

Jesus and Children

Children are a precious gift from God; how we value them reflects how we value the kingdom.

- I. To welcome the wayward.
 - a. Matt. 19:13-14.
 - b. Jesus had a deep love for the innocent and the marginalized.
 - c. They were not a distraction; they were a blessing.
 - d. We approach the kingdom with a child-like faith based on:
- II. To bless the beloved.
 - a. Matt. 19:15.
 - b. Jesus laid his hands on them!
 - c. How do we bless the next generation?
 - i. Encourage
 - ii. Pray
 - iii. Guide
 - iv. Teach
 - d. This needs to be reflected in how we practice being the church.
- III. To guard the genuine.
 - a. Mark 10:14-15.
 - b. Notice the indignation of Jesus.
 - c. We need to remove obstacles that prevent our young from experiencing faith and community.
- IV. To embrace the future.
 - a. Mark 10:16.
 - b. May we embody Jesus’ call for compassion and love in tangible ways.
- V. To foster a faith-filled future.
 - a. Luke 18:16-17
 - b. The kingdom belongs to these!
 - c. We need environments that allow children to flourish in their spiritual journey.

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 - Lee Rogers
Kent Taylor - David West
Elder Chairman of the Month:
David West

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The Encourager

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Song Leader: Kent Taylor
VBS Thank You Video
Welcome: Doug Austin
Songs: 954 – Jesus Loves Me! (vs. 1, 2 & 4)
546 – O How I Love Jesus
269 – Anywhere with Jesus (vs. 1, 2 & 4)
480 – Victory in Jesus
Communion Song: 328 – Nailed to the Cross (vs. 1 & 2)
Communion Offering: Brandon Cometti
Dismissal for Kid’s Church
Song: Jesus Loves the Little Children
Sermon: Doug Austin: “Jesus and Children”
Invitation Song: 906 – All Things Are Ready (vs. 1 & 2)
Closing Song: 191 – He’s My King (vs. 1)
Closing Prayer: Lee Rogers

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

- **Gale Wright** continues to rehab at Casa Maria. She has an appointment with her doctor in Ruidoso on July 10th.
- **Bud Hunnicut** was admitted to the VA hospital in Albuquerque on Wednesday night. They are awaiting results on a bone marrow biopsy taken earlier this week. Please keep Bud in prayer.

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, Sharon Christian, Mary Stephens



Life@CCR

- If you watch us on Facebook or YouTube on Sunday mornings, please be aware that we will begin a little late this week due to a video we’ll be showing at the start of service. **Look for the live feed to begin around 10:05 a.m.**
- **This will be the last week that Kid’s Church will be collecting a separate offering for school supplies and backpacks.** If you prefer, you can also donate school supplies directly to the office. Additionally, if you or someone you know could use a backpack filled with supplies, please let the office know. The backpacks will be ready by the end of July!
- Sugar and spice and all things sweet, a baby girl makes life complete. **A shower table has been set up in the foyer to bless the Jessup family and their new bundle of joy, little Macey Elizabeth.** Macey would be blessed by all things girly!
- Our men’s coffee group **WILL** be in session this Friday, July 11th. 😊
- **Ladies, be sure to pick up the second volume of the Summer in the Psalms word search! They are out on the foyer table.**
- The church pantry is currently running low on **rice, canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, and cereal.**
- **Be sure to save the date for these fun upcoming events:**
 - Get Together for Young Singles** on Friday, July 11th
 - Family Movie Night** on Friday, July 18th
 - Youth Group Swim Party** on Friday, July 25th
 - Youth Group Workday** on Saturday, July 26th
 - Church in the Park** on Wednesday, July 30th

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

6 th	A.M. worship @10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Sharon Carbone & Janlee Zumwalt’s b-day.
7 th	Men’s Lunch @11:30 a.m. Thomas Beard, Johnathan Van Winkle & Diego Chavez’s b-day.
8 th	Robert Leyva’s b-day.
9 th	Bible Class @6:30 p.m. Loyd Hughes’ b-day.
11 th	Men’s Coffee Group @8:30 a.m. Young Singles Get Together @6:30 p.m. Braulio Santos & Luis Chavez’s b-day.
12 th	Kevin McCormack & Teresa Moody’s b-day.

Small Group Bible Study
Text: Matt. 19:13-15 and Luke 18:16-17

1. Why does Jesus seem to hold such a deep love for children?
2. What characteristics does “child-like faith” have? Why should we emulate that kind of faith?
3. How can we bless the next generation? Explore your answers.
4. What obstacles prevent our young from experiencing faith and community? How do we remove those obstacles?
5. How does the “kingdom belong to these?” What do you think Jesus means by that statement?
6. What are we doing right regarding our children? What can you do to help?