

Our Priorities

A priority is something that you deem valuable over something else.

- I. Priorities are at least two things:
 - a. Observable.
 - b. Powerful.
 - c. Read text.
- II. Priorities for Paul.
 - a. People must matter.
 - i. A great door was open in Troas, but Paul had no peace because Titus wasn't there.
 - ii. Titus brought him news how the Church in Corinth was doing.
 - iii. God gives us a glimpse of Paul's heart.
 - iv. Jesus – went, cared, and demonstrated.
 - v. Our work is all about people because people matter to him.
 - vi. We want to be a church that has its arms wide open for everybody.
 - vii. Studies show that 7-10 people. . .
 - viii. We may only get one shot.
 - b. We re-present Christ.
 - i. It is our responsibility to re-present Christ.
 - ii. 2 Cor. 2:14 (ESV), "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere."
 - iii. Everywhere we go, we have a chance to re-present (fragrance and knowledge) Jesus.
 - c. Be real.
 - i. Some had come into Corinth under the auspices of peddling the Gospel for money.
 - ii. They talked the talk, not walked the walk.
 - iii. Paul, "We speak before God with sincerity."
 - iv. Our world is looking for something genuine, something real.
 - v. Are we a Monday morning church?

Conclusion

I want these priorities to be mine.

God's priority was you!

COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
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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:

David West



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KNOWN.

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The Encourager

Country Club Road Church of Christ

Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Call to worship:

Welcome: Marco Ramirez

Songs:

Communion Song:

Communion Thought: Denny Gumfory

Song:

Sermon: Doug Austin – "Our Priorities"

Invitation Song:

Closing Song:

Closing Prayer: Jesse McCarty

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

1 John – Doug Austin (Rm. 25)

1 & 2 Peter – Lee Rogers (Rm. 27)

Genesis – 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

- **Sharon Christian** continues to recover from pneumonia at a rehab facility in Albuquerque.

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, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Joyce Preston, Mary Ann Baeza, Koko & Beverly Blackwell, Jerry Salyards, Sharon Carbone

From the Mailbag...

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers for my daughter, Melissa Baeza, who had a medical procedure last week. Thankfully, everything went smoothly. Thank you again for your concern and for staying in touch.

Sincerely,
The Baeza family



The Vision Casting Team is working on vision statements that will help us accomplish part one of our mission statement: We exist to know Jesus. They are considering what we can do to help people grow in Christ in four areas: learning the word of God, serving the church and/or community, attending the Sunday morning worship assembly, and building close, Christian relationships. Please continue to pray for the VC Team and the elders as they work on our 2030 vision!

Life@CCR

- **Recharge will be back this Wednesday, March 29th! We'll have chicken & dumplings with salad and dessert. We hope you'll consider sticking around for a singing devo at 6:30!** Please note that all children's classes will still be in session.
- **If you are able-bodied, we could use some help moving tables and chairs following the singing devo on 3/29.** We will be setting up for our springtime potluck, which will take place on Sunday, April 2nd following morning worship. Please plan on bringing two of your favorite covered dishes on that day.
- **Calling all teens! There will be a youth devotional at the home of Celso & Saira Mendoza on Saturday, April 1st at 5 p.m.** Girls are asked to bring drinks and boys need to bring chips to this devo. The Mendoza's live at 4101 East Grand Plains Rd.
- VBS is gonna be here before we know it! **If you are helping, please plan on attending an informative meeting on Wednesday, April 19th following Recharge in the small fellowship.**



"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."



Those Scheduled to Serve for March

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

26th	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Lacey Harrell's b-day.
28th	Rosemary O'Neal's b-day.
29th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Recharge @ 5:30 p.m. Singing devo @ 6:30 p.m.
30th	Jonah Austin's b-day.
31st	Karen Kilburn's b-day.
1st	Vision Casting Team meeting @ 8 a.m.

Study Guide

Text: 2 Cor. 2:12-17

1. Until Titus returns with "good news" Paul has no "peace of mind." What does that say about Paul's concern for this Church?
2. How can the same gospel be either the smell of death or the fragrance of life?
3. How can we spread the aroma of Christ in the world we live in? How can we be a better Monday morning Church?
4. If we need our priorities rearranged, what is the best way to accomplish this?
5. In what ways do we represent Christ? Why is this so important?
6. Why is being authentic so important to the Church, but also to the world?