Love Always

Nearing the end of wedding season. Used to be... 1 Cor. 13:7.

I want to love like this, I want to be loved like this!

- What was Paul's model for inspiration?
 - a. Many have learned how to love from the wrong source.
 - b. 1 Thess. 4:9.
 - c. 1 John 4:8.
 - d. The only "love" that isn't flawed belongs to the divine.
- Principles learned from this kind of love: II.
 - a. Love never puts down.
 - i. We live in a "put down" culture.
 - ii. When does the friendly banter start to hurt?
 - iii. Prov. 10:12.
 - iv. 1 Peter 4:8.
 - v. Look at what love does!
 - vi. This may be our greatest witness!
 - b. Love always believes in.
 - i. Always believe the best!
 - ii. Peter and Jesus from John 21 What a redemptive story!
 - c. Love holds on.
 - i. Luke 15:20.
 - ii. When does God's love give up?
 - d. Love never gives up.
 - i. Too many give up on love, was it really love in the first place?
 - ii. 1 Cor. 13:8.
 - iii. You haven't failed...

What next? Why did I preach this series? Heb. 10:24.

My prayer is Paul's prayer.

Phil. 1:9.

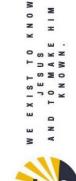
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Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) **Wednesday Bible Study** (6:30)

Groups (Various Locations)

Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers Kent Taylor - David West Doug Austin Lee Rogers

Elder Chairman of the Month





September 7, 2023, Volume LV No. 37 The Encourager Country Club Road Church of Christ

Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Call to Worship: 13 - Great Are You Lord

Welcome: Brandon Cometti

Songs: 8 – Here I Am to Worship

335 – Lord I Lift Your Name on High

302 – In Christ Alone

Sermon A: Doug Austin – "Love Always" **Communion Song:** 340 – If That Isn't Love

Communion/Offering: Doug Austin

Sermon B: Doug Austin – "Love Always"

Song: 112 – They'll Know We Are Christians

Sermon C: Doug Austin – "Love Always"

Invitation Song: 920 – Just As I Am (vs. 1, 2 & 5)

Closing Song: 424 – Lord, Reign In Me

Closing Prayer: Wynn Anderson

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

- Betty Vinson, Alicia Bennett's mom, will have an endoscopic ultrasound with bile duct removal on Monday, Sept. 11th.
- Bobbie Doyle is consulting with a new orthopedic doctor. Prayers are appreciated that they can effectively treat what has been ailing her.

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

Journey Land begins this Sunday, September 7th!

Journey	Land	Rotation	for	September
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Red Team		Blue Team		
Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday	Wednesday	
9/10: Rotation	9/13: Rotation	9/10: Rotation	9/13: Rotation	
Summary	Summary	Summary	Summary	
9/17: Bible	9/20: Bible	9/17: History	9/20: History	
Story	Story	Geography	Geography	
9/24: History	9/27: History	9/24: Bible	9/27: Bible	
Geography	Geography	Story	Story	

We are so excited about the kickoff to Journey Land!

The lessons for this rotation will encompass the Prophet's foretelling of Christ's birth!

Those Scheduled to Serve for September

Deacons on Duty: Dale English, Pablo Contreras, Jacob

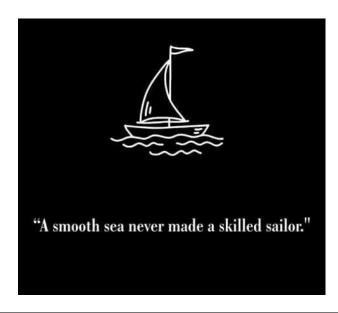
Puckett, Michael O'Neil

Men on Duty: S.C. Morrow, John Matta, Tom Shaffer,

Marco Ramirez

Life@CCR

- The church pantry is fully stocked once again! Your continued donations to help individuals in need of food are very much appreciated, thank you.
- We had 22 ladies present for the start to Ladies Bible
 Class on Wednesday morning! Our study this fall will be a
 video series in the book of James. Ladies, it's not too late
 to join us! We will watch the first video in the series this
 Wednesday, Sept. 13th @ 10 a.m.
- Trunk or Treat is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 29th. The church office has begun collecting candy—we will need lots! You can drop donations by the office at any time.
- We still have open slots for Recharge cooks! Slots that remain open are 10/4, 11/1 & 11/8. The sign-up sheet for Recharge is on the foyer table.



For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class	70/82
Sunday AM	175
Weekly Contribution	\$8,138

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

10 th	Bible Class @ 9 a.m.
	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,
	Facebook Live & YouTube.
	Patsy Chesser & Tom Shaffer's b-day's.
11 th	Brian Houghtalin & Jaydent Perez's b-day.
13 th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Wednesday Night Recharge @ 5:30 p.m. Wednesday evening bible study @ 6:30 p.m.
14 th	Cristian Nunez's b-day. Deona Santos' b-day.
15 th	Rita Hughes' b-day.
16 th	Desiree Rattan & Jerry McCormack's b-day.

Study Guide

- 1. What was your model for inspiration growing up? Who was your hero? Why did that person matter?
- 2. When does friendly banter start to hurt?
- 3. What are the best ways you can build up your family? What about your fellow Christians?
- 4. In the sermon, we talked about how love may be our greatest witness. Do you think this is true? Why?
- 5. What would you say to the parent of a prodigal who is at the door every night and is "holding on" tight to the one they love so much?
- 6. In all these sermons on love, what have we missed?