

**Stories of Faith**

- I. Four stories of faith.
  - a. Jesus and the sinful woman.
    - i. The invitation to dinner, she was not on the list. She was outside the ropes.
    - ii. Simon “the important one” (Pharisee) is appalled at what happens in this story.
    - iii. The story within the story.
  - b. The Soldier.
    - i. Individual sick – highly valued slave.
    - ii. Jewish Elders are sent to ask Jesus to come and heal.
    - iii. His faith:
    - iv. Jesus is amazed, “I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel!”
    - v. The slave is healed.
  - c. The Widow.
    - i. From the village of Nain (any details about the village?)
    - ii. Woman’s history.
    - iii. Funeral in session.
    - iv. Response of the crowd.
    - v. There is no mention of the woman’s faith.
  - d. John the Baptist.
    - i. John is in prison, “Are you the one? Are you the one that we have been waiting for?”
    - ii. John is in a faith crisis, of all people to have a faith crisis!
- II. Conclusion: Which faith story is yours?
  - a. Maybe you are like the woman caught in a messy life.
  - b. Maybe you are like the soldier with firm faith in the midst of a crisis.
  - c. Maybe you are like the widow with everything important taken away.
  - d. Maybe you are like the suffering servant with a mind full of doubt.



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**Sunday Worship** (10:00 & 4:00)  
**Sunday Bible Study** (9:00)  
**Wednesday Bible Study** (6:30)  
**Life Groups** (Various Locations)

**Ministers:**  
 Doug Austin & Michael Nelson  
**Elders:**  
 Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo  
 Wayne Fenter - Jerry McCormack  
 Lee Rogers - David West

**Elder Chairman of the Month:**  
 David West

**OUR MISSION**  
*to seek and save the lost through evangelism,  
 benevolence, and edification.*  
 -Luke 19:10

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**Worship Order – April 19, 2020**

**Welcome:** Michael Nelson

**Songs:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

If it Had not Been for the Lord

Blessed Assurance

Whom Shall I Fear

**Sermon Part 1:** Doug Austin – “Stories of Faith”

**Songs:** At the Cross

Come to the Table

**Communion Thought:** Michael Nelson

**Sermon Part 2:** Doug Austin – “Stories of Faith”

**Song:** 10,000 Reasons

**Closing Prayer:** Lee Rogers

**Closing Song:** The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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**Prayer Requests**

- **Larry Williams** continues to undergo tests. Results are expected in a couple of weeks.
- **Kenny Doyle**, Neva Doyle's son, is undergoing tests for cancer. Prayers are appreciated.

**Continue in Prayer**

Rosemary O'Neal, Bill Linder, Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks, Tim Miller, Loretta Bullock, Veda Proctor, Robert Dilbeck, Mary Lou Hall, Jerry Stanley, Larry Williams, Shawn Lee, Ray & Joanne Magness

**Home Pointe Family Activity**

**Ingredients Needed:**

- 50-60 coins
- A pair of thick winter or work gloves
- A bible
- A timer or watch with a second hand
- A bowl, piece of paper, and pencil for each person

**Nutritional Value:**

Teaches that God uses us to show His love to others.

**Follow these steps for a great experience:**

1. Put all of the coins on a table so that each coin lies flat against the surface.
2. Give each child a bowl for holding change.
3. Set the timer, giving each child 60 seconds to pick up as many coins with their hands as possible.
4. Allow the children to count their coins before placing them back on the table for the next child.
5. Put the change back on the table and invite the children to do it again. Tell them that this time they will get to keep every coin they manage to place in the bowl with their fingers.
6. Just before saying "Go" for them to start—say, "You must wear these!" holding up the gloves.
7. Once the children are wearing the gloves, start the timer for another 60 seconds.
8. After each child has fun struggling to pick up their few coins, read John 13:34-35 and ask the children how Jesus said people will know we are disciples.
9. Once they've answered "By showing love to one another," explain that it seems like it would be easier for God to show His love on His own, just like it was easier picking up the coins the first round without the gloves. But He has chosen to use us, as though He puts His hand in a glove.

# Life@CCR

- It is with great sadness that we announce the **cancellation of this summer's VBS** due to continued fears over the Coronavirus. We sincerely thank all the volunteers who have pledged their time and talent to this wonderful program. Look forward to a terrific 2021 Vacation Bible School!!
- **We have run out of our pre-filled juice & wafer cups for the Lord's Supper! We have more coming, but the shipment has been delayed. We do, however, have unleavened bread. If you would like to swing by, we will get you fixed up!**
- **The modified Church office hours** are from 9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. each weekday. We will be working on a revolving schedule so that there is always at least one office member in the church office between those hours.
- **Congratulations to Chris Nunez and Emily Vasquez**, who were baptized into Christ on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to the family, Chris & Emily! We look forward to working with you both.
- **David West** will be hosting another **Zoom bible lesson on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.** In order to join the lesson, you'll need to download the Zoom app and follow "David West is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting." If you need help with getting this set-up, please don't hesitate to contact the church office.
- We have restocked our inventory of the Spring Edition of **Power for Today**. If you need a copy, please swing by the church office.

**For the Record**

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....---/---  
 Sunday AM/PM Worship.....---/---  
 Weekly Contribution.....\$5,106

**Week @ a Glance**  
**Celebrations & Happenings**

<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	No Bible Classes or Sunday a.m. or p.m. worship. Dana Powell's b-day.
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	No Men's Only Lunch
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	No Ladies Class No Evening Bible Class No Recharge Meal
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Bobbie Doyle's b-day.

**Pantry Items Needed:** Cereal, pasta sauce & spaghetti, pb & j, crackers, soup, Hamburger Helper

**Thank You Notes Received**

Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you for all the prayers, words of encouragement and meals to shut-ins. All wonderful acts of kindness. I'm looking forward to being a part of you in person. The cards have been encouraging.  
 Thank you,  
 Billie Elkins

**GOD IS NOT FINISHED...**

In the famous lace shops of Brussels, Belgium, certain rooms are dedicated to the spinning of the finest lace, with the most delicate of patterns. These rooms are completely dark, except for a shaft of natural light from a solitary window. Only one spinner sits in the room. The light falls on the pattern while the worker remains in the dark.

Has God permitted a time of darkness in your world? You look but you cannot see him. You see only the fabric of circumstances woven and interlaced. You might question the purpose behind this thread or that. But be assured, God has a pattern. He has a plan. The Bible says in Romans 8:28, "In all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." He is not finished. But when he is, the lace will be beautiful!

-Max Lucado