Love, True Love

- The garden metaphor
- God and the farmer
- Abide or Not to abide, it is the solution John 15:4
- Ephesians 3:16-19

Today: Love . . . Agape Love

Agape love is _____

- \Rightarrow How wide is your love?
- ⇒ How fare are you willing to go with your love
- ⇒ Good Samaritan
- ⇒ God's love is wide
 - o Romans 5:8
 - o John 3:16

Agape love is

- ⇒ 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a
- ⇒ Our love sometimes is in spirts. It has a beginning and end

Agape love is

- \Rightarrow If love . . .
- ⇒ Agape love choses to love
- ⇒ "Let this cup pass from me"
- ⇒ "Love your enemies"
- ⇒ "Father forgive them because they do not know what they are doing."

Agape love is

- ⇒ Price: How far you are willing to go
- ⇒ "... while we were still sinners, Christ died ..."
- ⇒ Deep is more than a price tag

What now . . .

Agape love is not about us. It's about abiding in Christ, so we produce the agape He desires!

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Periodical Postage

Sunday Worship $(10:00 \ \& \ 4:00)$ Sunday Bible Study (9:00)

Life Groups (Various Locations)

Doug Austin & Michael Nelson

Wayne Fenter - Jerry McCormack Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo

Lee Rogers - David West

Elder Chairman of the Month:

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

The Encourager Country Club Road Church of Christ Worship Order – August 22, 2021 Welcome: Brandon Cometti **Song Leader:** Kent Taylor Songs: 668 – I Love You, Lord 596 - I Love You with the Love of the Lord 629 – Angry Words 537 – Heart of a Servant (repeat twice) 788 – O to Be Like Thee! **Sermon A:** Doug Austin – "What Does an Elder Do?"

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Communion Thought: Doug Austin

Song: 598 – A Common Love (all, repeat verse 1)

Sermon B: Michael Nelson

Invitation Song: 485 – Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet (vs. 1 & 3)

Closing Song: 756 – I Want to Be a Worker (vs. 1 & 2)

Closing Prayer: Marco Ramirez

Sunday Morning Bible study (9:00 a.m.)

Sermon on the Mount – Doug Austin (Worship Center)

"Now That I'm a Christian" – Oscar Hernandez/Mike Joy (Small F.) Revelation (Spanish) - Virtual

Jr. High/High School – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26)

JL 1st - 6th grade - (Rm. 20)

4's, 5's & Kinder – Amy Joy (Rm. 11)

3-year old's - Rachel & Mattie McCarty (Rm. 3)

Nursery up through age 2 – Various teachers (Rm. 1)

Wednesday Evening Bible Study (6:30 p.m.)

Revelation (Spanish) - Virtual

"Like" us on Facebook and "Follow" us on Instagram.

Prayer Requests

 Larry Fitts underwent knee replacement surgery on Wednesday. Trish sent a message say that the surgery was successful. Larry should be home by Thursday afternoon. They are grateful for the church's prayers.

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O'Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Wanda Walker, Jean Brooks, Mary Lou Hall, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Glen & Carolyn Browning, Geneva Fender, Kathleen Sherman, Sally Keikkala, Marcine McDaniel, Leah Williams

From the Mailbag

Our sincere gratitude is extended to Ladies Bible Class for the many cards, phone calls & visits paid to our mother. She was truly blessed by your concern and she cherished each & every one of you.

Sincerely, The (Neva) Doyle Family

Dear CCR Family & Friends,

We truly appreciate all the care, concern, prayers, love and cards you all have sent. It has helped us more than you know. Joe & I have been so blessed with such a loving, caring church family. Thank you!! In Christ's Love, Joe & Melba Jackson

Those Scheduled to Serve

Deacons on Duty: Kent Taylor, Phil Sexton, Dale Rogers **Men on Duty**: Alan Warboys, Rodney Rogers, Mac Rogers, Mark Pantuso

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class	87/
Sunday AM	155
Weekly Contribution	\$6,618

Life@CCR

- Due to the new public health order issued by the state, effective Friday, Aug. 20th, masks will be required at all public indoor spaces, to include churches. The Elders would like us to be vigilant in following these orders. Masks will be available on the foyer table for each worship service. Thanks for your understanding as we continue to navigate this pandemic.
- We hope to pick up our Wednesday Night Recharge meals in September! If you would be willing to cook a meal, we are organizing a calendar for the months of September through November. The calendar is posted on the foyer table for sign-ups.
- We are currently collecting funds to send to the Children's Home to better stock their commissary. If you would like to donate, please make your check to NM Christian Children's Home and list commissary on the memo line.
- Elder nominations are due by Sunday, August 29th. If you would like to nominate an individual, please be sure and speak to them first and consider those qualities listed in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 & Titus 1:5-9.
- Ronnie Merritt has had the same rural mail route for 62 years!!! In honor of Ronnie and his forthcoming retirement, we would like to have a potluck ice cream social on Wednesday, September 1st. Please consider joining and making a crock of homemade ice cream. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the foyer.

September Happenings:	
Wednesday, 9/1	Ice Cream Social honoring Ronnie
	Merritt @ 6 pm.
Sunday, 9/5	Promotion Sunday (all youth will
	promote to the next grade).
Wednesday, 9/8	Ladies Bible Class resumes @ 10 a.m.
	Wednesday Night Recharge begins @
	5:30 pm.
Sunday, 9/12	Journeyland classes begin!

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

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22 nd	Bible Class @ 9 a.m.
	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,
	Facebook Live & YouTube.
23 rd	Jalil Brown's b-day.
25 th	Wednesday evening worship @ 6:30 p.m., also
	available on Facebook Live.
26 th	Jean Brooks & Joanne Magness' b-day.
27 th	Byntli Jobe & Emily Vasquez's b-day.

Pantry Items Needed: Mac & cheese, peanut butter

Study Guide for Small Groups

- 1. What about love is easy? What about love is difficult?
- 2. What does it mean to abide in Jesus in order to produce the fruit God desires?
- 3. How do we balance the work of God with the responsibility we have to produce fruit?
- 4. How do we love wide (reaching beyond our comfort zones)?
- 5. How do we love long (even when it is difficult)? 1 Corinthians 13
- 6. How do we love God and others high (regardless of current circumstances?)
- 7. What price should we pay in order to love deep?
- 8. How do we love like it's not about us?