

Col. 1:24-29.

- I. Maturity means looking more like Jesus.
 - a. God’s goal for you is not just to save you, but to get you to look more like Jesus.
 - i. Rom. 8:28-29. Notice two things:
 - ii. God’s goal before you were born. . .
 - iii. God can take anything happening in your life. . .
 - b. Maturity means submitting to the work of God. 2 Cor. 3:18.
- II. What does Paul mean when he talks about the “mystery” of Christ?
 - a. The Gospel of Christ includes every person.
 - i. Col. 1:27.
 - ii. God’s love can’t be confined to just the Jews.
 - iii. Eph. 3:2-6.
 - b. The person of Christ is in every Christian.
 - i. Col. 1:27.
 - ii. Christ lives in you! Believe it!
 - iii. Gal. 2:20.
 - iv. 1 John 4:4.
 - v. John 14:23.
- III. Do you want to look like Jesus?
 - a. We must suffer with him who suffered for us.
 - i. Col. 1:24.
 - ii. Nobody ever heard the gospel without it costing somebody something.
 - iii. Acts 9:15-16.
 - b. We must dwell on him who dwells in us.
 - i. Col. 1:28.
 - ii. Do you regularly dwell on Christ?
 - iii. Col. 3:15-17.
 - c. We must work for him who works in us.
 - i. Col. 1:29.

Do people know what Jesus looks like when they see us?

Who Do You Look Like?

**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:

Kent Taylor

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Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Opening Song: 101 – God Is Love (vs. 1 & 2)

Welcome: Doug Austin

Songs: 230 – All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name (vs. 1,3 & 4)

295 – He Leadeth Me

504 – It Is Well with My Soul (vs. 1,2 & 4)

Communion Song: 312 – Jesus Paid It All

Communion Offering:

Dismiss for Kid’s Church

Songs: 430 – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Sermon: Doug Austin – “Who Do You Look Like?”

Invitation Song: 860 – Who at the Door Is Standing? (vs. 1 & 3)

Closing Song: 560 – ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer:

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

Minor Prophets – Jon Young (Rm. 16)

New Testament Worship – Jesse McCarty (Small Fellowship)

1 Peter – Doug Austin (Couch Room)

Hebrews (Spanish Class) – Mynor Vasquez (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 25.

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

- **Ronnie Merritt** had an appointment in Lubbock on Wednesday. He received a good report from his doctors! **Beverly** is slated for shoulder replacement on Nov. 18th.
- **Cherish Sexton** will undergo a bone marrow biopsy on October 28th.
- **Bob Estep** has returned home and is making steady progress towards recovery.

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, Ronnie Merritt, Gale Wright, Ricky Anderson, Emily Nunez, Betty Vinson, John Matta, Bobby Moore, Dennis Seik

Statement from the Elders

To the Church Family at Country Club Road Church of Christ in Roswell, New Mexico: As elders, we are committed to leading in alignment with Scripture, our stated beliefs, and our mission to know Christ and make Him known. After much prayer, discussion, and reflection, we have decided that our church will not support or participate in events such as Trunk-or-Treat or similar Halloween-related activities. This decision, though not made lightly, is rooted in our biblical convictions, a desire to remain fully focused on Christ, and our understanding of Scriptures that call us to avoid practices with origins in darkness or the occult (Deuteronomy 18:9–12; Ephesians 5:11; Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 6:14–18). We acknowledge that our communication has at times been delayed or unclear, and we sincerely apologize, committing to greater transparency and compassion going forward. While such events may seem harmless or even well-intentioned, we believe they can distract from the gospel and blur the distinction between the church and the world. Instead, we will focus our efforts on biblically grounded outreach—through Scripture, service, and discipleship—that clearly proclaims Christ without compromise. We encourage each member to use this season to grow in personal devotion and to engage the community with the love and hope of Jesus. May we remain united in Christ, extend grace to one another, and seek always to honor Him in all we do.

In His service,
The Elders of Country Club Road Church of Christ

Life@CCR

- We had another great Recharge this week! Our thanks go out to the combined talents of **Brian & Taryn Houghtalin** for the delicious batch of chili for Frito pie & chili dogs as well as the homemade chocolate cake. Thanks also to our families who come out week after week to enjoy fellowship together as a church family.
- We are sad to say we will soon bid farewell to **Jean (Dawson) & Benny Wilson**, who will officially be relocating to Price, Utah on November 1st. Jean has been a cherished member of our Deaf Ministry for many years. They will be greatly missed, and we pray God’s continued guidance and blessings in this new chapter of their lives.
- **A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to help unload the furniture truck on Thursday for our disaster relief efforts.** We’re so grateful for your time, strength, and joyful spirits as we serve those in need.

Small Group Bible Study

Text: Colossians 1:24-29

1. Who do you look like? Physically? Spiritually?
2. What does Paul mean when he says that he rejoices in his suffering for the sake of the Gospel?
3. How can understanding Paul’s perspective on suffering help you deal with your own challenges?
4. In what way does Paul’s suffering reflect the suffering of Christ? Do ours ever reflect the sufferings of Christ? How? Why?
5. What is the “mystery” Paul refers to in verses 26-27? Why is this “mystery” significant?
6. In what ways is the “person of Christ” in every Christian? What are the implications of this?

Those Scheduled to Serve for October

Deacons on Duty: Jose Baeza, Brandon Cometti, Brian Houghtalin
Men on Duty: Kevin McCormack, Thomas Beard

Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

26 th	A.M. worship @10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Earl Newborn & Cal Baier’s b-day.
27 th	Bella Jobe’s b-day.
29 th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Recharge @5:30 p.m. Wednesday evening bible class @6:30 p.m. Gannon Baier’s b-day.
30 th	Juan Dominguez & Rachael Holmes’ b-day.

There is a possibility that government benefits (i.e. WIC & SNAP benefits) will not be available for November. If you are a recipient of these benefits and anticipate needing help, please contact the church office.

In addition, we will begin collecting baby formula, diapers, canned food, and non-perishables in anticipation of this upcoming possibility! There will be a table set up in the foyer on Sunday where you can place any of the above items. This drive will run on Sunday, Oct. 26th, and Sunday, Nov. 2nd. If there is a resolution, and government benefits are not affected, these items will simply be set aside and put to work for a special holiday initiative. **Please make sure non-perishables are sealed cans that are not expired and free from dents, rust, or swelling.** Here is a list of suggested items (thank you in advance):

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| -Diapers (Size 2-5) | -Baby Formula | -Crackers |
| -Canned meat | -Peanut butter | -Jelly |
| -Canned veggies | -Beans, rice, pasta | -Canned soups |
| -Powdered milk | -Spaghetti sauce | -Cereal |
| -Flour | -Cooking oil | -Oatmeal |