#### Kneeling for Knowledge Ephesians 1:15-23

Introduction

Good news/bad news.

Eph. 1:15-23.

- This is basically one long prayer for knowledge.
  - a. Growing involves knowing.
    - i. John 17:3.
    - ii. Too many Christians have become satisfied with a superficial knowledge of God.
  - b. Knowing includes kneeling.
    - i. Knowing God is more than an academic discipline.
    - ii. Eph. 1:13-14.
    - iii. This is our greatest need.
- What happens when the eyes of our hearts get larger? II. We are going to understand that. . .
  - a. Our hope is unassailable.
    - i. Eph. 1:18.
    - ii. Rom. 15:13.
    - iii. This is hope that can be realized right now.
    - iv. Our hope in God effects how we handle life.
    - v. 1 Peter 1:3.
    - vi. Phil. 3:10-11.
  - b. His power is undeniable.
    - i. Eph. 1:19.
    - ii. The deceiver wants to tell us that we are spiritually powerless and incapable and will always stay that way.
    - iii. Heb. 2:14.
    - iv. Col. 2:15.
  - c. His authority is uncontestable.
    - i. Eph. 1:20-21.
    - ii. God meant for us to live triumphantly, not in chains.
  - d. Our potential is unimaginable.
    - i. Eph. 1:22.
    - ii. We should move out boldly.
    - iii. Eph 3:20-21.

#### Conclusion

Can we pray, "Open the eyes of our heart Lord?" Will we?

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Doug Austin & Michael Nelson

Wayne Fenter - Jerry McCormack Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo

Elder Chairman of the Month:

Lee Rogers - David West

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To seek and save the lost through evangelism, benevolence, and edification.

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# Worship Order - February 7, 2021

Song: 544 – Surround Us, O Lord

Welcome: Brandon Cometti

Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Songs: 66 - Be Still and Know

682 – Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer

443 – My Only Hope Is You

Communion Thought: Michael Nelson

Communion Song: 583 – I Am Thine, O Lord

**Communion Prayers:** Michael Nelson

**Song:** 54 – Holy, Holy, Holy

**Sermon:** Doug Austin – "Kneeling for Knowledge"

**Invitation Song:** 253 – Open the Eyes of My Heart

Closing Song: 392 – Sing and Be Happy

**Closing Prayer:** Dale English

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#### **Prayer Requests**

- Leah Williams is slated to begin chemotherapy treatments on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Alicia Bennett will see a medical oncologist in Albuquerque on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Brittanie Burden's
   COVID test came back
   negative. She will see
   her G.I. doctor today
   regarding her recent
   colonoscopy.

#### **Continue in Prayer**

Rosemary O'Neal,
Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil,
Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks,
Tim Miller, Mary Lou Hall,
Ray & Joanne Magness,
Sam & Pat Gentry,
Cheryl Ringheimer,
Helen Aston, Elaine Bell,
Glen & Carolyn Browning,
Jim West, Geneva Fender,
Kathleen Sherman,
Marli Turtera

# From the Mailbag

Country Club Road Church of Christ,
Thank you everyone for all the gifts and well wishes. God bless all of you.

Love,
Keegan & Alexia Steinruck

Dear Church Family,
I so enjoy receiving your cards of encouragement and phone calls. Thank you!

In Him,

Audrey Davee

Country Club Road Church of Christ,
Thank you for the nerf footballs, alarm clock, Uno cards, Axe
cologne and Los Angeles Lakers blanket. It was very nice of you.
Hope you had happy holidays.

Love always,
Xavier Tarpen (NMCCH)

#### **Those Scheduled to Serve**

**Deacons on Duty**: Dan Montgomery, Larry Williams

Men on Duty: Kennon Swinney, Brian Doyle

Greeters: George & Pat Escalante, Wayne & Judy Fenter,

Bill & Gale Wright

# Life@CCR

- If you have not registered for your COVID vaccine and need help doing so, please get with any office staff member and we will get you fixed up! Individuals 60 years old or older can also call the Chaves County Joy Center at 575-623-4866 to get registered.
- A huge thank you to those who filled change cans and/or donated hot cocoa mix for the New Mexico Christian Children's Home. They were thrilled with your generosity!
- Here is a list of items needed for the craft for CCR Kids this week...a paper cup, wide, clear tape, markers and a flashlight. Don't forget, CCR Kids airs each Saturday evening on Facebook Live at 6 p.m.
- Book Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.
   The cost of the next book will be \$8.
- In an effort to bless Larry & Leah Williams as Leah begins her chemotherapy treatments, we would like to gather frozen meals to deliver to their home on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Right now, Leah is unable to do repetitive movements with her arms, which presents a challenge when cooking. Let's join forces to stock their freezer with easy, convenient meals that they can pull out and heat up when needed! While preparing your meal, please remember to just prepare enough for two people. Be sure & include heating directions on the top so they know how to prepare it and bring your frozen meal to the church building by noon on the 17th. We will deliver all of the frozen dinners at once on that afternoon. Please also include a card with your meal so that the Williams know who has blessed them!

# For the Record

Sunday A.M. Worship	147
Weekly Contribution\$4	4,866

### Week @ a Glance

#### **Celebrations & Happenings**

7 <sup>th</sup>	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5
	FM or Facebook Live.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Book Club @ 6 p.m.
	Mary Salyards' b-day.
9 <sup>th</sup>	Glenna Bertola & Mark Pantuso's b-day.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday evening worship @ 6:30 p.m. on
	Facebook Live.
	Bill Wright's b-day.
11 <sup>th</sup>	George Escalante's b-day.

**Pantry Items Needed:** Peanut butter, Jelly, Tuna, Cereal, Vienna Sausage, Spaghetti sauce

# Life Group Questions

#### Text – Ephesians 1:15-23

- 1. Which of the things that Paul prayed for could you use right now? What could our church use?
- 2. As stated in verse 17, what could you be doing in life "that you may know him better?"
- 3. In verses 20-22, what do you learn about Christ?
- 4. How does our hope in God affect how we handle life?
- 5. How do we learn to live more triumphantly?
- 6. How is our potential unimaginable? Do we believe that? Do we live like it?
- 7. Spend some time in prayer asking God to "open the eyes of our heart" both as individuals and as a congregation.