

Gideon: God's Transforming Presence

God is in the business of taking weak, insignificant people and transforming them by his presence.

- I. The condition of Israel (6:1-10).
 - a. Yet God sends a prophet, not a judge.
 - b. But God did not leave them there, he never does.
- II. The call of Gideon (6:11-16).
 - a. The state of Gideon's family.
 - i. This shows that Gideon was both poor and afraid.
 - ii. He is a defeated, discouraged man, filled with doubts and fears.
 - b. God's transforming presence.
 - i. God has done this before:
 - ii. Some people see flaws and failings – God sees our possibilities.
 - c. Gideon's problems.
 - i. Discouragement and inadequacy.
 - ii. Notice God's response in vs. 14.
 1. "Go in the strength you have. . . . I will be with you."
 2. 2 Cor. 3:5.
 - iii. Our weaknesses do not hinder God!
 1. 2 Cor. 12:9.
 2. What we need most is not self-confidence, but God confidence.
- III. The confirmation of Gideon (6:17-24).
 - a. Gideon has come to realize that there is something special about this man.
 - b. Even Gideon can't miss this message.
 - c. Gideon's alter – "God is Peace."
 - i. This is a major step forward in Gideon's faith.
 - ii. He is taking the relationship public.

Conclusion

On his own Gideon was a weak, faltering doubting man. Once he meets God, he is never the same again.

2 Cor. 3:18.

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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:

Tim Dunnahoo

Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers

Kent Taylor - David West

Elder Chairman of the Month:

Kent Taylor



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The Encourager

Country Club Road Church of Christ

Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Call to worship:

Welcome: Tim Dunnahoo

Songs:

Communion Song:

Communion Thought: Oscar Hernandez

Song:

Sermon: Doug Austin – "Gideon: God's Transforming Presence"

Invitation Song:

Closing Song:

Closing Prayer: Brian Houghtalin

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 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)



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

Prayer Requests

- **Jerry Salyards** is recovering from a case of the flu. He has a doctor’s appointment on Tuesday, Feb. 21st.
- **Joyce Preston** is struggling with some health issues and experiencing difficult days. Prayers are appreciated.
- **Betty Vinson** (Alicia Bennett’s mom) will have a watchman device implanted in her heart in Amarillo on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd.

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, Koko Blackwell, Chris Bertola, Vernon Fenter, Gale Wright



Our Vision Casting Team had it's second meeting this past Saturday to discuss submitted vision ideas. Great emphasis was put on deciphering the difference between discipleship and outreach. To begin, we will be focusing on discipleship within our walls—ideas about how to help the men and women in our church family grow deeper in their walk with Christ. Thank you to those who took the time to submit your vision ideas and please continue to pray for God’s guidance as we develop a vision for the next 7 years.

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Life@CCR

- **Our delicious Recharge meal this week was courtesy of Nici Austin & Fran Craig. We are continually grateful for those individuals who aid in the cleanup each week, too. Next week’s meal will be chicken spaghetti with sides and dessert.**
- **Parents! Don’t forget the children’s skate & scooter party this Saturday from 5 – 7 p.m.** Dinner will be served and there will be some additional scooters available. Kids of all ages are invited to attend.
- **There will be a property committee meeting this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the small fellowship.** If you would like to join the property committee, please feel free to attend!
- **We have begun making plans for summer quarter bible classes.** Would you consider being a teacher for just one month of the summer (either on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening)? If so, please get with Deona.
- **There will be a meeting for all teens & their parents on Wednesday, March 1st at 5:30.** Please grab a plate of food then make your way to the gym kitchen to discuss the teens teaching in Journey Land this spring.
- **There will be a Vision Casting meeting for all team members on Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30 in the library.**

Those Scheduled to Serve for February

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

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....107/108
Sunday AM.....223
Weekly Contribution.....\$6,740

Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

19th	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Property committee meeting @ 2 p.m.
20th	Elders meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
21st	Josiah Enriquez’s b-day.
22nd	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Recharge @ 5:30 p.m. Wednesday evening service @ 6:30 p.m. Vision Casting meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
23rd	Mary Kay Speir-Howell & Bryn Shaffer’s b-day.
24th	Mattie McCarty’s b-day.
25th	Delpha Moody’s b-day.

***Pantry items needed: Spaghetti sauce & peanut butter**

Small Group Bible Study

Text: Judges 6

1. Besides Gideon, who are some other seemingly insignificant people that God uses? Tell their stories.
2. How can we start believing that God sees our possibilities and not our flaws and failings?
3. Reflect on Judges 6:14. What does this verse say about Gideon? What does it say about God?
4. Reflect on 2 Cor. 12:9. How is God’s power made perfect in weakness?
5. How are we as God’s people being transformed into the image of his Son?
6. What are the most important lessons that you learn from Gideon’s story?