

Life as a Vapor

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ often fosters the illusion of \_\_\_\_\_.
- James has talked a lot about wisdom.
    - Pray for it. Jam. 1:5.
    - The wisdom of the world is characterized by this arrogant assumption of self-sufficiency.
  - Have you ever had great plans disrupted by uncontrollable circumstances?
    - Luke 12:13-21.
    - James would say that he was a mist!
    - We don't own the future, but we know who does.
- II. Three mistakes we often make about the future, especially if we are in the marketplace.
- \_\_\_\_\_ God.
    - James is not condemning planning.
      - Luke 14:28-33.
      - Prov. 21:5.
    - Make plans, if the Lord wills.
      - Prov. 16:9.
      - This is an attitude.
    - All through scripture. . .
      - Acts 18:21; 1 Cor. 16:7; Rom. 1:10.
    - When asking his will before making plans we must be ready to give him the glory when the results come.
      - Prov. 16:3.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Prov. 27:1.
    - The Bible uses many metaphors for the span of a person's life.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ doing good.
    - Don't think you have tomorrow to do the will of God.
    - Prov. 3:27-28; Gal. 6:10.
- III. Two warnings that come right out of our text.
- \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss personal successes (16).
    - Praise God about it!
    - There is no honor in being a successful fool.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ to pursue God's agenda.
    - True wisdom always grants God permission to change the plans.
    - "If God wills" is an attitude of the heart.
    - God has a higher view.

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**Sunday Worship (10:00 a.m.)**  
**Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.)**  
**Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)**  
**Life Groups (Various Locations)**

**Ministers:**

Doug Austin

**Elders:**

Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo  
Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers  
Kent Taylor - David West

**Elder Chairman of the Month:**

Wayne Fenter

**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

**Song Leader:** Kent Taylor

**Call to worship:**

**Welcome:** David West

**Songs:**

**Communion Song:**

**Communion Thought:** Jesse McCarty

**Song:**

**Sermon:** Doug Austin – “Life as a Vapor”

**Invitation Song:**

**Closing Song:**

**Closing Prayer:**

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

**Survey of the Old Testament** – Doug Austin (Rm. 27)

**“Now That I’m a Christian”** – Oscar H, Quinton F, Jesse M (Small F.)

**Revelation (Spanish Class)** – Mynor Vasquez (Rm. 22)

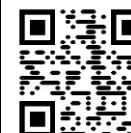
**Jr. High/High School** – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26)

**JL 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade** – Matt & Anna Ingalls (Rm. 20)

**4’s, 5’s & Kinder** – Amy Joy (Rm. 12)

**2’s & 3’s** – Rachel & Mattie McCarty (Rm. 3)

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



**Visitors, please scan this QR code and tell us a little about yourself!**

### Prayer Requests

- **Davis Bennett** has follow-up appointments at MD Anderson on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Prayers are appreciated for **Ray & Joanne Magness, Lindal Nelson & Rita Hughes**. All have tested positive for Covid-19.
- **Denny & Betsy Gumfory's daughter, Janey**, is set to be induced this weekend. She will be delivering twins.

### Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O'Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Wanda Walker, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Cecilia Contreras, Cherish Sexton

- **Book Club** will meet on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.
- We are getting excited and gearing up for the Milestone Celebration, taking place at the end of the month. An RSVP will be extremely helpful for planning purposes. **To RSVP, please go to:**  
<https://www.eventcreate.com/e/milestone-celebration-2022>.

### **Here is a quick look at activities for Milestone Celebration 2022:**

#### **Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**8 a.m.** – Golf Scramble (NMMI)

**9 a.m.** – Ladies Day Brunch with guest speakers Becky Holton & Ashley Watkins

**6:30 p.m.** – Barbecue fellowship with special entertainment

#### **Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

**9 a.m.** – Welcome & Donut Social

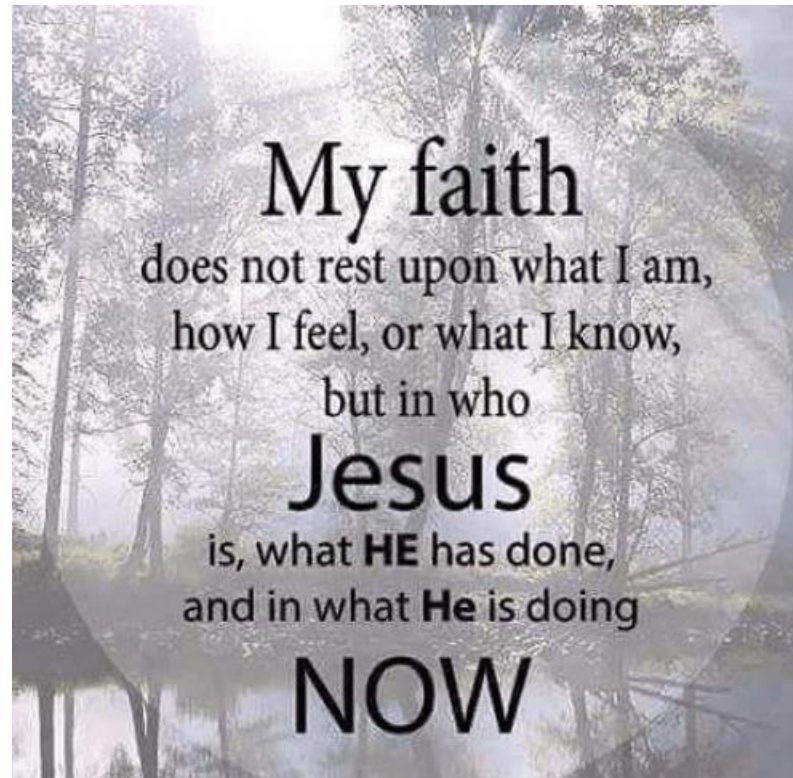
**9:30 a.m.** – Congregational singing with Josh Watkins

**10:00 a.m.** – Worship, Doug Austin: "Stones of the Past" & Kerry Holton: "Stones of the Future"

**11:00 a.m.** – All Congregational Potluck Fellowship

**12:30 p.m.** – Congregational Singing & Devotional with Josh Watkins

# Life@CCR



### Those Scheduled to Serve

**Deacons on Duty:** Greg Nibert, George Escalante, Joe Sanchez, Bryce Taylor

**Men on Duty:** Ron Doyle, Ronnie Merritt, Jerry Ringheimer

### For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....86/58  
Sunday AM.....134  
Weekly Contribution.....\$7,786

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

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| <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | Bible Class @ 9 a.m.<br>A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> | Elders' Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.<br>Book Club @ 6 p.m.<br>Braulio Santos' b-day.                          |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> | Kevin McCormack's b-day.   |
| <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> | Wednesday evening bible class @ 6:30 p.m.  |

### Study Guide

Text: James 4:13-17

1. When you were 15, what did you expect to be doing when you were 25? Were you right?
2. Are you a long ranger planner or do you take one day at a time? Is this good or bad?
3. What attitude should we have toward our future plans? Is there something wrong about planning?
4. How do prayer and planning go together? Do we combine these two things enough in our life? Is prayer one of the places we find the "will of God?"
5. What thoughts come to mind when you read verse 17? Does this expand your view of sin?
6. How do we choose to "not waste today?"