

Spiritual Intimidation

Col. 2:16-23.

- I. Paul has two answers against the “Christ is not enough” spirituality.
  - a. He exalts the fullness of the God/man Christ.
  - b. He exposes the emptiness of man-made religion.
- II. Popular forms of Spiritual intimation.
  - a. Law of Moses.
    - i. Col. 2:16-17.
    - ii. Some problems with man-made rules:
      - 1. Who gets to make the rules?
      - 2. You can keep externals and still be phony.
  - b. Mysticism.
    - i. Col. 2:18-19.
    - ii. Mysticism offers more self-importance; we have enough of that already.
  - c. Asceticism.
    - i. Col. 2:20-22.
    - ii. Have we heard all our life that Christianity is grim?
    - iii. Here’s the problem with asceticism:
- III. All these approaches have the same basic flaws.
  - a. They all encourage Spiritual competition.
    - i. Let me tell you. . .
    - ii. Col. 2:23.
  - b. Ultimately, none of them promote holiness.
    - i. “Christ in you, the hope of glory.”
    - ii. Gal. 5:16.
    - iii. 2 Cor. 3:17-18.
    - iv. How do you measure this?

Is Jesus a guest in your heart or does he permanently live there?

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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  
Opening Song: 292 – Into My Heart  
Welcome: Brain Houghtalin  
Songs: 237 – O Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
285 – No, Not One  
178 – Wonderful Love of Jesus  
Communion Song: 322 – By Christ Redeemed  
Communion Offering: Robert Austin  
Dismiss for Kid’s Church  
Songs: 215 – There Is a Redeemer  
Sermon: Doug Austin – “Spiritual Intimidation”  
Invitation Song: 570 – I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vs. 1, 2 & 5)  
Closing Song: 305 – He Lives (vs. 1)  
Closing Prayer: Mike Pruitt

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 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade – JL Bible Room  
JL 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

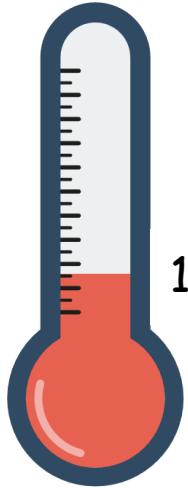
Visitors, please scan the QR code to let us know you’re worshipping with us today.  
We pray our time together is a blessing to you!

**Prayer Requests**

- **Beverly Merritt** continues to deal with a bad case of pneumonia. She remains hospitalized at Lovelace.
- **Ronnie Merritt** had a good check-up in Lubbock yesterday; however, he is currently dealing with a bad rash.
- **Cherish Sexton** will have her follow-up appointment on 11/24 to get the results of her recent bone marrow biopsy.
- **Cara Austin** will be seeing a surgeon in El Paso on Friday regarding possible upcoming leg surgery.

**Continue in Prayer**

Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Cheryl Ringheimer, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Doris Rodriguez, Janice Bennett, Bobbie Doyle, Geneva Jimenez, Gale Wright, Betty Vinson, Bobby Moore, Cara Austin, Angie Merritt, Ricky Anderson, Justina Joseph



**Stuffed Animal Drive for  
CASA:**

We’re excited to share that we’re already 16% of the way toward our goal of collecting 120 stuffed animals for **CASA** Christmas gifts! Now through December 7<sup>th</sup>, we’re accepting new or gently used stuffed animals to help make a child’s holiday a little brighter. Thank you for helping us spread joy this season!

From the mailbag:  
Dear Country Club Church of Christ,  
May God bless all of you. Thank you for the cards and prayers. Please keep the prayers coming. I appreciate it!  
Love, Walter Smith

# Life@CCR

- We wrapped up our last Recharge of the year with a doozy of a meal! Thanks so much to the culinary talents of **Sue Creighton, Marcine McDaniel, Mary Salyards, and Pat Escalante!** Look forward to Recharge picking back up sometime mid-January!
- We’re still taking sign-ups for **Thanksgiving Dinner**, taking place on Thanksgiving Day here at the church at 1 p.m. If you have questions or can’t sign up in person, please contact Laura Willaims at 214-274-0892 or Jon Young at 469-995-5287.
- Thank you, church family, for your incredible outpouring of canned and non-perishable food donations! Because of your generosity, **our church was able to donate 100 sacks** of food for the Turkey Drive at Roswell Livestock this Saturday. Your kindness is making a real difference for families in our community!
- This Sunday we welcome **Mike and Aureni Pruitt**, our supported missionaries from Recife, Brazil. They will be sharing an update on the work taking place there, and all adult Bible classes will be dismissed to hear Mike speak. Let’s warmly welcome the Pruitts and celebrate what God is doing through their ministry.
- The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, 11/26 and will remain closed throughout the remainder of the week. In addition, all Wednesday activities have been cancelled on Thanksgiving Eve. We wish you a joyful and peaceful Thanksgiving with those you hold dear.

**Kid’s Church Giving Project:**

Our Kid’s Church will be taking up a special collection one more Sunday (November 23<sup>rd</sup>) to sponsor a local family with five children this Christmas (all 5 kids are being raised by their great-grandmother). Your generosity will help provide gifts and share the love of Jesus with this deserving family this season!

**Week @ a Glance**  
**Celebrations & Happenings**

23 <sup>rd</sup>	A.M. worship @10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Men’s Lunch @11:30 a.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Church office closes @noon.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving Luncheon @1 p.m.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Liam Santos’ b-day.

**\*Please note: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday next week, there will be no bulletin.**

**Small Group Bible Study**

Text: Colossians 2:16-23

1. Do we have spiritual bullies in the Church? Describe them?
2. How do you handle a spiritual bully? What steps can a church take to protect its members from this type of bullying?
3. What does it mean that these intimidating people are “not holding fast to the Head?”
4. How can we discern the difference between godly guidance and legalistic pressure?
5. Is it possible to promote spiritual holiness without becoming a spiritual bully?
6. A big part of the first two chapters of Colossians is being connected “to Christ.” How do we accomplish that? How do we help each other grow deeper?

**Those Scheduled to Serve for November**

**Deacons on Duty:** Greg Nibert, George Escalante, Bryce Taylor  
**Men on Duty:** Ron Doyle, Jerry Ringheimer, Darius Mendoza