

Introduction

When it comes to prayer, God and I have been having a conversation!

The one answer I hear is this: God answers prayer dramatically! If he didn't why do we bother?

- I. Answered prayer in the Old Testament. There are dozens of examples, but let's just look at one.
  - a. While Moses was on Mt. Sinai receiving the 10 commandments, the people grew impatient because they hadn't heard a word from him in over a month.
  - b. Ex. 32:9-14.
  - c. The Bible says, "God changed his mind."
- II. Answered prayer in the New Testament.
  - a. Luke 18:1-8.
  - b. So don't quit praying!
  - c. Sometimes God says, "No," but other times he says, "Wait."
- III. What God did in the Old and New Testaments he still does today.
  - a. The first barrier we must learn to hurdle is this one: "Prayer is to a person, not only a power; to a Father, not only a force."
    - i. Always conclude that the Father wants to hear from his children.
    - ii. Matt 7:7-11.
  - b. The second barrier we must learn to hurdle is: "Learning to trust in the one who has our best interests in mind."
    - i. Should God know better?
    - ii. What is he trying to teach me? Paul in 2 Cor. 12.

Conclusion

I know some who:

- Have given up in prayer altogether.
- Don't have the words to say.
- Have worn out their knees.



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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 - Kent Taylor  
David West

Elder Chairman of the Month:

Jerry McCormack

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 – February 13<sup>th</sup>

Welcome: Michael Nelson

Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Songs:

Communion Song:

Communion Thought: Jesse McCarty

Song:

Sermon: Doug Austin – "God Still Answers Prayers"

Songs:

Invitation Song:

Closing Song: 893 – Jesus, the Loving Shepherd

Closing Prayer: Bryce Taylor

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

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians – Lee Rogers (Rm. 25)

Parables – Doug Austin (Rm. 27)

"Now That I'm a Christian" – Oscar H, Quinton F, Jesse M (Small F.)

Revelation (Spanish Class) – Mynor Vasquez (Virtual)

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

JL 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – various classrooms, look for red flag

JL 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade – various classrooms, look for blue flag

3's, 4's, 5's & Kinder – Rachel & Mattie McCarty (Rm. 3)

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

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### Prayer Requests

- **Davis Bennett** had successful stent removal surgery in Lubbock on Tuesday.
- **Landon Bennett** had surgery on Thursday to repair a separated AC joint in his shoulder.
- **Marcine McDaniel** will have knee replacement surgery in Lubbock on Tuesday.

### Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O’Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Wanda Walker, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Elaine Britt, April Puckett, Pablo & Cecilia Contreras

### From the Mailbag...

Dear Church Family,

Dale and the entire Rogers family are so grateful for the kind and giving hearts in this church body. First of all, a huge thank you to all the helping hands that worked to provide the wonderful meal before our dear Kay’s funeral service - it was delicious and enjoyed by all! Also, thank you so much for the continued thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. This congregation can always be counted on for endless kindness, prayers, and lots of home cooked meals!

We have been so blessed by this church and are beyond thankful to be surrounded by such an amazing church family.

Sincerely,  
The Family of Kay Rogers

This week’s prayer of unity is to listen to God’s answers instead of our own desires.

### For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....94/62  
 Sunday AM.....184  
 Weekly Contribution.....\$8,694

# Life@CCR

- Please join us next Saturday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> for an event called, **“Let Your Light Shine!”** This will be a singing devo for young & old alike, so please bring the family. Start time is 2 p.m.
- **We have an abundance of at-home Covid tests available that are free for the taking. Please help yourself! They are located in a box next to the foyer table.**
- **Cyndni Vandiver will continue to sell tickets for Sound of Music performances until Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10. Shows are for Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. or Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Please get with Cydni or the church office if you would like to order tickets.**
- **Mark your calendars!!** A family getaway is being planned for Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. We will depart the building at 1 p.m. to head to Winter Park in Ruidoso for an afternoon of tubing and fun. RSVP is required by Wednesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets costs are as follows:  
 Children 3 & under – free  
 Ages 4 - 18 - \$15  
 All other tickets - \$26.50
- **Recharge Meals are coming back!!** Our first meal back will take place on Wednesday, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to volunteer to help in any capacity please get with any member of the office staff.
- **Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School, scheduled to take place June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. We are going to need lots of help in the way of teachers & volunteers. Please see Taryn Houghtalin or a church staff member to get signed up.**

### Those Scheduled to Serve

**Deacons on Duty:** Dan Montgomery, Jose Baeza, Brandon Cometti, Brian Houghtalin  
**Men on Duty:** Brian Doyle, Kevin McCormack, Thomas Beard

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

<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Brown Bag Recharge @ 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m.
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Melissa Baeza & Mac Rogers’ b-day.
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Let Your Light Shine singing devo @ 2 p.m.

### **Study Guide for Life Groups**

1. Think about someone you know who is a great “prayer warrior.” How did they get to that place in their life? What can you learn from that person?
2. Regarding prayer, what do you find your greatest challenge?
3. Any examples of unanswered prayers? How has God blessed you when he didn’t give you what you asked for?
4. What do we do while we wait for God to answer our prayers?
5. How do we learn to trust God’s answer when he says no?
6. Does our prayer life presume that God will do something? How can we grow our faith to know that God will act?
7. A line in the sermon went something like this, “Prayer is to a person, not only a power; to a Father, not only a force.” What are the implications of that statement?