

## Blessed Are the Merciful

Random acts of kindness should not be rare.

Matt. 5:7.

- I. God desires his people to display his character.
  - a. Luke 10:25-37.
  - b. The absence of mercy. . .
    - i. Matt. 9:9-13. Jesus saw behind their concern for purity a wrong view of what God wants.
    - ii. Matt. 12:1-8.
    - iii. Matt. 23:23-24.
    - iv. Micah 6:6-8.
- II. Five truths about mercy:
  - a. Mercy is a need.
    - i. Luke 18:13.
    - ii. We deserve condemnation. . .
      1. Tit. 3:4-5.
      2. Eph. 2:4-5.
  - b. Mercy is a gift.
    - i. It is not a wage it is a gift. 1 Pet. 1:3.
    - ii. Mercy is the only way we can approach God.
      1. Heb. 4:16.
      2. Lam. 3:22-24.
  - c. Mercy is a choice.
    - i. How long should anybody have to live without yours?
      1. Matt. 18:21-35.
    - ii. What right do I have to expect grace if I never intend to reflect grace?
      1. Jam. 2:13.
      2. Rom. 6:1, 15.
  - d. Mercy is a verb.
    - i. Luke 18:35-39.
    - ii. What did the Samaritan do? Luke 10:36-37.
  - e. Mercy is a risk.

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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

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**Song Leader:** Kent Taylor

**Song:** 143 – We Have Come into His House (v 1 & 3)

**Welcome:** Bryce Taylor

**Songs:** 54 – Holy, Holy, Holy (v 1, 3 & 4)

178 – Wonderful Love of Jesus

310 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (v 1, 2 & 4)

761 – Rescue the Perishing (v 1, 3 & 4)

**Communion Song:** 332 – Years I Spent in Vanity and Pride (v 1 & 4)

**Communion Offering:** Doug Austin

**Song:** 237 – O Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v 1 & 3)

**Sermon:** Doug Austin – “Blessed Are the Merciful”

**Invitation Song:** 880 – Softly and Tenderly (v 1 & 2)

**Closing Song:** 790 – When We All Get to Heaven (v 1 & 4)

**Closing Prayer:** LJ Harrell

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

**Acts** – Doug Austin (Rm. 27)

**Foundations** – Jesse M., Jon Y., Oscar H. (Sm. Fellowship)

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

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

**JL 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade** – JL History Room

**JL 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

- Former member **Earlene Cates** fell and broke her hip on Wednesday. She had successful hip replacement on Thursday.
- **Andrea Morrow** is scheduled to undergo knee replacement in Artesia on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Continue in Prayer

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

### 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 second of a seven part series so that you can get to know and pray for each mission effort individually...

The Albuquerque Christian Children's Home has had 50 years of success caring for children all over the Albuquerque region and greater New Mexico. The elders of the University Church of Christ had a dream to open a foster home for children that have been neglected, abused or are in need of supervision. They tirelessly worked at this dream until finally the dream was realized. From its inception to now, ACCH has given care to over 600 children and helped over 200 families. The mission of ACCH is simple: provide the very best physical, psychological, and spiritual care to school-aged children. The home is humbled and honored to love and provide for God's children in this way. As they have the space and financial resources available, ACCH continues to provide a safe haven for children in need. If you are interested in helping in anyway, simply go to [acch4kids.org](http://acch4kids.org).

# Life@CCR

- Our condolences are extended to the family of **Bob Cates**, who passed away on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. A memorial service will take place at a later date.
- **The Youth Group will have a "mini-Olympics" this Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7:30 in the gym.** Teens, please bring a favorite snack to share as well as your own beverage!
- **This Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> will be promotion Sunday!** Four-year-olds will graduate to Ms. Amy's class, 1<sup>st</sup> graders will graduate to Journey Land, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will graduate to the Youth Group! Please take your kids directly to their new classes on that day.
- **Teachers, school administrators, parents & students, please make plans to attend a back-to-school breakfast on Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9 a.m.** There will be lots of good food & fellowship and even giveaways for the kiddos! We would also like to begin praying for our school system and students. Be sure to go to [ccroc.com](http://ccroc.com) each day for a daily prayer prompt to help guide you through a month of prayers for August.
- **Book Club will resume on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. Looking forward to another great year of books!**
- **Next Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> will be the last of our pizza/devo fellowships before starting Recharge on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at 5:30!**

### Upcoming Events

<b>Monday, 8/5</b>	Book Club @ 6 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, 8/7</b>	Pizza fellowship w/devo & open gym
<b>Sunday, 8/11</b>	Back-to-School breakfast @ 9 am
<b>Tuesday, 8/13</b>	NMMI IPA & Classical Conversations begin using our building/gym!
<b>Monday, 9/2</b>	Labor Day—office closed
<b>Wednesday, 9/4</b>	Ladies Bible Class begins @ 10 am Recharge meals kick off @ 5:30 pm

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

<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Shawn Sexton's b-day.
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Elders meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Book Club @ 6 p.m.
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	Willis Howe's b-day.
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Pizza fellowship @ 5:30 p.m. Devo/Open Gym @ 6:30 p.m.
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Kameron Dorrance's b-day.

### **Life Groups Study Guide**

Text: Matt. 5:7 and Micah 6:6-8

1. Describe a "random act of kindness" that was done to you. How did it feel? Why did it matter so much?
2. Why should we read scripture through the lens of mercy?
3. How is our mercy extended to others a reflection of God's mercy toward us? How does this impact the ones we show mercy to?
4. What is the difference between pity and mercy?
5. Explore Micah 6:6-8. Why do you think God wants mercy even more than sacrifice?
6. In what ways do we take mercy for granted?

### **Those Scheduled to Serve for August**

**Deacons on Duty:** Phil Sexton, Dale Rogers

**Men on Duty:** Alan Warboys, Mac Rogers, Mark Pantuso