Love that Overflows!

What counsel would you give a new Christian about relationships?

- That God would clear the way for friends to reunite.
 - a. 1 Thess. 3:11
 - b. Do you need a friendship reunited?
 - c. Do you need to change some behavior to make a relationship right?
- That God would cause our love for everyone to overflow.
 - a. 1 Thess. 3:12.
 - b. Paul has already praised them for their love.
 - i. 1 Thess. 1:3.
 - ii. This kind of love is selfless love, like God's love for us.
 - Physical family.
 - i. Eph. 5:25.
 - ii. Eph. 5:22.
 - iii. Eph. 6:4.
 - d. Spiritual family.
 - i. 1 John 4:7.
 - e. Evervone else.
 - i. God loves everyone, why shouldn't we?
 - ii. 1 Tim. 2:3-4.
 - f. Our love should be overflowing, not a slow trickle!
- That God would strengthen our hearts for holiness (to be blameless).
 - a. 1 Thessalonians 3:13.
 - b. God wants our character strengthened.
 - c. What does it mean to strengthen our hearts for holiness?

"For when he comes!" – We want to live and love right for this day!

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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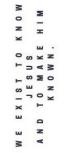
Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)**Worship** (10:00 a.m.)

Life Groups (Various Locations)

Tim Dunnahoo - Lee Rogers Doug Austin **Elders**:

Elder Chairman of the Month: Kent Taylor - David West Tim Dunnahoo







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Song Leader: Rollah Aston

Opening Song: 40 – We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

Welcome: Doug Austin

Songs: 707 – On Bended Knee

596 – I Love You with the Love of the Lord (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

639 - How Sweet, How Heavenly (vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5) **Communion Song:** 300 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Communion Offering: Jesse McCarty

Dismissal for Kid's Church

Song: 576 - More Holiness Give Me

Sermon: Doug Austin – "Love that Overflows!" **Invitation Song:** 598 – A Common Love (vs. 1) Closing Song: 521 – Love Lifted Me (vs. 1 & 3)

Closing Prayer: Dale English

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

Minor Prophets - Jon Young (Rm. 16)

The Church – Jesse McCarty (Rm. 13)

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

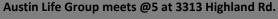
4's, 5's & Kinder – Amy Joy & Gloria Matta (Rm. 12)

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





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

- Tyler Pantuso was in a motorcycle accident in Colorado Springs on Wednesday night. Miraculously, he has no broken bones! He's dealing with air around his heart and an injury to his esophagus/trachea and will most likely be very sore for several days.
- Gale Wright is in Las Cruces at Memorial Medical Center awaiting shoulder surgery which should take place on Friday.
- Matt Rogers' latest bloodwork shows his platelets are slowly coming back up. He will continue to have weekly lab work to check his numbers.
- Jan Dunnahoo will have surgery in Lubbock next Wednesday to have a spinal cord stimulator inserted in her back.
- Judy Linton has an appointment with Dr. Osmani on August 22nd to see about a procedure to loosen up her left shoulder.

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, Rita Hughes, Dennis Seik

Upcoming Youth Events!!!

Mark your calendars for the following tailgate dates:

- -9/19 RHS Varsity football game
- -10/3 GHS Varsity football game

Also, we are looking for willing participants to host youth devos on the second Sunday of the month for the following dates:

9/14, 10/12, 11/9 & 12/14

Volunteering as a host will involve providing supper and an activity. If you are willing to provide a short devo, that would also be appreciated, but not necessary!

Life@CCR

- Our condolences are extended to the family of Mary Stephens, who passed away early this morning, 8/14 in Amarillo, TX. Services are pending at this time.
- We will continue to accept donations towards the New Mexico Christian Children's Home commissary for the remainder of August. Donations can be dropped off in the church office, or feel free to pick up and fill one of the NMCCH change cans at your convenience!
- We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Juan
 Dominguez for generously donating his time and skill to
 paint the bases of the light poles in our parking lot. His
 thoughtful contribution helps enhance the beauty of our
 church grounds, and we are grateful for his dedication and
 service to our church family.
- As we gear up for the fall, we have two exciting opportunities for you to serve in our church community.
 First, our Journey Land Bible Class program for elementary aged kids kicks off on September 7th, and we're looking for dedicated volunteers to help teach and guide our kids on their faith journey.

Second, our **Recharge meal ministry**, which serves a delicious dinner every Wednesday night, will need volunteer cooks to help prepare meals for all ages. Both programs start in September, and we'll have sign-up sheets available on the foyer table. Whether you're called to teach or cook, we'd love to have you involved!

From the Mailbag...

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the thoughtful back-to-school bag filled with inspiring sayings, bible verses, and generous gifts. Each item was such a blessing and a reminder of the love and support I have in this amazing community. Your kindness means more than you know as I begin a new school year.

I'm truly sorry I wasn't able to attend the gathering when the gifts were handed out. Please know I deeply appreciate the time and care that went into preparing something so special.

With heartfelt gratitude, Crystal Eldridge

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

17 th	A.M. worship @10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,
	Facebook Live & YouTube.
	Kent Taylor's b-day.
18 th	Men's Lunch @11:30 a.m.
	Marco Ramirez's b-day.
19 th	Clare Galloway's b-day.
20 th	Wednesday evening bible class @6:30 p.m.
22 nd	Men's Coffee Group @8:30 a.m.

Small Group Bible Study

Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

- 1. What is the main prayer request that Paul makes for the Thessalonian church in 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13?
- 2. How does Paul describe the relationship between prayer and love in this passage? What thoughts come to mind when you think of "love that overflows?"
- 3. If a relationship is broken, who is responsible for fixing it? How would you help someone fix a broken relationship?
- 4. What does the passage suggest about the connection between prayer and preparing for Christ's return?
- 5. In what ways does Paul encourage believers to intercede for one another?
- 6. Why is holiness so important to God?

Those Scheduled to Serve for August

Deacons on Duty: Phil Sexton, Dale Rogers

Men on Duty: Alan Warboys, Mac Rogers, Mark Pantuso