#### Ready When You Are!

#### Luke 12:35-40.

- How to remain ready for the return of Jesus?
  - a. Readiness does not mean speculating on the day of his return.
    - i. Mark 13:32.
    - ii. The thief doesn't call before he comes!
  - b. Readiness means anticipating his return daily.
    - i. The Bible wants to promote watchfulness.
    - ii. Theologically, the return of Jesus is just over the horizon; it has been for every Christian of every age.
- To be ready means to...
  - a. Recognize who the master is.
    - i. Let's prepare the meal because he will come – He's the Master.
    - ii. He's been a long time in coming I'm the master.
  - b. Encourage others to watch.
    - i. Notice that when the Master leaves, he sets the servants in households.
    - ii. Heb. 10:25.
    - iii. Heb. 3:13-14.
    - iv. Not only do we remind each other, but we warn lost people.
  - c. Tend to your assigned duties.
    - i. Jesus clearly states in other parables that he will hold his servants accountable when he returns.
    - ii. If you are a believer in Jesus, you have a duty.
  - d. Dress like you are going to a wedding.
    - i. Matt. 22:1-14.
    - ii. Gal. 3:26-27.
    - iii. Eph. 4:22-24.
  - e. Yearn for his return.
    - i. 2 Tim. 4:8.
    - ii. It is not about how or when but about who that makes our hearts jump.

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**Sunday Bible Study** (9:00 a.m.) Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)Sunday Worship (10:00 a.m.)

**Life Groups** (Various Locations)

Elder Chairman of the Month: Tim Dunnahoo - Lee Rogers Kent Taylor - David West **Elders:** 

Doug Austin

David West





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Song Leader: Rollah Aston

Opening Song: 593 – We Shall Assemble (vs. 1 & 3)

Welcome: Robert Austin

Songs: 63 – Come, Thou Almighty King (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

725 - We Have Heard the Joyful Sound (vs. 1, 2 & 3) 790 – When We All Get to Heaven (vs. 1, 3 & 4) **Communion Song:** 310 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion Offering: Noah McCarty

Dismissal for Kid's Church

Song: 430 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**Sermon:** Doug Austin: "Ready When You Are!" **Invitation Song:** 706 – Lord, Take Control

Closing Song: 469 – Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims (vs. 1 & 2)

**Closing Prayer:** Jesse McCarty

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

Minor Prophets - Jon Young (Rm. 16)

**The Church** – Jesse McCarty (Small Fellowship)

Parenting through Philippians – Doug Austin (Couch Room) Hebrews (Spanish Class) - Oscar Hernandez (Rm. 15)

**Revelation (Sun/Weds Evening Spanish Class)** – Mynor Vasquez

**Jr. High/High School** – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26)

JL 4th - 6th grade - JL Bible Room JL 1st - 3rd grade - JL History Room

4's, 5's & Kinder – Amy Joy & Gloria Matta (Rm. 12)

2's & 3's - Rachel & Mattie McCarty (Rm. 3)

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

**Life Group meeting times & locations:** Warboys Life Group meets @ 4 in room 16 Morrow Life Group meets @ 4 in the couch room Austin Life Group meets @ 5 at 3313 Highland Rd.



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**

- George Escalante had an outpatient procedure to check the inside of his heart on Wednesday. Everything checked out fine!
- Gale Wright was unable to see her doctor in Ruidoso last week due to the floods. That appointment has been rescheduled for later this month.

#### **Continue in Prayer**

Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Cheryl Ringheimer, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Doris Rodriguez, Janice Bennett, Ronnie Merritt, Bobbie Doyle, Barry Carter, Geneva Jimenez, Mary Stephens, Rita Hughes



# Be sure to save the date for these fun upcoming events:

- 7/18 Movie Night @7 p.m. in the church gym
- 7/25 Youth Group swim party from 6-9 p.m.
- 7/26 Youth Group workday @9 a.m.
- 7/30 Church in the park @6:30 p.m.
- 8/3 Back to School Bash Breakfast @9 a.m.
- **8/4 Book Club** returns @6 p.m.
- 9/3 Ladies Bible Class & Recharge kickoff!

# **For the Record**

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class	109/
Sunday AM	204
Kid's Church	38
Social Media Count	311
Weekly Contribution	\$6,115

# Life@CCR

- We appreciate all those who have helped donate towards the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Organization. As of this week, they have delivered a shipment of supplies to both Kerrville, TX (on 7/5) and Ruidoso (on 7/12). The office will continue to accept donations through Sunday so that we can make that contribution to the CoC Disaster Relief next week.
- Congratulations to Oscar Hernandez Jr., who won the "Best Local Artist" category in our "Best of Chaves County" contest this year through the Roswell-Chaves County Economic Development Corporation. Oscar will be honored at a luncheon on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The upcoming youth swim party will be from 6-9 at the Joy Land pool on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Pizza will be provided, and the kids are asked to bring chips or a drink to share. The youth workday will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. The kids will be treated to lunch and drinks followed by a fun activity in the afternoon. This will be an exciting couple of days for the youth group—be sure to mark your calendars!
- Teachers, school administrators, parents & students, please make plans to attend a back-to-school breakfast on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> @9a.m. There will be lots of good food & fellowship and even giveaways for teachers & kiddos! We would also like to begin praying for our school system and students as the school year speedily approaches! The first day of school for RISD students is August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Due to the back-to-school bash, we would like to make July 27th Promotion Sunday. For those students who will be moving up, this will be the day they will start in their new class!

# Those Scheduled to Serve for July

Deacons on Duty: Greg Nibert, George Escalante, Joe

Sanchez, Bryce Taylor

Men on Duty: Ron Doyle, Ronnie Merritt, Jerry

Ringheimer

# Week @ a Glance

# **Celebrations & Happenings**

20 <sup>th</sup>	A.M. worship @10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,
-0	Facebook Live & YouTube.
	Ellen Taylor's b-day.
21 <sup>st</sup>	Men's Lunch @11:30 a.m.
	Georgann Moran's b-day.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bible Class @6:30 p.m.
	Ridge Perkins' b-day.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Group swim party @7 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Coffee Group @8:30 a.m.
	Youth Group workday @9 a.m.
	Ronnie Merritt & Noah McCarty's b-day.

### **Small Group Bible Study**

Text: Luke 12:35-48

- 1. Reflect on Luke 12:22. What is the relationship between watchfulness and worry?
- 2. Why does Jesus say they should be ready? Who is the thief?
- 3. Why does Peter ask the question in verse 41? Why does Jesus answer the way he does?
- 4. When Jesus says he will "hold servants accountable when he returns," what does that mean? Is this a heaven and hell issue? Why?
- 5. What is the meaning of verse 48? How might the disciples have interpreted it?
- 6. In what way does the return of Jesus make your heart jump?