

Ananias: An Ordinary Man

You don't have to be a godly person to love those who love you back.

- I. Not only do we find extraordinary disciples, but we find ordinary disciples.
 - a. There was a disciple chosen by Christ to love the churches greatest enemy.
 - b. Acts 9:10-19.
 - i. Saul with Steven in Acts 7.
 - ii. 1 Tim. 1:16.
 - c. Every man has a nature that only the power of God can change.
 - i. 2 Cor. 5:17.
 - ii. The old can be thrown out and something new can replace it.
 - d. Paul is not the only man in this story who had a vision.
 - i. Paul had a vision, but he still needed a visit.
 - ii. 2 Cor. 5:17-18.
- II. Ananias realized three things:
 - a. I'm available.
 - i. Could God get your attention as quickly as he got Ananias'?
 - ii. Most Christians are so occupied by the mundane that we don't hear God very much.
 - b. I'm acceptable.
 - i. Ananias obeyed in spite of his reservations.
 - ii. Luke 5. Why does Jesus choose Peter?
 - iii. Matt. 21:28-31. Parable of two sons.
 - c. I'm accountable.
 - i. He immediately went and found Saul.
 - ii. God constantly sends someone to do his work.
 - iii. Ananias embodied the grace that was extended to Paul.

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:

Lee Rogers

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The Encourager

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Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Song: 63 – Come, Thou Almighty King (vs 1 & 4)

Welcome: Doug Austin

Songs: 141 – Words and Music

43 – As the Deer (vs 1 & 3)

107 – The Love of God (vs 1, 2, 4)

121 – In Heavenly Love Abiding (vs 1 & 3)

Communion Song: 310 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (vs 1, 3, 4)

Communion Offering: Jose Baeza

Song: 591 – When Upon Life's Billows (vs 1, 2, 4)

Sermon: Doug Austin – “Ananias: An Ordinary Man”

Invitation Song: 485 – Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet (vs 1 & 3)

Closing Song: 788 – O to Be Like Thee! (vs 1 & 2)

Closing Prayer:

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

Christian Principles – Tim Dunnahoo (Rm. 27)

Young Parents – Doug Austin (Rm. 25)

Foundations – Jesse McCarty & Oscar Hernandez (Sm. Fellowship)

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 – Cydni Vandiver (Rm. 3)

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

Life Group meeting times & locations:

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

- **Sharon Christian** was released from the hospital and has returned home. She continues to await results from recent tests. She is very weak.
- **Beverly Merritt's** stint removal & biopsy has been postponed until the end of June.
- **Marsha Martin** has been released from Casa Maria.
- **Barry Carter** will have melanoma surgery on June 12th.
- **Arcelia Sanchez** will undergo surgery for tongue cancer on July 1st.

Continue in Prayer

Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Mary Ann Baeza, George & Betty Vinson, Janice Bennett, Doris Rodriguez, Christina Davis, Rosa Crawford



We have just one high school graduate this year. **Ciara Bailey**, daughter of April Bailey, will be graduating from Roswell High School on May 25th. Her plans are to attend ENMU-Portales in the fall and major in biology (pre-dentistry). A table has been set up in the church foyer if you would like to sign her book or leave a card!

Those Scheduled to Serve for May

Deacons on Duty: Dale English, Pablo Contreras, Jacob Puckett, Michael O'Neil

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

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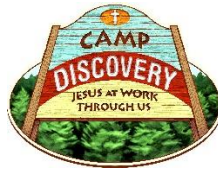
We wanted to get the word out about a couple of apps we're using for updates with Journey Land and our Fusion Youth Group activities!

- **Sharefaith** has calendars for JL, Fusion, and the general church population.
- **Band** will feature a calendar and updates specific to the youth group. Here is the link for youth group members and parents to join the Fusion Band group:

<https://band.us/band/94928597>

Sharefaith and Band are available in the App Store for all smart devices. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

Scan here for the Band app!



Looking for a way to help with VBS, but aren't signed up to teach? Here are numerous ways you can jump in & help...

-**Invite children** that you know to attend. Registration takes place online at ccrcc.com.

-**Cookies, cookies, cookies!** We need lots of baked cookies during the week of Vacation Bible School. Sign-up sheets are on the foyer table, and we have many open slots!!!

-**Ice cream**...help is needed to provide ice cream for the Wednesday evening Ice Cream Social. Homemade ice cream is preferred, but store bought is much appreciated, too!

-**Staff lounge.** If you are helping with VBS in any way during the week, we ask that you please sign up to provide food to help keep our lounge well stocked for our hard workers.

-**Set-up**—following services on Sunday, June 2nd, help is needed with moving furniture and setting up tables.

Week @ a Glance Celebrations & Happenings

26 th	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
27 th	Anita Zuniga's b-day.
28 th	Tina Dominguez & Logan Puckett's b-day.
29 th	Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m. Beverly Merritt's b-day.
30 th	Beverly Blackwell & Alicia Bennett's b-day.
1 st	Doug Austin's b-day.

***Our panty shelves are beginning to look bare again. Items needed are spaghetti sauce & noodles, canned meat, canned soup, jelly, cereal, ramen noodles & peanut butter crackers.**

Life Groups Study Guide

Text: Acts 9:1-19

1. What details do you remember about ordinary people in the Bible? How was God willing to use them? What was their role within God's plan?
2. What can the church accomplish with extraordinary people? Do we need extraordinary people to make a difference?
3. What do you think was going through his mind at God's call to go and see Saul? Do you think he was willing at first? How is he different from Jonah the prophet?
4. Reflect on God's statement about Saul from verses 15-16. Can this passage be applied to us? In what ways are you God's instrument? Is it possible that you might have to suffer for the cause? Are you ready for either of these?
5. Why do you think God would want to use a man like Saul? What character traits does Saul have that God can use?
6. Who has been an Ananias in your life? How? Can you do the same for others?