

## Expectations: Preaching and Teaching the Truth

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# The Encourager

Country Club Road Church of Christ

**Song Leader:** Kent Taylor

**Opening Song:** 141 – Words and Music

**Welcome:** Doug Austin

**Songs:** 199 – Blue Skies and Rainbows

691 – Savior, Teach Me

432 – Wonderful Words of Life

692 – Lord, Speak to Me

**Communion Song:** 579 – My Jesus, I Love Thee (vs. 1 & 2)

**Communion Offering:** Jesse McCarty

**Dismiss for Kid's Church**

**Song:** 778 – Give Me the Bible

**Sermon:** Doug Austin – “Expectations: Preaching & Teaching the Truth”

**Invitation Song:** 858 – Hark! The Gentle Voice (vs. 1 & 2)

**Closing Song:** 799 – Walking Alone at Eve (vs. 1)

**Closing Prayer:** Oscar Hernandez

Truth: God blesses the church that has it.

- I. Believe the truth – the world doesn't.
  - a. We need absolutes.
    - i. Our culture no longer respects the word of God as an absolute.
    - ii. Rom. 3:15-18.
    - iii. 2 Tim. 4:2.
    - iv. Matt. 7:14.
  - b. We must also resist the temptation to compromise the truth.
    - i. We must never be tempted to water down the truth.
    - ii. John 15:20.
    - iii. Matt. 5:11-12.
- II. Believe the truth – the Church must.
  - a. God's word is powerful and will bear fruit.
    - i. Is. 55:11.
    - ii. Rom. 1:16.
  - b. The importance of preaching.
    - i. Luke 4:43.
    - ii. Phil. 1:18.
    - iii. 1 Cor. 9:16-17.
    - iv. 2 Tim. 4:1-5.
- III. What we must do at CCR:
  - a. We need to ground people in the truth of God's word.
    - i. Every ministry and every class must find a way to deepen the peoples understanding of the word.
    - ii. Eph. 4:14-15.
  - b. We need to balance strong stands with God's grace.
    - i. Eph. 4:15.
    - ii. Jesus is described as being full of “grace and truth.” – John 1:14.
    - iii. Heb. 4:12.
    - iv. Jesus was a master at applying the truth.
  - c. We need to ask, “How does this apply?”
    - i. Apply Sunday's scripture to Monday.
    - ii. Do you ever think that I am preaching to you specifically? Good!

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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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AND TO MAKE HIM  
KNOWN.

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**Sunday Morning Bible study (9:00 a.m.)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Peter** – Doug Austin (Rm. 16)  
**Jeremiah** – Jesse McCarty (Small Fellowship)  
**Philippians** – Robert Austin (Couch Rm)  
**God With Us (Sun. Spanish Class)** – Mynor Vasquez (Rm 15)  
**God vs. gods (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.**



Welcome! We are delighted you chose to join us today. If you are visiting with us, please scan the QR code and tell us a little about yourself. We pray our time together is a blessing to you.

### Prayer Requests

- **Pat Escalante** had a consultation in Lubbock last Thursday. Implantation of her watchman's device will take place at a later date this summer.

### Continue in Prayer

Clara O'Neil, Cheryl Ringheimer, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Doris Rodriguez, Janice Bennett, Geneva Jimenez, Betty Vinson, Sharen Anderson, Oscar Hernandez, Rita Hughes, Betty Mahaffey, Helen Phillips, Gale Wright

**All Aboard! We're getting ready for an exciting journey together. There will be an informative VBS meeting next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m. All those planning to participate in VBS are asked to attend as we prepare for this special week of ministry. We hope you'll join us as we get everything on track for a wonderful VBS!**



### Those Scheduled to Serve - April

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

# Life@CCR

- We're so thankful to **David & Shana West** for finishing out our Recharge dinners strong this season. A special thank you as well to **Marcine McDaniel** for her help in the kitchen—what a great team these three made! As we wrapped up our final meal last night, we're grateful to each of you who helped make Recharge such a warm and welcoming time of fellowship. We look forward to gathering again in the fall!
- We're excited to once again raise funds to provide a Bible for every attendee at VBS this year. Our current goal is 158 Bibles. We use **NIV Adventure Bibles** for both our Journey Land and VBS children, which cost about \$14 each. If you'd like to help, you can give your donations to Taryn, Mattie, or any staff member.
- **CCRCOC invites you to come and have the kids pack a present for mom!** May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Refreshments will be provided for the adults while the kids create a special card and assemble a gift for mom! Individuals from the community are encouraged to participate.
- **Senior Sunday is next week!** Our seniors this year are Darius Mendoza, Kiana Bailey, Sophya Pelcastre, Maria Moretto, Hannah Williams, and Yasmine Magana. Hope you can join us for this special Sunday worship and time of recognition.
- **We have sign-up sheets galore!** As we are preparing for a busy and exciting summer, we're looking for **volunteers to help with our 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade classes** this summer—your time and willingness make a huge difference. We also have new sign-up sheets available for **cookies and homemade ice cream** for Vacation Bible School—always a favorite! Thank you for helping make these ministries so special!
- **Join us on Wednesday, May 20th from 5:00–6:30 p.m. for a special "Plan for Your Future" event.** Dinner will be provided. Anderson Bethany will be presenting important information on topics such as wills, legal forms, powers of attorney, and final wishes. This is a wonderful opportunity to gain peace of mind and practical guidance for the future.

## Week @ a Glance Celebrations & Happenings

<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	A.M. worship @10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	Men's Lunch @11:30 a.m. Laura Brown's b-day.
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	Ladies Bible Class @10 a.m.; Luncheon @11 a.m. VBS Pizza @5:30; Meeting @6:30 Wednesday evening bible class @6:30 p.m. June McCormack & Landon Bennett's b-day.
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Men's Coffee @8:30 a.m. Gloria Matta & Hawk Houghtalin's b-day.

### Study Guide

Texts to Read: 2 Timothy 4:1-5 and Hebrews 4:12

1. Does our culture respect the word of God as an absolute? Does the Church?
2. Why is it so easy to slowly start to compromise the truth? How do we guard from compromising?
3. Why is preaching and teaching so important? Do we stress the sermon too much within the worship service?
4. How can we balance strong stances with God's grace? Are those two things compatible?
5. How much is the Church responsible for grounding you in the truth? Why or why not?
6. Do we effectively apply Sunday's message to Monday's life?