

## Elders



Rolland House



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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.

Please pray for Chris Jensen's sister, Jennifer Brogdon. She has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will need a double mastectomy. Pray for God's healing hand to be upon her, as well as His peace that passes understanding.

Please pray for Judy Miebach as she recovers from a recent surgery. Please also keep praying for Vern and his health issues.

#### Physical:

Please pray for the Ingle and Letke families, grieving the loss of Mike Letke, Carter & Barb's son's father-in-law. Pray for Susan's friend Amy as she adjusts to life with a new puppy, and for Susan's friend Dana who lost her granddaughter.

Pray that the transition to a new presidential administration will be effective and peaceful.

#### Spiritual:

Please pray for us all to be reading our Bible effectively. Susan asks for prayers to consistently read her Bible.

#### Praise:

Susan gives praise that she has lost weight! She is approaching 50lbs lost. Great job, Susan!

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, Loreale 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



Everyone of all ages is encouraged to come to Game Night this Friday at 5:30pm! There will be card, board and video games, and dinner will be provided. Please bring a game to share if you want to!

### "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

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am: Bible Class

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am: Sunday Morning Worship (Livestream available at 2020circle.com):

**Wes Hanson: We D.R.E.W. Closer to God & to Each Other**

December 8<sup>th</sup>: Love Offering. This special offering will benefit families here at Circle who need a little extra help this holiday season.

December 8<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday Second Service, 5:45pm at Park Place

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



**The Challenge for 2025:**

This month I will begin actively promoting a year-long challenge for 2025: "Daily Reading Every Word." I am encouraging every able member of Circle Church of Christ to commit themselves to reading every word of Scripture over the course of next year. *Proverbs 30:5* declares, "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him." My hope and prayer for 2025 is that by Daily Reading Every Word we might come to the end of the year and say that we: D.R.E.W. closer to God and to each other as a congregation; that we D.R.E.W. deeper knowledge, understanding, wisdom, strength, peace, and comfort from God's Word; and that we D.R.E.W. others to see for themselves that the Lord is good and His ways are best.

**The Fellowship:**

Each week during 2025, I will be crafting sermons from the texts that the congregation has been reading during the week prior. On a few occasions I may run ahead of the congregation to provide helpful contextual information before you read. During my 20 years at Scappoose Church of Christ we did this together multiple times. It was beautiful to see members engaged in conversation beyond the building about the texts they were all reading. I have witnessed firsthand how it produced a cultural shift within the congregation, bringing to reality the kind of ongoing Scriptural conversation that is described in Deuteronomy 6:6-9.

**The Program:**

We will be using "The One Year Bible" to guide our reading for the year. There are many good reasons for choosing this program over other reading schedules. Perhaps the main one is that many people who begin with good intentions to, "just start in Genesis and work toward Revelation," get bogged down in the genealogies or regulations somewhere around Leviticus and never even get to the other parts of the Bible. With the "The One Year Bible" program you will be reading in four different parts of Scripture every day.

Every day there will be a short selection from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, & Proverbs. This variety means there should be something that grabs your heart and mind every day. It also means that individuals are allowed to modify their personal goals: a person might choose not to read the Old Testament but continue to read every word of the New Testament or every word of the New Testament & Psalms.

You can purchase a paperback copy of "The One Year Bible" in a variety of translations for around \$12 (that breaks down to \$1 a month). These are available at most Christian bookstores or through online sellers like Christian Book Distributors or Amazon. "The One Year Bible" is also available in digital and audio forms. I have asked Maria to publish the reading schedule for each week in the bulletin so you don't even have to purchase "The One Year Bible" to participate. My suggestion is that you invest in whichever resources are affordable for you and that are most likely to help you succeed. For many of us, having something digital on our phones will be an excellent way to keep things readily available and help us avoid excuses.

**The Why:**

This will be good for the life, health and fellowship of Circle Church of Christ. I've witnessed the cultural shift that occurs when brothers and sisters read the Word of God together at Scappoose. During the current year, Southwest Church of Christ in Tigard, Oregon has been reading the whole Bible together. I witnessed the devotion and fellowship of their teens last February at Camp Yamhill's Teen Winter Retreat. These teens were meeting during their free time to do their reading aloud together as a group. Reading as a community draws the community closer to God and to each other. It provides support, fellowship and accountability. It draws the community into deeper wisdom and understanding of God's perfect will. It draws outsiders into the household of faith that is sincerely seeking God.

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It's easy to get distracted. Cell phones, television and materialistic desires are all things that get us off mission. Each week at UCC we make an "I will statement," a practical Spiritual goal for the week I've been surprised recently that people rarely fulfill these goals (myself included). I get to Tuesday night and say, "woops, I forgot. I guess I better do it next week." Let me remind us of our mission. We are to 1) Love God, 2) love people and 3) make disciples of Jesus. How did you do at fulfilling this mission this week? This week I was consistent with #1, sporadic with #2 and I didn't make much progress with #3. When is the last time you showed God's love to someone (#2)? When is the last time you trained someone to obey Jesus and serve his kingdom (#3)? If we want to see the kingdom of God transform our homes, city and world, we must become lazar focused on the mission of God.

**Sunday Servants Dec 8th**

**Elder of the Month:** Ed Gunselman  
**A/V:** A Brooks/J Gunselman; N Cloutier/F Cloutier  
**Song Leader:** T Wood  
**Announcements:** J Fancy  
**Opening Prayer:** B McCaughan  
**Communion:** J Stutzman  
**Servers:** E Hanson, J Baxter, A Brooks  
**Prayer Requests:** N Acidera  
**Closing Prayer:** M Ramsdell  
**Speaker:** Wes Hanson

**Sunday Servants Dec 15th**

**A/V:** J House/J Boss; A Brooks/C Murphy  
**Song Leader:** J Reyes  
**Announcements:** B McCaughan  
**Opening Prayer:** F Cloutier  
**Communion:** E Gunselman  
**Servers:** T Wood, G Brown, F Cloutier  
**Prayer Requests:** D Patton  
**Closing Prayer:** Ca Jensen  
**Speaker:** Wes Hanson

**Ladies' Corner**

**Women's Winter Weekend 2025:** Registration opens today! Talk to Jackie in the foyer to register and give her your check for \$110 made out to Circle Church of Christ.

<b>Last Week's Contribution</b>	\$3,898.38
<b>Year to Date Weekly Average</b>	\$4,517.20
<b>Budget</b>	\$5,960.00
<b>Attendance</b>	105

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

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