do I do at church? 0-3: Stay in Worship, Unattended Training Room in Foyer, Unattended Nursery Upstairs; 3-10: Go to Kids Time after communion; 11-18: Worship, Help with Kids Time**

Deacons: Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen

**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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## 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



Cathy Brooks is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner potluck in the basement on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Talk to her today if you are planning on coming, and please sign up to bring a dish to share!

### "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

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am:** Bible Class

**November 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am:** Sunday Morning Worship (Livestream available at 2020circle.com):

**Wes Hanson: Festival of Thanksgiving**

**November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2pm:** Thanksgiving Dinner in the basement hosted by Cathy Brooks

**December 6<sup>th</sup>, 6pm:** Christmas Craft Night! Bring finger food to share and Christmas recipes to swap. Kids will make a Christmas ornament. Everyone is invited!

**December 13<sup>th</sup>:** Game Night! 5:30pm, Dinner provided.

# The Atheist's Predicament

I had a conversation last week with a Christian friend about Thanksgiving. He was remarking about the atheist's predicament regarding gratitude- "Who does the atheist thank for all he has? Himself?" The phrase we teach our children is, "Thank YOU," not, "Thank ME."

When we "GIVE thanks," it begs the question- "who receives the thanks we are giving?" The actions of gratitude require an object- specifically a person- to whom we must direct our thanks. As Christians, we recognize that the person most worthy of our gratitude is God.

We must thank Him. He is worthy of all thanksgiving. There is nothing we have that we did ultimately receive from His gracious and good hands. We thank Him simply because He is good. We thank Him for all of His good deeds toward us. We thank Him for the Gospel that has given us forgiveness, peace, eternal life and every other spiritual blessing in Jesus Christ.

Our generous Father in Heaven deserves to be honored and celebrated among His children. As Ephesians 5:20 (this month's memory verse) states, we should be, "always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

This Lord's day we will be changing up the usual order of service a bit to interlace Scripture and Song into a festival of Thanksgiving directed to God. I have collaborated and coordinated with those serving in the worship assembly this morning to create an order of service that will hopefully foster an "overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

## Thoughts, Questions, Notes

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Cathy Brooks will host a Thanksgiving dinner at the building on Thanksgiving Day (November 28<sup>th</sup>) at 2pm. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer to bring something to share. Please also bring a game to play in case dinner is not ready right at 2pm. If you have questions, please call Cathy at 541-609-1654.

If you need a Christmas food box, please make sure to talk to Charlene Franklund. If you would like to donate to our food box ministry, please write "Food Boxes" in the memo line of your check, put cash in an envelope labelled "Food Boxes" or donate online via Tithely and choose "Food Boxes" from the drop-down menu.

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| <b>Last Week's Contribution</b>    | \$10,976.84 |
| <b>Year to Date Weekly Average</b> | \$4,530.65  |
| <b>Budget</b>                      | \$5,960.00  |
| <b>Attendance</b>                  | 105         |

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"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Thanksgiving is usually a wonderful time of good food and reuniting with family (though I know for some people reuniting with family does not mean fun). However, we are called to give thanks always, when things are good or bad. Thanksgiving can be hard in tough times. I had one professor who lost a wife and 2 sons to cancer within 2 years. He told the class he would wake up every morning and give thanks for indoor plumbing, because that was the only positive he could think of. I had another professor who lost his wife tell me, "read the book of Job now, before some tragedy happens." So I have 2 tips today: 1) Every morning and night, give thanks to God for 3 things. You can always be thankful for the Grace of Jesus Christ and the right to be in the presence of God (few people have this gift). 2) I've started watching videos of my nieces and nephews laughing when I get down. It's kind of like an emergency savings account of good times that can be spent when the bad times hit.

**Contact Numbers:**  
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503-866-9117 cell



## Sunday Servants Nov 24<sup>th</sup>

**Elder of the Month:** Rolland House  
**A/V:** J Baxter/J Gunselman; A Bracht/Ca Jensen  
**Song Leader:** C Long  
**Announcements:** N Acidera  
**Opening Prayer:** B McCaughan  
**Communion:** M Johnson  
**Servers:** J Baxter, A Brooks, E Hanson

**Prayer Requests:** R House  
**Closing Prayer:** D Patton  
**Speaker:** Wes Hanson

## Sunday Servants Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

**A/V:** J Baxter/B McCaughan; J House/J Gunselman  
**Song Leader:** R House  
**Announcements:** E Bracht  
**Opening Prayer:** E Gunselman  
**Communion:** F Cloutier  
**Servers:** Ca Jensen, V Oakes, A Brooks  
**Prayer Requests:** E Gunselman  
**Closing Prayer:** J Reyes  
**Speaker:** Wes Hanson

## Ladies' Corner

**Women's Winter Weekend 2025:** Save this date for our annual women's retreat: January 31-February 2. We will go through a study titled "Forgiving What You Can't Forget". The cost is \$110 for the weekend. Registration opens on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Talk to Jackie in the foyer to register and give her your check made out to Circle Church of Christ.

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

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| Circle Facilities Manager (Inside)..... | James Freeman  |
| UCC Facilities Manager.....             | Nathan Lopez, Bob Parsons                                      |
| Campus Ministry.....                    | Josh Stutzman, Eric & Chris Jensen                             |
| Education Ministry.....                 | (CR-8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)                                     |
| High School.....                        | Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen                                       |
| Adult.....                              | Rolland House  |
| Coordinator.....                        | Jann Bracht  |
| Media/Web Ministry.....                 | Frank Cloutier, Bill McCaughan                                 |
| Fellowship Ministry.....                | Tom & Maria Zhang  |
| Men of Iron.....                        | Rolland House  |
| Clothing Drive Lead.....                |  |
| Food Boxes Lead.....                    | Charlene Franklund   |
| Quilts for CASA.....                    | Cathy Brooks   |
| Van Ministry.....                       | Bob Parsons  |
| 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                     |