

Blessed: Persecuted

Matt. 5:10-12.

- I. Persecution is an indication of citizenship.
 - a. If you are one of those Christians. . .
 - i. "I don't think Satan ever bothers me."
 - ii. If you live by the first seven beatitudes, you will get to practice the eighth.
 - b. This should inspire praise and rejoicing.
- II. Three things you can rejoice about because of persecution for the sake of righteousness.
 - a. It identifies me as a follower of Jesus.
 - i. Righteousness is more than. . .
 - 1. 1 Pet. 4:14.
 - 2. Acts 4:13.
 - 3. Acts 5:41.
 - ii. Jesus endured it for us, now we endure it for him.
 - 1. Matt. 5:11.
 - 2. Matt. 5:44.
 - 3. Acts 7:60.
 - b. It magnifies my focus on eternal realities.
 - i. "Rejoice and be glad for great is your reward. . ."
 - ii. Mark 10:28-31.
 - iii. Matt. 6:19-21.
 - iv. Matt. 6:33.
 - c. It verifies that I belong to a righteous line.
 - i. "In the same way they hurt the prophets who were before you."
 - ii. Heb. 11:36-40.
- III. Persecution is ultimately an illustration of the joy of kingdom life.
 - a. This sounds like a paradox, but it really isn't.
 - b. By how we respond when the world gives us the worst news it can give us.
 - i. Matt. 5:13-16.
 - c. Acts 16:25-34.

"Long live Christ the King."



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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: Wayne Fenter

Song: 260 – O Worship the King

Welcome:

Songs: 512 – God Will Take Care of You

680 – Be with me, Lord

664 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Communion Song: 364 – I Gave My Life for Thee

Communion Offering:

Song: 971 – Trials Dark on Every Hand

Sermon: Doug Austin – "Blessed: Persecuted"

Invitation Song: 921 – Yield Not to Temptation (vs. 1,2 & 3, then refrain)

Closing Song: 703 – Jesus Is Coming Soon

Closing Prayer: Quinton Franzoy

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

- **Denny Gumfory** had successful neck surgery in Albuquerque this week.
- **Beverly Merritt** had stent removal surgery in Lubbock on August 21st. Everything went great!
- **Robert Gomez** will have knee replacement surgery on September 3rd.
- **George Vinson** is not expected to make it through the weekend. Prayers are appreciated.

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, Wynn Anderson

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 fifth 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 Johnny & Robin Eastep.

Project Philippines is a serious attempt to take the Gospel of Christ to the people of the Philippines and to provide much-needed educational resources so the children could grow up to know Jesus Christ. The first phase of Project Philippines is Leyte Christian College (LCC). LCC offers a four year Bible degree to students who are willing to study hard and want to take the gospel to their world. Soon, LCC hopes to offer other degree plans including English, Women's Ministry, and Youth Ministry. Project Philippines is led by Johnny and Robin Eastep. Johnny has his BA in History and an MA in Bible from Freed-Hardeman University. Robin, Johnny's better half, graduated with a degree in English from Amarillo College in TX.

Life@CCR

- **We are currently accepting contributions on behalf of the New Mexico Christian Children's Home.** Donations will be accepted through the month of August, just get it to any Elder or staff member.
- **Recharge will resume on September 4th with a hamburger & hotdog cookout!** A sign-up sheet for cooks is out on the foyer table. Please consider being a cook or joining a team of cooks!
- **The church pantry is currently low on peanut butter, laundry soap & crackers.** Donations can be left in the large basket next to the welcome center in the foyer.
- **The new Spanish classroom has a fresh coat of paint from floor to ceiling. Next to come will be some updates to the existing lighting in that room (Room #15).** If all goes well, they hope to move into their new class within the week!
- **Ladies Bible Class will pick up 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.**
- **The new homeschool group that is meeting at our building has 29 attendees, birth through high school. Each family unit also has a parent in attendance each week.** We are thrilled to get to share our building with this conglomeration of sweet families each Tuesday!

Daily Prayer Prompts...

Be sure to go to our website at ccroc.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.

Week @ a Glance Celebrations & Happenings

25 th	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
26 th	Joanne Magness' b-day.
27 th	Emily Nunez & Byntli Jobe's b-day.
28 th	Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m.
29 th	Anthony Alexander's b-day.
30 th	Dolores Sanchez's b-day.

Life Groups Study Guide

Text: Matt. 5:10-12

1. A line from the beginning of the sermon went something like this, "If you live by the first seven beatitudes, you may get to practice the eighth." Explore that line.
2. Do we suffer persecution? If so, what form does it take?
3. How does persecution enhance our endurance? How did it enhance the New Testament disciples?
4. Why does Jesus end the beatitude with "rejoice and be glad for great is your reward?"
5. In Acts 16, Paul and Silas are singing while chained up in prison. How was this even possible given their condition? What effect did it have on the jailer? What effect do you think it had on Paul and Silas?

Those Scheduled to Serve for August

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