

Elders



Rolland House



Ed Gunselman

Ministers



Wes Hanson
Minister of the Word



Josh Stutzman
Campus Minister

Please Pray For Our Family

Please continue to pray for:

Keith Cornell, Phil & Linda Weimer, Paul & Donna Johnson, Don Patton, Tim Eastridge, Sarah Giboney, Tom Powell

Pray Also For These Health Requests:

Continue praying for Enoch, Nora, Frank, Ed, Kay, and Dale as they recover from surgical procedures.
Pray for Jennifer Boss, recovering from appendectomy.
Pray for Maria's godmother, Yvette, who just finished chemo and radiation for glioblastoma.

Physical:

Pray for Harmony's parents, who are having some difficulties.
Pray for Susan as she deals with a bully in her neighborhood.
Pray for safety for everyone fighting fires and providing relief to people affected by fires.

Spiritual:

Pray for Circle Church of Christ and all the great things happening right now!

Military: Ryan Bracht & Justin Rogers in Oregon National Guard

Praise:

Virgil gives praise that his great niece is home from the hospital!
Susan gives praise that she is continuing to lose weight, and that she got to visit with her sister-in-law.

Expecting Mother: Emily Wood

Widows, Widowers, and Orphans: Pam Briggs, Bobbie Cooke, Anna Dyk, Sarah Giboney, Loreale Glenn, Loretta Hartman, Linda Holland, Gail McCaughan, Susan Melero, 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

There was a young man, who came to Jesus with a question about eternal life and, "went away sorrowful." In the course of the conversation, Jesus had exposed a rather serious "difficulty" in his life. Apparently, the young man had, "great possessions." Many would likely assume that "great possessions" should make life easier, not more difficult. But Jesus, knowing better, exposed the difficulty presented by the young man's possessions, challenging him to, "Go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Jesus had challenged him to prioritize his eternal, spiritual life over his mortal, physical life by making a clear choice that would expose his priorities clearly. Which did the young man value more? "treasures in heaven?" or "treasures on earth?" When the young man left, Jesus turned to his disciples and stated plainly, "only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 19:16-30)

"Only with difficulty," Jesus said. He did not say that being rich is inherently sinful. Abraham was rich. Job was rich. Zacchaeus was rich. Joseph of Arimathea was rich. Lydia, Priscilla and Aquila, and others were likely wealthy as well. Material wealth is not inherently sinful. But it does present a very serious, potentially deadly "difficulty" that must be addressed. There is a false sense of security, a false sense of entitlement, and a false sense of power that comes with physical wealth. This "deceitfulness of riches" means there is an ever present temptation to love them, desire them, and pursue them at a level that "chokes the word" and prevents maturity and spiritual fruitfulness (Lk 8:14). I Timothy 6:9-10 describes the "desire to be rich" as "a snare" composed of "many senseless and harmful desires... that plunge people into ruin and destruction," by which, "some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."

So how did Abraham and Zacchaeus navigate this difficulty? The short answer: They prioritized and settled the desires of their hearts. They resolved that spiritual things are of greater value than physical things. They recognized that physical things had to be held loosely while spiritual things must be gripped tightly. They made peace with the "uncertainty of [physical] riches," acknowledging the need to "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Tim 6:17-19).

It is easier to enter eternal life with empty pockets. The truth is that's the only way we can enter; "for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim 6:7). Those who must beg for their "daily bread," in life are predisposed to look to Heaven for satisfaction. James 2:7 marks this fact: "Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith...?" It's easier to let go and move on when there is less stuff to let go of. The difficulty of physical riches lies primarily in the temptation to overvalue them. And the bigger the volume of physical treasures, the greater the difficulty of "counting everything as loss," or "counting them as rubbish" (Php 3:8). How easily a visible abundance of physical treasures obscures our vision of the more valuable, more abundant wealth of riches in Christ.

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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Family Newsletter

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

Help Kids Find Their Perfect Back To School Outfit!



We need lots of volunteers!!! What do you do as a volunteer at the Clothing Give Away?

- 1) Greet shoppers and help them find the type of clothing they are looking for.
- 2) Take empty hangers off the racks.
- 3) Sort donations, put clothing on hangers, and hang clothing on racks.
- 4) Keep the clothes, shoes, accessories, etc. neatly organized.
- 5) Enjoy fellowship and free food!

Helpers of all ages are wonderful, so please bring your whole family!

"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

August 16th: Circle of Prayer at Circle Church of Christ
August 20th-22nd: Clothing Give Away, 9-4, lunch provided daily.
August 26th: All Hands On Deck to put away racks and clean up the basement after the Clothing Give Away
August 27th: Blood Drive, 12pm-5pm. Register online. Donors have the opportunity to receive a \$20 Amazon gift card.
August 29th: UCC Work Day, 9am-6pm. Come help get the UCC ready for students!

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Third, ask the Lord of the harvest for more workers to send into his harvest field. Let's get ready to welcome the new students! Pray that we will find ones who want to commit to Jesus.

Communion Prep: Lydia Perry
Elder of the Month: Rolland House

Speaker: Wes Hanson

A photograph showing a variety of coats and jackets hanging on a metal rack in a retail store. The garments include a grey and white plaid jacket, a brown leather jacket, a bright orange jacket, a red jacket, a patterned jacket, a white jacket with a red stripe, and a bright pink jacket. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Tear Down & Dinner: Wednesday August 26th

If you need a Holiday Food Box, fill out the form(s) in the foyer and put it in the locking box in the auditorium no later than September 27th.

Last Week's Contribution	\$4,154.11
Year to Date Weekly Average	\$5,654.09
Budget	\$6,145.00
Attendance	108

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)
High School	Eric Bracht, Eric Jensen
Adult	Rolland House
Coordinator	Jann Bracht
Media/Web Ministry	Frank Cloutier
Fellowship Ministry	Tom & Maria Zhang
Men of Iron	Rolland House
Clothing Drive Lead	Loralea Glenn
Food Boxes Lead	E Brown, B Ingle
Quilts for CASA	Cathy Brooks
Van Ministry	Bob Parsons
Widows Ministry	L Hartman, L Glenn
Women's Ministry	T Brown, R Gunselman,
	N Johnson, J Parsons
Youth Ministry	Eric & Jann Bracht and Eric & Chris Jensen

Thoughts, Questions, Notes