

Do Our Children Matter?

The culture and our children.

- I. Are our children a priority?
 - a. Three indicators on how important we think children are:
 - b. In the Bible, children are not viewed as baggage to lug around, they are blessings.
 - i. Ps. 127:3.
 - ii. Ps. 113:9.
 - iii. Are children a priority in the church?
 - iv. Mark 9:36-37.
- II. Three things the Bible says about children.
 - a. Children are a kingdom priority.
 - i. Luke 18:15.
 - ii. Mark 10:13-16.
 - iii. Jesus gave children three precious gifts: time, touch and prayer.
 - b. Children have a real spirituality.
 - i. What do we mean by this statement: “The children are the church of tomorrow?”
 - ii. Matt. 21:14-16.
 - iii. The church is blessed by the presence of children.
 - iv. Matt. 18:2-6.
 - v. Children teach us many things.
 - c. Children need a nurturing community.
 - i. Not just in the home, but in the congregation as well.
 1. Titus 2:4.
 2. 1 Tim. 5:9-10.
 - ii. In the Bible raising children is not a solo act.

Conclusion

When it comes to the matter of children the church has just one answer, “They all matter.”

They must be the first task of the home.

Prov. 1:8.

Prov. 31:26.

“You better listen to your mom.”

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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JESUS
AND TO MAKE HIM
KNOWN.

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The Encourager

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Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Call to Worship: 954 – Jesus Loves Me!

Welcome: Kent Taylor

Songs: 778 – Give Me the Bible

237 – O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

432 – Wonderful Words of Life

Communion Song: 324 – Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Communion/Offering: David West

Song: 600 – O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Sermon: Doug Austin – “Do Our Children Matter?”

Special Prayer: LJ Harrell

Invitation Song: 858 – Hark! the Gentle Voice (vs. 1 & 3)

Closing Song: 993 – I’ll Live On (vs. 1 & 4)

Closing Prayer: Michael O’Neil

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 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

- **Tim Wishard** remains weak. He continues to receive rehab at Casa Maria.
- **Olivia Perkins** had surgery to repair a broken humerus on Thursday following a fall off a horse last week.

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, Rodrigo Linarello, Bobbie Doyle

From the Mailbag...

We want to thank the elders, Doug, and each one of you who supported us both during and after Jerry's illness. We will be forever grateful for the many prayers on his behalf and also for the support we received through cards, texts, phone calls, food, help with chores, and other forms of support. We would also like to thank the ladies for the beautiful luncheon and bookmarks, it was greatly appreciated. We pray God's blessings on each of you!

-The family of Jerry Salyards
(Mary, Jennifer, Jeff, and families)

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the many ways in which you demonstrated love to my parents & our family throughout my sweet dad’s illness & passing. We are sincerely grateful for the many prayers, texts, phone calls, cards, food, visits, and donations. Thank you for continuing to encourage & love my mom during this difficult time. We are blessed to be part of such a generous and loving congregation. Sincerely, Jen Cole

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....83/--
Sunday AM.....200
Weekly Contribution.....\$7,226

Life@CCR

- **All children’s bible classes will be canceled this Sunday, August 6th for a back-to-school breakfast at 9 a.m. in the Small Fellowship.** If you would like to attend an adult bible class in lieu of the breakfast, Jesse McCarty’s class will take place in the auditorium.
- **If you know of families in need of school supplies, we have backpacks with some basic items available! Please refer these individuals to the church office.**
- **Congratulations to Mynor Vasquez on the birth of a grandson, Luciano Ernest Garcia on Tuesday, August 1st.** Luciano is the son of Alyssa (Mynor’s daughter).



Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

6 th	Bible Class & Breakfast @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
7 th	First day of school—RISD—please pray for our kids this week!
9 th	Wednesday evening bible class @ 6:30 p.m. Kameron Dorrance’s b-day.

Study Guide

1. Explore the culture of our children. How different is it from the culture you grew up in? How about your children and grandchildren? Are the temptations different for 21st century children?
2. Does the world place as much emphasis on children as they should? What changes do they need to make? How should the church be involved in this process? Should we be concerned about all the children or just ours?
3. How can we be a source of encouragement to the parents of the congregation? To the children of the congregation?
4. Do you consider Country Club Road to be a nurturing community? How can we become even better at nurturing our children as a congregation?
5. Stats tell us that the church is losing their children at an alarming rate. What steps do we need to take to stop losing them? To win them back? How have we failed? How have we succeeded?
6. What is the best way to pray for our parents and children?

Those Scheduled to Serve for July

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