Plant, Wait and Pray

- Two keys about this kingdom.
 - a. The kingdom comes through a word.
 - i. This is a kingdom ushered in by proclaiming the truth of God.
 - ii. The word has explosive, life giving power.
 - b. The kingdom comes only to those with good
 - c. The problem is not the sower, or the seed, it is the soil.
- Different kinds of ears. II.
 - a. Closed ears (seed that fell on the path).
 - i. The hearts are hard. They would rather have sin over a sovereign.
 - ii. Heb. 3:12-13.
 - b. Cautious ears (seed that fell in the rocky soil).
 - i. In Palestine you had a lot of limestone ledges.
 - ii. Feelings don't last, convictions do.
 - c. Crowded ears (seed that fell in the thorns).
 - i. Weeds are natural to soil.
 - ii. Some people have too much noise in their lives to listen to Jesus.
 - d. Committed ears.
 - i. Some people are hungry for God.
 - ii. When the seed lands in soil like that, watch out!
 - e. This speaks to us at two levels:
 - i. A level of indictment: some of us need to get our hearing checked.
 - ii. A level of encouragement: to some it speaks a word of hope.
- The kingdom is going to become the victorious III. kingdom, therefore:
 - a. We plant.
 - b. We wait.
 - c. We pray.
 - We remain confident.

Sunday Worship (10:00 a.m.) (575)622-1350

Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.)

Wednesday Bible Study (6:30) **Groups** (Various Locations)

Doug Austin

Elder Chairman of the Month Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers Kent Taylor - David West Tim Dunnahoo



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Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Call to Worship: 101 – God Is Love (vs. 1)

Welcome: Oscar Hernandez **Songs:** 67 – Glorify Thy Name

429 – I Come to the Garden Alone (vs. 1 & 3)

543 – Because He Lives (vs. 1 & 3) 331 – He Bore It All (vs. 1 & 3)

Communion Song: 328 – Nailed to the Cross (vs. 1 & 2)

Communion/Offering: Jose Baeza

Song: 753 – Are You Sowing the Seed? (vs. 1 & 3) Sermon: Doug Austin – "Plant, Wait and Pray"

Invitation Song: 292 – Into My Heart

Closing Comments:

Closing Song: 535 – The Glory-Land Way (vs. 1 & 3)

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

Outreach - Kerry Holton (Rm. 25)

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

- Arcelia Sanchez has been diagnosed with tongue cancer and will have surgery next Wednesday, 10/25 in Lubbock.
 She & Joe will remain in Lubbock for the next month while she undergoes tests/treatment.
- Matt Rogers was able to take a brief break from the hospital and chemotherapy treatments this week! He will begin his next round of chemo soon.
- Tina Dominguez is experiencing severe pain & difficulty with her knee. Prayers are appreciated.

Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O'Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Wanda Walker, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Mary Ann Baeza, Pat Davenport, Larry Young, George & Betty Vinson, Bobbie Doyle

Share the Warmth!



PLEASE DONATE ANY OF THE ABOVE NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS!

All ages I All sizes

Location Drop-off: Country Club Rd. Church of Christ Collecting for: Navajo Reservation (Kayenta, AZ) Cutoff for collections: Wednesday, 11/1

Life@CCR

- We were blessed with another terrific Recharge meal this week thanks to the efforts of Nici Austin & Fran Craig!
 Next week's meal will be white chicken chili & cornbread.
- The church office is accepting donations to bless Matt &
 Onnie Rogers with funds to help offset some of the costs
 incurred while they are in Houston. Donations can be
 given to any Elder or staff member.
- Josh Austin, missionary on the Navajo Reservation in Kayenta, AZ will be here on Wednesday, 11/1 to give updates on the work taking place there. We are collecting new & gently used coats, jackets, sweaters, gloves, hats, socks & blankets to send back with Josh. Look for the donation boxes in the church foyer.
- This Sunday will mark just two weeks until our annual Trunk or Treat! We still need additional trunks to sign up for this big event. To participate, all you must do is decorate your trunk & pass out candy. It's a lot of fun and one of our biggest outreach opportunities of the year. A sign-up sheet is located on the foyer table.
- The new NMMI Intermediate Preparatory Academy will be making use of our gym four days a week. That being said, we need your help to keep our gym neat & tidy. Please remember to encourage the kids to put away all balls and equipment after each service. Please also remember to dispose of any water bottles or trash that you may see. We are excited to be sharing our facility with this group of young people, and we thank you for your help!

Journey Land Rotation for 10/22 - 10/25				
Red Team		Blue Team		
Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday	Wednesday	
10/22: Bible	10/25: Bible	10/22:History/	10/25:History/	
Story	Story	Geography	Geography	

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

22 nd	Bible Class @ 9 a.m.	
	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,	
	Facebook Live & YouTube.	
25 th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m.	
	Wednesday Night Recharge @ 5:30 p.m.	
	Wednesday evening bible study @ 6:30 p.m.	
	Delma Castillo & Doug Reynold's b-day.	
26 th	Patricia Fitts & Earl Newborn's b-day.	
27 th	Bella Jobe's b-day.	

Study Guide

Text: Mark 4:1-20

- 1. What four types of soil does Jesus mention? What characterizes each? What happens to the seed in each kind of soil?
- 2. What tools does he give us to use?
- 3. How do we communicate the Gospel to the younger generation? Can we do it without changing the core message? How do we get through to them?
- 4. Reflect on 1 Corinthians 3:6-8. What is our role in planting the seed? What is God's role? What does he mean by "each will be rewarded according to his own labor?"
- 5. Why is prayer so important when it comes to reaching the lost? Do we pray for the lost as much as we should? Who are we praying for: us or them? Why?
- 6. How do we handle the disappointment of bad crops/harvests? Is it possible to remain confident during crop failures? How?

Those Scheduled to Serve for October

Deacons on Duty: Dan Montgomery, Jose Baeza, Brandon

Cometti, Brian Houghtalin

Men on Duty: Kevin McCormack, Thomas Beard