

## Control

- I. Most of us love order.
  - a. Some unhealthy things we do to maintain control.
    - i. Accumulate stuff.
    - ii. Practice manipulative relational ploys.
  - b. Does this work?
- II. Why should we give up control?
  - a. We can only control a few things.
    - i. Someone in this room a year from now:
    - ii. Life refuses to be managed.
      1. Eccl. 9:11-12.
      2. We must be reminded that we cannot tame life.
  - b. God is in control – the sovereignty of God.
    - i. We were born into someone else’s kingdom.
    - ii. God is not some divine waitress.
    - iii. Ps. 115:3-8.
    - iv. Psalm 135:5-6.
- III. Things that happen when we give up control.
  - a. We will love better.
    - i. One constant that control freaks live with is people!
    - ii. 2 Cor. 4:5.
  - b. We will live bolder.
    - i. One of the promises of control is safety but is that an illusion?
    - ii. The world does not get the last word.
    - iii. Acts 18:9 (Paul in Corinth).
  - c. We will praise bolder.
    - i. When life is out of control, do you run out of praise?
    - ii. Ps. 43:5.

What part of your life is out of control right now?  
Will you trust God when dealing with the uncontrollable?

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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 - Lee Rogers

Kent Taylor - David West

### Elder Chairman of the Month:

David West

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JESUS  
AND TO MAKE HIM  
KNOWN.

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# The Encourager

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**Song Leader:** Kent Taylor

**Opening Song:** 143 – We Have Come into His House

**Welcome:** Brandon Cometti

**Songs:** 1 – To God Be the Glory (vs. 1 & 3)

33 – We Praise Thee, O God (vs. 1, 4 & 5)

853 – Trust and Obey (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

572 – I Surrender All

**Communion Song:** 314 – Lead Me to Calvary (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**Communion Offering:** Dale English

**Dismissal for Kid’s Church**

**Song:** 706 – Lord, Take Control (2 x’s)

**Sermon:** Doug Austin: “Control”

**Invitation Song:** 858 – Hark! the Gentle Voice (vs. 1 & 3)

**Closing Song:** 706 – Lord, Take Control

**Closing Prayer:** Michael O’Neil

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade** – JL Bible Room

**JL 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

- **Gale Wright** has returned home but is experiencing some difficulties. Please continue to keep her in prayer.
- Former member **Pat Davenport** has been placed on hospice and could use prayers and encouragement.

**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

# CHURCH

## in The Park



### HOTDOGS - DEVO - FUN

JOIN US FOR A DELIGHTFUL EVENING BRIMMING WITH  
SUNSHINE, JOY, AND A LOVELY PICNIC IN THE PARK.

WEDNESDAY

30

JULY

ENCHANTED LANDS PAVILION

AT 6 PM

306 N. SYCAMORE AVENUE

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# Life@CCR

- **We appreciate all those who have helped donate towards the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Organization.** All totaled, we were able to raise \$1,850 to donate towards helping the flood victims in Kerrville and Ruidoso!
- **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, boys are asked to bring chips and girls are asked to bring drinks 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 showing of Fantastic Four at the Galaxy movie theater at 2:10.
- **This Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> will be Promotion Sunday!** For those students who are advancing to the next grade and will be moving up, this will be the day they will start in their new class.
- **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 and 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>.

From the mailbag...

To our church family and friends,  
Rita got the bandage off her arm last week and more x-rays. Both the wound and the x-rays look great. Now she will start physical therapy to get her range of motion back. Thanks for your prayers and concern.

Sincerely,  
Loyd & Rita Hughes

Thank you for all the gifts for our beautiful new girl, Macey, we appreciate all the love you have poured over our family.  
Love, The Jessups

**Week @ a Glance**  
**Celebrations & Happenings**

27 <sup>th</sup>	Promotion Sunday! A.M. worship @10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Men’s Lunch @11:30 a.m. Lane Cometti’s b-day.
30 <sup>th</sup>	Church in the Park @6 p.m. Dayton Bennett’s b-day.
1 <sup>st</sup>	Men’s Coffee Group @8:30 a.m. Kari Austin & Logan Ingalls’ b-day.

**Small Group Bible Study**

Text: Ecclesiastes 9:11-12

1. Why is being in control so important to us?
2. Is it wrong to want to be in control of our lives? Doesn’t God endorse Christians living their lives under control?
3. What can you really control? Is it possible to completely manage life?
4. Is it ever possible to totally surrender control?
5. Some obsess about things that they cannot control. How would you help them overcome some of their obsessions?
6. Close with the reading of Psalm 43:5. What does this verse mean to you? How can you live this verse better?

**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