#### A Prayer for Wisdom

Col. 1:9-14

If you could ask for anything, what would you ask for?

- What do you need to be spiritually mature?
  - a. Col. 1:9-14.
  - b. We need to be praying for a greater capacity to think spiritually.
    - i. Eph. 1:17.
  - c. Spiritual wisdom is not baptized secular wisdom.
    - i. 2 Cor. 1:12.
    - ii. 1 Cor. 2:6-7.
- We have spiritual wisdom when we stop: II.

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- i. Col. 1:10.
- ii. Fruit was on the branches because it was a fruit tree!
- iii. Eph. 2:8-10.
- iv. Tit. 2:14.
- v. Gal. 6:9.
- vi. The tension is not between grace and works, but between grace and merit.
- b. When we stop \_\_\_\_\_living with power means living without \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - i. Col. 1:11.
  - ii. People with spiritual wisdom understand that God's power is best manifested on the platform of pain.
  - iii. 2 Cor. 12:9-10.
  - iv. C. S. Lewis was asked, "Why do the righteous suffer?" "Why not, they are the only ones who can handle it."
- c. When we stop for salvation and start in it.
  - i. Col. 1:12.
  - ii. Paul does not pray for their qualification as citizens in the kingdom of God.
  - iii. Col. 1:13-14.
  - iv. Our redemption is a present possession, wisdom understands that.
  - v. Eph. 1:7-8.

What we need is more prayers for wisdom – James 1:5.

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Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.)

Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)

**Life Groups** (Various Locations) Doug Austin

Elder Chairman of the Month: Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers Kent Taylor - David West Tim Dunnahoo



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Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Call to worship: 368 – The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Welcome: Lee Rogers

Songs: 591 – When Upon Life's Billows (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

367 – Faithful Love

494 – Just a Little Talk with Jesus

552 – I Know Whom I Have Believed (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**Communion Song:** 371 – When We Meet In Sweet Communion

(vs. 1 & 3)

**Communion Thought:** Joe Bergman

**Song:** 430 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**Sermon:** Doug Austin – "A Prayer for Wisdom"

**Invitation Song:** 888 – Have You Been to Jesus? (vs. 1 & 4)

Closing Song: 944 – Joy to the World (vs. 1 & 4)

**Closing Prayer:** Mark Woody

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

1 John – Doug Austin (Rm. 25) Isaiah – David West (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 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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)



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

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Allen Lightfoot is improving and remains in Lubbock where he should have a defibrillator put in today (Thursday).
- o **Sharon Carbone** is doing well following open heart surgery on Monday in Lubbock.
- o **Jerry Salyards** will begin another round of chemo next Tuesday and will depart for MD Anderson on Friday.
- Vernon Fenter has been hospitalized with a severe case of pneumonia. He is at ENMMC.
- Pablo Contreras is experiencing some health issues.
   Prayers are appreciated.

#### **Continue in Prayer**

Rosemary O'Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Wanda Walker, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Doris Rodriguez, Lauren Simons, Delpha Moody, Koko Blackwell, Chris Bertola

## From the Mailbag...

Dear Church Family,

I am so appreciative of each act of kindness shown to me during my recent health issues. Thank you so much for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. Love,

Fran Craig

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Please consider sharing with our Vision Casting Team what you believe God wants us to accomplish in the next 7 years! See the email that should be in your inbox for instructions on how you can provide your input.

# Life@CCR

- Our condolences are extended to the family of Davis Bennett, who passed on Saturday, Jan. 21st. A viewing will take place at LaGrone Funerl Chapel from 4-6 p.m. on Friday. Services for Davis will be at the church building on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Davis's service will also be broadcast on Facebook Live.
- It was great to enjoy one another's fellowship at our first Recharge meal of 2023! Thanks so much to grillmaster David West for being our cook as well as to kitchen help Ronnie & Beverly Merritt, Alan & Pam Warboys, Tom & Delpha Moody, Shana West & Bryn Shaffer. We still have an open on the 8<sup>th</sup> to fill our schedule for February! Sign-up sheets remain on the foyer table.
- A shower table has been setup in the foyer for Emily Nunez, who is expecting a son on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Emily is not registered anywhere and only requests diapers, wipes and bottles. Cris & Emily plan on naming their second little boy Cesar Benito Nunez.
- Church family, we need your help! We need individuals who would be willing to serve on the Property Committee! If you are handy with, knowledgeable about, or just want to be a part of the maintenance and repairs of the building and grounds, we want you on this important committee. If you are willing to serve in this capacity please inform the church office as soon as possible. We will schedule our first meeting for Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in the Small Fellowship.

## **Those Scheduled to Serve for January**

**Deacons on Duty**: Dale English, Pablo Contreras, Jacob

Puckett, Michael O'Neil

Men on Duty: S.C. Morrow, John Matta, Tom Shaffer,

Marco Ramirez

#### Week @ a Glance

**Celebrations & Happenings** 

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Cecilia Contreras' b-day.	
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Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m.	
@ 5:30 p.m.	
ay evening service @ 6:30 p.m.	
Reese Cometti's b-day.	
Diana Bergman & Cody Rattan's b-day.	

#### **Small Group Bible Study**

- 1. Describe what a spiritually mature person looks like?
- 2. Why is understanding and discernment such important characteristics in someone who is spiritually mature?
- 3. How do we associate works with righteousness? What is the relationship between the two?
- 4. How does being spiritually mature help deal with the pain of life?
- 5. When asked why the righteous suffer, C. S. Lewis answered, "Why not, they are the only ones who can handle it." Wrestle with that quote. Is it true? Why or why not?
- 6. How can we "bask" in the salvation that God has already given us?