

Introduction

The future looks rather ominous.

- I. Christians need to manifest one of our most precious possessions, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. We do not know what this world is coming to, but we know who is coming back.
  - b. Tit. 2:13-14.
  - c. 2 Pet. 3:3-15.
  - d. It makes a big difference how you handle your life when you know the end is near.
- II. Three principles we need to know if we need to remember.
  - a. What seems slow is still completely under \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. The return of Christ has delayed well past the expectation of the early church.
    - ii. So far, every attempt to pin down a date has been wrong.
    - iii. The future ultimately belongs to God.
  - b. Scripture shows us enough about the future to keep \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. The world will end like he said it.
    - ii. 1 Pet. 1:13.
    - iii. Heb. 9:28.
    - iv. 1 Pet. 1:3-5.
    - v. That is one of the reasons we get together every week and share a meal.
    - vi. 1 Cor. 11:26.
  - c. What we know about the future should \_\_\_\_\_ the present.
    - i. The question should not be when is he going to come, it should be \_\_\_\_\_?
    - ii. 1 Pet. 1:11.
    - iii. The church has lost an eschatological viewpoint – to see life through the end.
- III. Things that would be different if we lived this way:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ the trivial for what it really is.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ like people who are truly pilgrims.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ our walk with our talk.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ the time we do have as a precious gift.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ our trials through the lens of hope.

Conclusion: We know the end of the story!



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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:**  
Lee Rogers

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

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# The Encourager

Country Club Road Church of Christ

## Worship Order – September 20, 2020

**Welcome:** Brandon Cometti

**Song Leader:** Wayne Fenter

**Songs:** 2 – Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!

971 – Trials Dark on Every Hand

**Sermon A:** Doug Austin – “How Long, Lord, How Long?”

**Communion Song:** 371 – When We Meet In Sweet Communion

**Sermon B:** Doug Austin

**Songs:** 703 – Jesus Is Coming Soon

963 – Soon and Very Soon

**Sermon C:** Doug Austin

**Invitation Song:** 435 – Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand

**Closing Song:** 452 – Seek Ye First

**Closing Prayer:** Michael Nelson

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**Prayer Requests**

- **Rachael Holmes** is recovering from foot surgery on Wednesday.
- **Vince Bergman** has returned home and will be receiving therapy there for the time being.
- **Glen Browning** had a feeding tube inserted due to digestion issues. He & Carolyn have relocated to a new assisted living facility.

**Continue in Prayer**

Rosemary O’Neal, Bill Linder, Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks, Tim Miller, Mary Lou Hall, Jerry Stanley, Larry Williams, Ray & Joanne Magness, Vickie Gove, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Jim West, Stephen Coley, Lunabeth Willis



- **The Elders would like to remind everyone to use the hand sanitizing stations in the building (1-by nursery; 1-by library; 1- gym foyer; 1-foyer table). In addition, they would like to encourage mask wearing when interacting with one another. If we remain vigilant, maybe we can beat this thing!**
- **Due to issues with folks not receiving our prayer chain emails, we have begun using a new email system.** If you are still not receiving the church emails, please check your spam folder. If the emails are going to spam, just move those over to your inbox. If that does not correct the problem, please alert the church office.
- The weekly **Guys Only Lunch** will meet on **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. **Please meet at Pepper’s at 11:30 a.m.** All men are invited to participate!
- Parents, there are a plethora of **activity pages** located at the Home Pointe Center for your kiddos each Sunday morning. Be sure & check them out!
- **The shower table for Matt & Anna Ingalls will remain up until Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>!** **Matt & Anna** are registered at Target & Amazon. If you prefer to drop a gift in the mail, their address is 11 Stephens Circle, 88201.
- **We are excited to announce the return of Bible Class, taking place on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>! Further details will follow soon but the plan for now is to offer classes for Journey Land kids (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) through adults!**

**For the Record**

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....---/27  
 Sunday AM/PM Worship.....141/61  
 Weekly Contribution.....\$6,491

**Week @ a Glance**

**Celebrations & Happenings**

<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Journeyland Zoom meeting @ 9 a.m. Children’s Worship on Facebook Live @ 9:30 a.m. A.M. worship via 106.5 or Facebook Live @ 10 a.m. Michael O’Neal & Stacie Knight’s b-day.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Kylie Montgomery & Keith Knight’s b-day.
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Wednesday evening worship @ 6:30 p.m. L.J. Harrell’s b-day.
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	Anna Ingall’s b-day.
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	Aurelio Pacheco’s b-day.

**Pantry Items Needed:** Spaghetti sauce

**Life Group Study Questions**

1. What do you think this world is coming to? What is it ultimately coming to? How does this give you hope?
2. Why do you think the return of Christ has been delayed for so long?
3. Reflect on 2 Peter 3:9. What words and concepts jump out to you? Why?
4. Define the word triumph? In what ways will we triumph?
5. Do we live in the “future tense”? How do we balance looking forward with living in the present?
6. The Bible calls us pilgrims and aliens. What do you think that means? How does that impact our daily lives?

**Journey Land Zoom Class Schedule**

September 20<sup>th</sup> (Bible) – 10 Plagues  
 September 27<sup>th</sup> (Geography)  
 October 4<sup>th</sup> (Bible) – Moses: God’s Law Given to Moses  
 October 11<sup>th</sup> (Bible) – Moses: Continuation of God’s Law  
 October 18<sup>th</sup> (Geography/History)  
 October 25<sup>th</sup> (Geography/History)

**Thought for the Day:**

“When you continually replay painful confrontations and situations of the past, you are giving life to them, you are giving a future to them. Champions permit yesterday to die.”  
 -Mike Murdock

**Those Scheduled to Serve**

**Deacons on Duty:** Dale English, Pablo Contreras, Jacob Puckett  
**Men on Duty:** S.C. Morrow, John Matta, Brandon Cometti, Mark Pantuso, Tom Shaffer, Bill Steinruck, Marco Ramirez  
**Greeters:** David & Shana West