

Workers in the Kingdom

Matthew 9:35-38

One thing that must anger the Lord is when we claim to have a heart for God but not for sinners.

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What happens when the seed is sown?

- I. You can tell a man's priorities by what he prays about.
 - a. One of his priorities was seeking workers.
 - b. Song – "I want to be a Worker for the Lord."
 - c. Do you want to be a worker for the Lord?
- II. Jesus is looking for people who:
 - a. We must be burdened about the spiritual condition of the lost.
 - i. Compassion – deep in the bowels.
 - ii. Jesus felt compassion for the lost, not contempt.
 - iii. What do you tend to belly ache about?
 - iv. People need the Lord.
 - v. We need to shift our focus from their sinfulness to their helplessness.
 - b. We must be open to the spiritual potential of the lost.
 - i. The Hebrew concept of compassion was "love from the womb."
 - ii. Long before the child was born you had a passion for that child.
 - iii. When Jesus sees people like this, he sees a harvest!
 - c. We must be aware of the spiritual readiness of the lost.
 - i. A harvest presupposes that seed has already been sown.
 - ii. Who planted the seed?
 - d. We must be committed to the priority of prayer for workers.
 - i. Are we poachers or reapers?
 - ii. Praying for more workers is not an option for disciples.
 - e. We must be excited when God answers your prayers by sending you.
 - i. You might be directly in the path.
 - ii. You might be the answer to somebody else's prayer.

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:

David West



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The Encourager

Country Club Road Church of Christ

Song Leader: Wayne Fenter

Call to Worship:

Welcome: Brandon Cometti

Songs:

Communion Song:

Communion/Offering: Mac Rogers

Song:

Sermon: Doug Austin – "Workers in the Kingdom"

Invitation Song:

Closing Song:

Closing Prayer: Mark Woody

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

Adult Class – David West (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. 13)

Nursery up through age 2 – Various teachers (Rm. 1)

Life Groups meet each Sunday at various times

Warboys Life Group meets @ 4 in Room 25

Morrow Life Group meets @ 4 in the couch room

Austin Life Group meets @ 5 at 3313 Highland



Visitors, please scan the QR code to let us know you're worshipping with us today. We pray our time together is a blessing to you!

Prayer Requests

- **Matt Rogers** received good news this week! He has completed his third round of chemo and will get to come home for the Thanksgiving holiday. He will need a stem cell transplant which is less invasive than the bone marrow transplant they originally thought he would need. They have found several matches for a donor! Thank you for the continued prayers for Matt & Onnie.

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, Tina Dominguez, Koko Blackwell, Erma Spurlin

From the Mailbag...

Dear Church,
 Thank you so much for your concern and cards during the past month, they have been very much appreciated. The doctor says I am cancer free and I am so grateful for the many prayers offered on my behalf. God bless you,
 Arcelia Sanchez

Those Scheduled to Serve for November

Deacons on Duty: Greg Nibert, George Escalante, Bryce Taylor

Men on Duty: Ron Doyle, Ronnie Merritt, Jerry Ringheimer

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....104/--
 Sunday AM.....227
 Weekly Contribution.....\$7,950

Life@CCR

- **Our last Recharge of the year was a good one, thanks to the hard work of the Baeza family!** Thanks also to **Pam & Alan Warboys** who come early to help prep and stay late for clean-up each week. Look forward to Recharge picking back up in January!
- **Youth 4th – 12th grade, please join us for a Friendsgiving Bash, taking place this Sunday, November 19th from 5-7:30 p.m. at the home of LJ & Lindsay Harrell.** We will have dinner and play games. Please bring either a non-perishable food item or any dog or cat food item to donate!
- **A shower table has been set up in the foyer to bless Chris Thompson & Kylie Montgomery Thompson as they prepare for the impending birth of a baby girl.** Kylie is the daughter of Dan & Jana Montgomery and is registered at Amazon & Walmart. The baby is due in December and her name will be Kiara Imani Montgomery Thompson.
- **There will be no Wednesday night activities on Thanksgiving Eve (November 22nd).** Enjoy being with your loved ones during this Thanksgiving season as we thank God for his many blessings to us.
- **The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 22nd and will remain closed for the rest of the holiday week. Also, please note there will be no bulletin next week.**
- **The Lubbock Christian University Choir will be performing at the Sunset Church of Christ in Carlsbad on Saturday, December 9th at 7 p.m.** This will be a Christmas themed performance, and all are invited to attend!
- **Make plans to join us for a Christmas luncheon following morning service on Sunday, December 3rd.** Lots more details to follow!

Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

19th	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Phil Sexton’s b-day.
20th	Elders meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Quinton Franzoy’s b-day.
22nd	No Ladies Bible Class this week! Office closes at noon. Wednesday evening bible study cancelled to allow time with family! Matt Rogers & April Bailey’s b-day.
23rd	Happy Thanksgiving! Janice Bennett’s b-day.

Study Guide

Text: Matthew 9:35-38

1. What do you belly ache the most about?
2. How can we shift our focus from the world’s sinfulness to their helplessness? Or should we?
3. Define compassion. Do we have it for the lost?
4. Who did Jesus see spiritual potential in? Tell their stories!
5. Do you really believe that the fields are white for harvest?
6. How can the “harsh winds of life” open someone up for the Gospel? What’s the best way to help them in the midst of their hardship?

Journey Land Rotation for 11/19 - 11/22

Red Team		Blue Team	
Sunday	Wednesday	Sunday	Wednesday
11/19: Overview	11/22: No class	11/19: Overview	11/22: No class