

Blessed: Peacemakers

We are all for peace in principle, it's peace in practice. . .
Matt. 5:9.

- I. A God-ruled heart grows in its desire to minister reconciliation.
 - a. The kingdom of God does not exalt fighters, it exalts fixers.
 - b. Jesus doesn't say:
 - i. Blessed are the peace-lovers.
 - ii. The Bible calls this reconciliation.
 1. 2 Cor. 5:18-20
 2. Peace-making restores fellowship.
- II. A God-ruled heart knows. . . .
 - a. Peace is never unconditional.
 - i. If you think this, then you will confuse peace with appeasement.
 - ii. Matt. 10:34-36.
 - iii. Peace is not just the absence of conflict but the presence of righteousness.
 1. As long as sin is condoned there can be no real peace.
 2. Jam. 3:17-18.
 3. Heb. 12:14.
 4. Ps. 85:10
 - b. Peace is always intentional.
 - i. Peace doesn't just fall in your lap.
 - ii. Rom. 12:18.
 - iii. Matt. 5:23-24.
- III. A God-ruled heart shows the character of God.
 - a. If you are a peacemaker, you will be called sons of God.
 - b. When you give peace a chance you are going to reflect the character of God.

When are we going to take the fences down and make peace?
"Lord, make us instruments of your peace."

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

Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers

Kent Taylor - David West

Elder Chairman of the Month:

Tim Dunnahoo

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The Encourager

Country Club Road Church of Christ

Song Leader: Kent Taylor

Song:

Welcome: Tom Moody

Songs:

Communion Song:

Communion Offering: Jesse McCarty

Song:

Sermon: Doug Austin – “Blessed: Peacemakers”

Invitation Song:

Closing Song:

Closing Prayer:

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

Acts – Doug Austin (Rm. 27)

Foundations – Jon Young (Sm. Fellowship)

Revelation (Spanish Class) – Mynor Vasquez (Rm. 22)

Jr. High/High School – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26)

JL 4th – 6th grade – JL History Room

JL 1st – 3rd grade – JL History Room

4's, 5's & Kinder – Amy Joy (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



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

- It was determined that **Wynn Anderson** needs a heart ablation. He is being referred to a cardiologist.
- **Denny Gumfory** will have neck surgery in Albuquerque next Wednesday.
- **Beverly Merritt** will have stent removal surgery in Lubbock on August 21st.

Continue in Prayer

Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Sam Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Mary Ann Baeza, George & Betty Vinson, Janice Bennett, Doris Rodriguez, Gale Wright, Joanne Magness, Earlene Cates, Andrea Morrow

Getting to Know Our Missionaries

Our church partners with several ministries and missionaries both close to home as well as around the globe! This is the fourth of a seven part series so that you can get to know and pray for each mission effort individually...this week's focus will be on Terry & Pam Laurence.

Fort Defiance Church of Christ boasts a beautiful new building in the small town of Fort Defiance. Located near the capital of the Navajo Reservation, Window Rock, AZ the Church has a special opportunity to reach out into the community and grow. Terry and Pam Laurence have lived in Fort Defiance since the mid 2000's and have served the community ever since then. Terry is the full-time minister at the Fort Defiance Church and aims to reach the community around him. His wife Pam is an elementary teacher at the local school. This is challenging work in a rough and smaller community. Terry and Pam have found success using service projects and Vacation Bible School to reach the community and spread the good news.

Life@CCR

- August is the ordinary time the New Mexico Christian Children's Home would have been doing their regular grocery pickup. **Now that those grocery runs have phased out, the home respectfully requests you make a special contribution in lieu of the truck coming by.** If you'd like to contribute, please get your donation to the church staff. We will be accepting donations on behalf of the home through the month of August but please don't feel obligated, this is only voluntary!
- **Recharge will resume on September 4th with a hamburger & hotdog cookout!** A sign-up sheet for cooks will be out on the foyer table this Sunday. Please consider being a cook or being on a team of cooks!
- **We have all the slots filled for our 1st rotation of Journey Land and are looking forward to another great year!** Melissa continues to take volunteers to fill slots for rotations 2-5. If you'd like to help, please see Melissa.
- **In preparation for some upcoming changes, our Spanish class will be moving from their classroom in the gym to room #15. Juan Dominguez & Mynor Vasquez** have already begun painting their new room and making various improvements. This is in addition to facelifts already taking place around the building. What an exciting time in the life of our church!
- **Ladies Bible Class will pick on Wednesday, September 4th at 10 a.m.** We will continue our study in Cassandra Martin's, "Our Father In Heaven, Teach Us To Pray," then will move on to a study on Angels. **If you are interested in joining us for ladies' class but do not have this book, please let Delpha Moody or the office know so that we can have your material ready ahead of time.**

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

18th	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Marco Ramirez & Tammy Martin's b-day.
19th	Elders' meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Clare Galloway's b-day.
21st	Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m.

Life Groups Study Guide

Text: Matthew 5:9 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

1. Talk about some peacemakers that you know. Describe their character, their actions, why they were good at making peace between others.
2. Explore 2 Cor. 5:18-21.
 - a. What does reconciliation mean?
 - b. What story (stories) from your life illustrate this passage?
 - c. What does God do through Christ? What does he do through us?
3. What are most of our relational problems about? How do we solve/reconcile them?
4. How can you be an "instrument of God's peace?"

Daily Prayer Prompts...

Be sure to go to our website at ccrcoc.com to see our daily prayer prompts under the **CALENDAR** tab. This month's focus is surrounding back-to-school—praying for our children, parents, teachers & school administrators. In order to see each day's full prayer prompt, be sure to click the pink box on the calendar.