

## Love: In Spite Of

- I. Sometimes life hurts, but love is not about fairness.
- What would life be like if it was always fair?
  - Do we want a bookkeeping God?
  - Think of how Jesus treated Peter.
- II. The two emotions that stem from being hurt.
- Anger says, "I'm going to return the hurt."
    - Anger explosions almost always leave collateral damage.
    - If we don't deal with anger quickly we open the door to the devil.
      - Eph. 4:26-27.
      - Col. 3:8.
    - If we use anger to deal with hurt, we will never run out of hurt.
  - Resentment says, "I'm going to hold on to my hurt."
    - Holding on to a wrong, never makes a right.
    - Eph. 4:31-32.
    - The person we are hurting the most is ourselves.
    - 2 Cor. 2:10-11.
  - Love says, "I'm going to release the hurt and forgive."
    - God's demand for forgiveness.
      - Matt. 6:14-15.
    - I can't promise that if you release the hurt and forgive the person who hurt you that that will heal the relationship.
      - Rom. 12:18.
      - Some people don't want the relationship healed.
    - I will promise that God will heal you and God will use you to model the Gospel.

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:**

Tim Dunnahoo

Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers

Kent Taylor - David West

**Elder Chairman of the Month:**

Tim Dunnahoo



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AND TO MAKE HIM  
KNOWN.

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# The Encourager

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**Song Leader:** Wayne Fenter

**Call to Worship:** 177 - Majesty

**Welcome:** Doug Austin

**Songs:** 676 – Jesus, Meek and Gentle

521 – Love Lifted Me

491 - Redeemed

**Communion Song:** 312 – Jesus Paid It All

**Communion/Offering:** Mac Rogers

**Song:** 466 – Let Him Have His Way with Thee

**Sermon:** "Love: In Spite Of"

**Invitation Song:** 922 – Bring Christ Your Broken Life (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**Closing Song:** 809 – Won't it Be Wonderful There (vs. 1 & 3)

**Closing Prayer:**

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

**1 Timothy** – Doug Austin (Rm. 25)

**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 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade** – various classrooms, look for blue flag

**JL 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

- **Denny Gumfory** underwent a lengthy back surgery in Albuquerque on Wednesday. Please pray for his rapid recovery.
- **Wynn Anderson** is healing after having a stent placed in his leg on Thursday in Lubbock.

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, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Mary Ann Baeza, Pat Davenport, Larry Young

From the Mailbag...

Thank you all at Country Club Rd. Church of Christ for blessing us with a great start at school. And for always being there for us! We greatly appreciate everything you all have done for us. We are super blessed to be a part of this amazing church family. We love you all and we are grateful to have all of you. God bless you! -JoAnn Betancur & family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for being there for us during our loss of Mark’s dad, Phil. Once again, our church stepped in, and we were treated so graciously and kindly. The meal provided before the funeral was such a blessing. Thank you also for the many cards, texts, phone calls & visits. -The Pantuso Family

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....103/--  
 Sunday AM.....213  
 Weekly Contribution.....\$5,720

Those Scheduled to Serve for July

**Deacons on Duty:** Phil Sexton, Dale Rogers  
**Men on Duty:** Alan Warboys, Rodney Rogers, Mac Rogers, Mark Pantuso

# Life@CCR

- **Gwyn Burd & Rosemary O’Neal** pulled out of Roswell today, headed to their new home in Abilene. Please pray for them as they make this transition. Their new address is 7018 Journey Lane, Abilene, TX 79606.
- We will have an all-congregational Wednesday night **singing service** on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars.
- **The Holton’s will return next weekend. Look forward to Kerry preaching on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Recharge is just around the corner, kicking off on Wednesday, Septemeber 6<sup>th</sup>!** We’re gonna need lots of help filling slots for cooks this year. Would you be willing to sign-up as a coordinator for just one week? Being the coordinator would mean you would divvy up the food/tasks amongst potential team members. Here is a sketch of some simple meals we thought would be easy to divide with team members.

- Soup Bar
- Baked Potato Bar
- Nacho Bar
- Hotdog/Frito pie Bar
- Sandwich Bar
- Breakfast for Dinner

**Here are the dates we need to fill for cooks:**  
**9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15**

On Saturday, September 9, 2023, Tom Moody will present the class REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and continuing from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m., here at the building.

This is not a firearms class. The seminar teaches easy to understand methods you can use to increase awareness, prevent criminal confrontation, and develop your own personal safety strategies.

Class size will be limited to 18 participants but will be repeated until everyone that wants to is able to attend.

**To register or for more information, contact Tom Moody at 575-626-3380 or milliron13@yahoo.com.**

## Week @ a Glance Celebrations & Happenings

<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Elders meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Wednesday evening bible class @ 6:30 p.m.
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	Ministry Team meeting @ 8 a.m. Joanne Magness’s b-day.

Study Guide

1. How is love not about fairness? Why is it so hard to give people what they need and not what they deserve? How does God do it?
2. Is the premise - “If I hurt you back, I won’t hurt as much” accurate? Does it get rid of the hurt? Does it leave collateral damage? Is it Biblical?
3. How do we handle anger? When does anger become sin? Why would Paul say that anger gives the Devil a foothold (Ephesians 4:26-27)?
4. Why is holding on to a grudge so much fun? Is it always fun? Is it healthy? Is it something spiritual people do?
5. Are Christians just as guilty of resentment as non-Christians? Why?
6. How would you help somebody release the hurt and forgive the sin?
7. In the sermon this statement was made, “I can’t promise that if you release the hurt and forgive the person who hurt you that it will heal the relationship. . . . I will promise that God will heal you and use you to model the Gospel.” Is that an accurate statement or is it based on naiveté?