

A Prayer for Wisdom

If you could ask for anything, what would you ask for?
Story of Solomon -- 2 Chronicles 1:7-10.

- I. What do you need to be spiritually mature?
 - a. Col. 1:9-14.
 - b. We need to be praying for a greater capacity to think spiritually.
 - i. Eph. 1:17.
 - ii. 2 Cor. 1:12.
 - iii. 1 Cor. 2:6-7.
 - c. What does this kind of wisdom look like?
- II. We have spiritual wisdom when we stop:
 - a. When we stop associating good works with works righteousness.
 - i. Col. 1:10.
 - ii. Fruit was on the branches because it was a fruit tree!
 - iii. Eph. 2:8-10.
 - iv. Tit. 2:14.
 - v. Gal. 6:9.
 - vi. The tension is not between grace and works, but between grace and merit.
 - b. When we stop assuming living with power means living without pain.
 - i. Col. 1:11.
 - ii. 2 Cor. 12:9-10.
 - c. When we stop asking for salvation and start basking in it.
 - i. Col. 1:12.
 - ii. Col. 1:13-14.
 - iii. We don't need to beg God to do what he has already done.
 - iv. Eph. 1:7-8.

What we need is more prayers for wisdom.
Jam. 1:5.

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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)

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Doug Austin
Elders:
Tim Dunnahoo - Lee Rogers
Kent Taylor - David West
Elder Chairman of the Month:
Kent Taylor



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The Encourager

Country Club Road Church of Christ

Song Leader: Rollah Aston
Opening Song: 678 – Lord, We Come Before Thee Now (vs 1 & 4)
Welcome: David West
Songs: 135 – On Zion’s Glorious Summit
338 – Oh the Depth and the Riches (vs 1 & 3)
276 – Surely the Presence
Communion Song: 300 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Communion Offering: Jesse McCarty
Dismiss for Kid’s Church
Song: 521 – Love Lifted Me (vs 1 & 2)
Sermon: Doug Austin – “A Prayer for Wisdom”
Invitation Song: 570 – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vs 1, 2 & 5)
Closing Song: 513 – Standing on the Promises (vs 1 & 4)
Closing Prayer:

Sunday Morning Bible study (9:00 a.m.)
Minor Prophets – Jon Young (Rm. 16)
New Testament Worship – Jesse McCarty (Small Fellowship)
Parenting through Philippians – 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

- **Ricky Anderson** has been diagnosed with lymphoma. He will see a specialist on October 31st.
- **Sue Creighton** was hospitalized last weekend with complications due to shingles. She was released on Sunday.
- **Janlee Zumwalt** continues to recover from recent knee replacement.
- **John Matta** will undergo hip replacement in Artesia on October 15th.

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, Bob Estep, Ricky Anderson

FROM THE MAILBAG...

Dear Church Family, Elders & Deacons,
Thank you so much for your cards, love, and prayers during our mom’s illness and subsequent passing. It was nice being able to hear the love you all had for mom and the memories each name brought back to us. We covet your consistent prayers and thank you for them. In Christian love,
Kathi Silvas, Rick & Tammy Stephens,
Patti Stephens & Melissa Campos

TRUE HAPPINESS

If we buy into the lie that happiness is to be found in wealth, beauty, fame, or any number of endless pursuits besides Christ, we’re doomed to unhappiness because we’re pursuing the wrong things.
But when we believe that ultimate happiness and transcendent joy are to be found only in God, then we will, for a time, turn off all our screens—all texts and social media and movies and TV—and open the Word of God, asking His Spirit to speak joy into our lives.

Life@CCR

- We continue to be grateful to our dynamite cooks each & every week of Recharge! This week we were blessed by the culinary talents of **Cecilia Contreras and Alicia Bennett**. Thanks, ladies, for your hard work feeding the masses! In addition, we are always grateful to our hard-working volunteers who help with cleanup! **Extra hands are always needed in this area, especially with cleaning up your tables before heading to class.** As the saying goes, many hands make light work, so let’s do our part together!
- **Book Club meets next week at 6 p.m. in the Small Fellowship.**
- **If you are a member of the Youth Group, we need your t-shirt size!** Please give your size to Lindsay in the office or email to ccrcoc@gmail.com. We’ve got a snazzy t-shirt design, and you’ll be getting new shirts soon!
- **There will be a Youth Group devo at the home of Tom & Delpha Moody on Sunday, 10/12 @5:30 p.m.** Dinner will be provided!
- The **church pantry** is currently running low on **spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, and dried pinto beans**. Donations can be left in the large wicker basket in the foyer!
- **There will be a concealed carry refresher course on Thursday October 16th and Saturday October 18th.** If it is between 22 and 26 months since the issue date of your license, you are due for the refresher. Contact Thomas Moody to get signed up.

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....	85/121
Sunday AM.....	188
Kid’s Church.....	36
Social Media Count.....	304
Weekly Contribution.....	\$6,075

Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

5 th	A.M. worship @10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
6 th	Book Club @6 p.m. Bryce Taylor & Sue Creighton’s b-day.
7 th	Wynn Anderson’s b-day.
8 th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Recharge @5:30 p.m. Wednesday evening bible class @6:30 p.m. Gerald Cox, Barbara Garrett & Britannie Burden’s b-day.
9 th	ReChele Taylor & John Matta’s b-day.
10 th	Men’s Coffee @8:30 a.m. JoVely Lopez’s b-day.

Small Group Bible Study

Text: Colossians 1:9-14

1. Describe what a spiritually mature person looks like?
2. Why is understanding and discernment such important characteristics in someone who is spiritually mature?
3. How do we associate works with righteousness? What is the relationship between the two?
4. How does being spiritually mature help deal with the pain of life?
5. When asked why the righteous suffer, C. S. Lewis answered, “Why not, they are the only ones who can handle it.” Wrestle with that quote. Is it true? Why or why not?
6. How can we “bask” in the salvation that God has already given us?

Those Scheduled to Serve for October

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