

Ebed-Melech Story

- I. Overview of the Jeremiah story.
 - a. Zedekiah is King of Judah – appointed by Nebuchadnezzar (Jer. 37).
 - b. Meanwhile, Egypt marches toward the Babylonian army, they leave to confront them.
 - c. Jeremiah tries to leave Jerusalem; the Captain of the guard accuses him of desertion.
 - d. New jail cell – courtyard of the guard (Jer. 38).
 - e. Enter Ebed-Melech – a Cushite Eunuch. Jer. 38:7-13.
- II. Lessons from this important, little person.
 - a. Sometimes immediate action is required.
 - i. He was willing to take a stand.
 - ii. He was willing to make his voice heard.
 - b. Ebed-Melech showed great compassion.
 - i. Good Samaritan story – Luke 10:25-37.
 1. 2 Cor. 1:4.
 2. What do we “feel” for those in pain around us?
 - c. Ebed-Melech spoke boldly to the king.
 - i. We need more boldness in our world.
 - ii. He appeared unafraid of what the King might do.
 - iii. The King actually listened!
 - d. Ebed-Melech helped when no one else did.
 - i. Back to the Good Samaritan – what about the Priest and Levite?
 - ii. What if I help him, how will that affect me?
 - iii. Can you follow God and live a self-protected life?
 - e. Ebed-Melech trusted in God and was rewarded for it.
 - i. God keeps his promises, even in the midst of chaos.
 - ii. Jer. 39:15-18.

We need to treat people like they are worth the investment.
1 Thess. 5:14.

**COUNTRY CLUB ROAD
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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:

Tim Dunnahoo

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Song Leader: Wynn Anderson

Opening Song: 294 - Wonderful

Welcome: Robert Austin

Songs: 310 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

317 – Tell Me the Story of Jesus (vs. 1 & 3)

Communion Song: 371 – When We Meet In Sweet Communion
(vs. 1, 2 & 3)

Communion Offering: Greg Nibert

Kid's Church will not be in session this week!

Song: 384 – The Lily of the Valley (vs. 1 & 3)

Sermon: Doug Austin – “Ebed-Melech Story”

Invitation Song: 920 – Just As I Am (vs. 1, 2 & 6)

Closing Song: 389 – Hand in Hand With Jesus (vs. 1 & 4)

Closing Prayer:

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 will not meet this week.

Morrow Life Group will not meet this week.

Austin Life Group will not meet this week.



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

- **Matt Rogers'** platelet count continues to rise!!
- **Dennis Seik** will have a procedure on his bladder to remove a spot of cancer on Friday.
- **Ronnie Merritt** will undergo spinal surgery in Lubbock next Tuesday.
- **Denny Gumfory** is scheduled for an angiogram next Wednesday.
- **Tim Dunnahoo** will have knee replacement surgery in Artesia on 9/3.

Continue in Prayer

Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Cheryl Ringheimer, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Doris Rodriguez, Janice Bennett, Bobbie Doyle, Barry Carter, Geneva Jimenez, Rita Hughes, Michael Crum, Judy Linton, Gale Wright

We're excited to announce that Wednesday Night Recharge is back, starting Wednesday, September 3rd at 5:30 PM with Mexican Stack!

This cherished weekly tradition brings our church family together to enjoy a delicious meal, share in joyful fellowship, and recharge before evening church activities.

We're currently looking for volunteers to help provide meals on the following Wednesday nights:

9/10, 10/1, 10/22, 11/5 & 11/19

Whether you're a seasoned chef or just love serving others, we'd love your help in the kitchen!

The church building has been asked to host a Life Line Screening event on Tuesday, 9/15 from 8:15 – 5:30. The event will take place in the Small Fellowship. These events screen for potential risks for conditions like stroke, heart disease, and osteoporosis. If you would like additional information regarding this event, be sure to grab a flyer on the table in the foyer.

Life@CCR

- Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, **Kid's Church will not be in session this Sunday.** Also, the Warboys, Morrow, and Austin Life Groups will be taking a hiatus for the week!
- **Ladies Bible Class** starts back on Wednesday, September 3rd at 10 AM. We will resume our study on the Minor Prophets and will pick up with lesson 9 on Obadiah on that first Wednesday back! If you are new to ladies' class and would like a copy of this book, please let the church office know as soon as possible.
- **Jesse McCarty's** Sunday morning bible class will not be in session this week!
- **The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**
- **Mark your calendars for a Trunk or Treat, slated for Sunday evening, October 26th!** We're going to need lots of trunks, volunteers for food service, candy donations, bounce house supervision, greeters, and a photographer. Please start thinking about where you might be able to jump in & help!

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- **Monday, 9/8 @6 PM** – Book Club @6 PM
- **Friday, 9/12 @7 PM** – Movie Night in the Gym, featuring the movie, King of Kings
- **Sunday, 9/14 @5:30 PM** – Youth devo @Doug & Nici Austin's home (dinner will be provided)
- **Friday, 9/19 @5:30 PM** – Tailgate in the Wool Bowl parking lot for the RHS football game! Hotdogs will be served & everyone is invited to participate!

Those Scheduled to Serve for August

Deacons on Duty: Phil Sexton, Dale Rogers
Men on Duty: Alan Warboys, Mac Rogers, Mark Pantuso

Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

31st	A.M. worship @10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
1st	Church office closed. No Men's Lunch this week! Koko Blackwell & Arriana Van Winkle's b-day.
3rd	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Recharge @5:30 p.m. Wednesday evening bible class @6:30 p.m.
5th	Men's Coffee Group @8:30 a.m.

Labor Day Fun Facts:

1. In the late 19th century, the average working day consisted of 12 hours.
2. Some retailers claim that Labor Day is one of the largest sale dates of the year, second only to Black Friday.
3. Labor Day marks the unofficial last day of summer and the unofficial first day of NFL season.
4. More than 7 billion hot dogs are eaten by Americans between Memorial Day and Labor Day.
5. Initially celebrated in New York City, Labor Day was not made a federal holiday until 1894.
6. Labor Day is one of the busiest travel days of the year!

As we celebrate Labor Day with hot dogs, the last moments of summer, and the excitement of football season, let's also remember the true purpose behind the holiday—honoring the hard work and dedication that shapes our communities. Just as many will enjoy a well-deserved day of rest, may we take a moment to reflect on the blessings of work and rest, both given to us by God. May the start of this new season reminds us of the balance we seek in our lives—working diligently, but also taking time to recharge, celebrate, and enjoy the blessings that God has provided!

Happy Labor Day!