Be Certain: The Best is Yet to Come

Do you have a realistic hope for the future? The Christians belief in heaven is not just a nice thought to bring comfort at the end of life; it is an essential living hope.

- We know (5:1).
 - a. Paul was a tentmaker by trade here he compares our bodies to tents.
 - i. A tent is a temporary dwelling.
 - 1. Ask any camper!
 - 2. Pecos Wilderness.
 - ii. A tent is also an insecure structure, vulnerable to collapse.
 - b. Paul assures us that the life God has in store for us is much better than this life.
- II. We are guaranteed (5:5).
 - a. God has made a deposit of his Holy Spirit as a guarantee that he is going to fulfill his promises.
 - b. All our life, including our death, matters to him.
 - i. Ps. 116:15.
 - c. We should live like Heaven is a reality in the very near future.
 - i. The possession of it is ours!
 - ii. Already, not yet.
- We are confident (5:6-8). III.
 - a. There is a gradual deterioration of the body
 - i. 2 Cor. 4:16.
 - ii. We need to get ready to move out!
 - b. After this comes the departure of the spirit from the body.
 - c. Then comes the judgment and the granting of our resurrected bodies.
 - i. Should we be afraid of the judgment?
 - ii. 2 Cor. 5:21.

The Christian can live confidently, unafraid of death because Christ has conquered.

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Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)

Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers Tim Dunnahoo Doug Austin

Elder Chairman of the Month Kent Taylor - David West





Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Call to worship: 785 – Come Into His Presence

Welcome: Bryce Taylor Songs: 156 - He Is Lord

838 - Where the Soul Never Dies

794 - No Tears In Heaven

Communion Song: 364 – I Gave My Life for Thee

Communion Thought: Mac Rogers **Song:** 595 – Sing to Me of Heaven

Sermon: Doug Austin – "Be Certain: The Best is Yet to Come" **Invitation Song:** 876 – There is Power in the Blood (vs 1 & 4)

Closing Song: 791 – When All of God's Singers Get Home (vs 1 & 3)

Closing Prayer: Mark Woody

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

- o **Jerry Salyards** remains hospitalized at ENMMC. He is in room 271.
- Lindal Nelson has been moved to a rehab facility in Bandera, TX. He is recovering from a bout of pneumonia.

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, Mary Ann Baeza, Koko & Beverly Blackwell, Pat Davenport, Ray & Joanne Magness Doyle



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Kerry & Becky Holton will join us next Sunday, May 7th. Kerry will continue preaching out of the book of Nehemiah. They will also meet with the Vision Casting Team on Saturday, May 6th to finalize vision statements regarding making Jesus known in our community. Stay tuned for exciting developments that will be soon to come!

Those Scheduled to Serve for April

Deacons on Duty: Phil Sexton & Dale Rogers

Men on Duty: Alan Warboys, Rodney Rogers, Mac Rogers,

Mark Pantuso

Life@CCR

- Our Recharge meal this week was courtesy of the Cometti & Rogers family. Rosalie Fugitt was our baker of sweet treats. We are so thankful for our dedicated cooks...we have only one Recharge left! Look forward to a taco supper next Wednesday.
- Congratulations to Alicia Bennett on the birth of a new granddaughter, India Kate Bennett. India was born on April 22nd in Dallas. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 20.5 in. long.
- We are needing a Sunday school teacher on Sunday mornings for our Journeyland kids during the month of July. If you would be willing to take just a couple of classes that month, it would sure help! If interested, please see Deona.
- We are excited to begin gearing up for yet another successful Vacation Bible School! Registration & sign-up sheets will be available soon, so keep an eye out!
- The Come Fill Your Cup virtual ladies day will take place at noon on Saturday, May 6th. The study will be on 2nd Timothy and lunch will be served. Please RSVP to reserve your spot to Rachel or Mattie McCarty. There is also a sign-up sheet on the foyer table.
- Ladies Bible Class will wrap-up next Wednesday, May 3rd. Our study in the fall will be in the book of James.
 We look forward to seeing you next September!
- LCU's acapella group, Best Friends will be performing at the church on Tuesday, May 16th at 7 p.m. If you haven't had the pleasure of watching them perform you are in for a treat! Be sure to mark your calendars!

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class	102/
Sunday AM	218
Weekly Contribution	\$5,674

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

30 th	Bible Class @ 9 a.m.
	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,
	Facebook Live & YouTube.
1 st	Hawk Houghtalin, Carolyn Nibert & Gloria Matta's
	b-day.
3 rd	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m.
	Recharge @ 5:30 p.m.
	Heidi Weeaks' b-day.
4 th	Levi Moody's b-day.
5 th	Elijah Nunez's b-day.
6 th	Vision Casting Meeting @ 8 a.m.

^{*}Pantry Needs: Cereal, jelly & hamburger Helper

Study Guide

Text: 2 Cor. 5:1-10

- 1. Any funny camping stories? Why is the illustration of the body as a tent so perfect?
- 2. What do you know about Heaven? What do you think it will be like? Does it matter?
- 3. How can knowing the location of your "ultimate" home affect your attitude toward aging?
- 4. Is Paul motivated more by the desire to be with Christ or by the fear of judgment? Which motivates you? Why?
- 5. Does 2 Cor. 5:21 change your view of what might happen at judgment? Why or why not?
- 6. How is the Holy Spirit a deposit of what's to come?