

The Encourager

Country Club Road Church of Christ

God: In Charge

Would we rather have God in a Jack-in-the-box? God pops up and solves the problem.

- I. God wants you to hear, "At no time am I ever off my throne."
 - a. Physical sovereigns never stay in charge – eventually they lose their throne.
 - b. In Gen. 3, the serpent doesn't talk back.
 - c. If God is in charge, what do we do with all the evil in the world?
 - i. Are there things going on in the world that God can't stop?
 - ii. Prov. 21:30.
- II. So, what does this mean?
 - a. We do not need to wonder about who's in control.
 - i. Acts 12 – James is killed, Peter is set free – yet God still reigns!
 - ii. Is. 46:10 (God speaking).
 - iii. God does not need our permission to rule as he pleases.
 - iv. Conversation at the end of Job – "Where were you. . ."
 - v. Man often thinks he is in charge.
 - vi. People who were in the right place at the right time, yet many thought they were insignificant.
 - b. Sometimes God accomplishes his will by trials and suffering.
 - i. Ps. 115:3.
 - ii. Ps. 135:6.
 - iii. If we could totally "figure out God" he would be too puny for our worship!
 - iv. Rom. 11:33-36.
 - v. When it comes to God's sovereignty, we do not need more understanding, we need more faith.
 - vi. Job's response to the difficulties that he was facing, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."
 - 1. Job learned that knowing who was more important than knowing why.
 - 2. Ps. 11:3-4.

Conclusion
If God is indeed in charge, nothing should be able to frustrate our hope in him.

COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
CHURCH of CHRIST

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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)

Minister:

Doug Austin

Elders:

Davis Bennett - Tim Dunnahoo

Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers

Kent Taylor - David West

Elder Chairman of the Month:

Tim Dunnahoo

OUR MISSION

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

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Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Call to worship: 57 – Holy Ground

Welcome: Brandon Cometti

Songs: 268 – All the Way My Savior Leads Me

589 – The Battle Belongs to the Lord

759 – Ye Are the Light of the World

Communion Song: 304 – What a Savior

Communion Thought: Denny Gumfory

Song: 747 – Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Sermon: Doug Austin – "God in Charge"

Invitation Song: 292 – Into My Heart

Closing Song: 790 – When We All Get to Heaven

Closing Prayer: Jose Baeza

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

Sermon on the Mount – Doug Austin (Rm. 25)

The Psalms – Tim Dunnahoo (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 4th – 6th grade – various classrooms, look for blue flag

JL 1st – 3rd grade – various classrooms, look for red flag

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)



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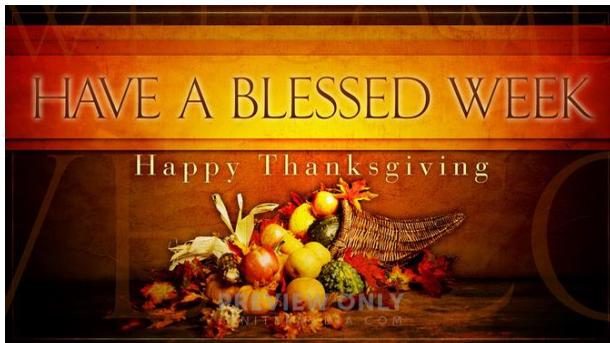
Prayer Requests

- **Davis & Alicia have returned to Roswell and are back home now.** Davis will have 6 weeks off from chemo treatments. They will return to MD Anderson in late December.

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O’Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Wanda Walker, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Chris Bertola, Joyce Preston, Doris Rodriguez, Lauren Simons, Delpha Moody, Kevin Austin

As we prepare to give thanks for the bounty of blessings God has bestowed upon us we wanted to take just a minute to thank our members for their tireless efforts. The hand of God is definitely at work in this place thanks to the talents and many hours of selfless sacrifice you provide. Thank you to our bible class teachers, journeymen, VBS volunteers, Life Group leaders, Elders, Deacons, Men on Duty, interpreters, security crew, sound booth volunteers, building maintenance workers, library helpers, card writer’s, song leaders, prayer givers, Recharge meal makers and helpers! It is only when the whole body of Christ works together that we can function like a well-oiled machine and we are eternally grateful for the role that you play! Wishing you a safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving!



Life@CCR

- **Wednesday Night Recharge will be taking a brief break for the holidays.** Special thanks to **Emily Taylor** for providing the dessert for our last Recharge of the year. We look forward to picking back up in January!
- **Our midweek service for Wednesday, Nov. 23rd has been cancelled.** We encourage you to enjoy this time with your loved ones. We will have prepared handouts on Sunday morning for a time of reflection at home with your families on Thanksgiving Eve.
- **Please note that there will be no bulletin next week!** The church office will be closed on Thursday & Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- **Our pantry shelves are getting a bit bare!** These past two weeks we have seen an uptick in requests for food. Items needed include cereal, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter & jelly, canned soup, canned meat and dry pinto beans.

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....101/--
 Sunday AM.....192
 Weekly Contribution.....\$7,672

Those Scheduled to Serve

Deacons on Duty: Greg Nibert, George Escalante, Joe Sanchez, Bryce Taylor
Men on Duty: Ron Doyle, Ronnie Merritt, Jerry Ringheimer

Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

20th	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Quinton Franzoy’s b-day.
21st	Elders’ Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
22nd	Matt Rogers & April Bailey’s b-day
23rd	No Ladies Bible Class. Wednesday evening service cancelled. Janice Bennett’s b-day.
24th	Office Closed – Happy Thanksgiving!
25th	Office Closed.

Study Guide

1. How has the prayer guide impacted you this week?
2. Why do we have so much trouble with wanting to control things?
3. Give some examples from scripture or your own life where you\they thought you\they were in charge, and it went totally wrong?
4. Think of some people who were in the right place at the right time, yet thought they were insignificant. Tell their stories. How did God accomplish his will through them?
5. Wrestle with Romans 11:33-36. What do you learn from this passage? How does this prayer of praise effect your understanding of God?
6. How does God accomplish his will through trials and suffering?
7. How can we have more faith regarding God’s sovereignty?