

## The Waiting Room

We spend a lot of time in life waiting.

- I. The Father's waiting room.
  - a. Noah.
    - i. Waiting on something called rain.
    - ii. For 100 years, he has been the joke.
  - b. Abraham.
    - i. Old man with no children with Sarah.
    - ii. 25 years he's been waiting on a boy.
  - c. Joseph.
    - i. Young man in chains with great dreams of leading his family.
    - ii. 13 years as a slave or prisoner.
  - d. Moses.
    - i. Old man with a shepherd's staff and a rap sheet.
    - ii. 40 years tending sheep.
  - e. David.
    - i. Young, good looking musician/soldier.
    - ii. 14 years from anointing to sitting on the throne.
  - f. Many of you are in the Father's waiting room.
  - g. Anna.
    - i. Luke 2:36-38.
    - ii. The wait was worth every moment.
- II. If you are in the Father's waiting room. . .
  - a. Don't sweat it.
    - i. How long? Hard to say.
    - ii. You have plenty of great company.
  - b. Learn to trust him while you wait.
    - i. We talked about this last week.
    - ii. Rom. 8:28.
  - c. Hold on to God's promises.
    - i. Old Zookeeper, "A snapping turtle won't turn loose 'til it thunders."
    - ii. Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David and Anna – they all held on!

Remember that God is in the waiting room with us.

We are not alone.

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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:** 848 – Where He Leads Me I Will Follow (vs. 1)

**Welcome:** Doug Austin

**Songs:** 392 – Sing and Be Happy

382 – Living By Faith (vs. 1 & 3)

435 – Hold to God's Unchanging Hand

**Communion Song:** 300 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (vs. 1, 3 & 4)

**Communion Offering:** Robert Austin

**Song:** 552 – I Know Whom I Have Believed (vs. 1 & 4)

**Sermon:** Doug Austin – "The Waiting Room"

**Invitation Song:** 871 – Jesus Is Tenderly Calling (vs. 1 & 4)

**Closing Song:** 542 – Faith Is the Victory (vs. 1)

**Closing Prayer:** Oscar Hernandez

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

**The Period Between the Testaments** – Jon Young (Rm. 27)

**How We Got the Bible** – Jesse McCarty (Sm. Fellowship)

**Philippians** – Doug Austin (Couch Room)

**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

- **Helen Phillips** had successful knee replacement surgery at ENMMC on Wednesday.
- **Robert Gomez** will have knee replacement surgery on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Matt Rogers** will have another bone marrow biopsy done in September due to an anomaly found on his last biopsy. His donor DNA counts are not where they were in the Spring. Please keep Matt in prayer as his doctors investigate what could be the cause.

### Continue in Prayer

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

### 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 sixth 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 Josh & Divine Austin...

In 2000, Josh and Divine began school at Bear Valley Bible Institute in Denver. After graduating, they moved to Kayenta to help continue in the ministry that Josh's parents had started nearly 30 years before. While in Kayenta many friends were made, and many lives were changed by Christ. Josh and Divine's lives changed with the addition of four wonderful children. In August of 2013 a house church began with friends and past members from the Navajo reservation. The small group of believers then started to meet on the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community until they grew to have their own meeting place, now known as the Salt River Church of Christ. For more info, go to [saltriverchurchofchrist.com](http://saltriverchurchofchrist.com).

# Life@CCR

- **The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of the Labor Day holiday.**
- **Recharge will resume next Wednesday with a hamburger & hotdog cookout!** We are thrilled to begin our weekly Recharge meals again. However, we need your help! Please consider signing up to be a cook. We have open slots beginning as early as September 11<sup>th</sup>!
- **Thank you for your donations to the church pantry. Thanks to your help, our shelves are once again well stocked!**
- **We need your muscle!** Following Recharge next Wednesday, we could use some help moving furniture/pews from various classrooms. If you are available and able bodied, please consider rolling up your sleeves to help. We'll meet in the Spanish classroom (Rm. 22 at 6:20 to begin).
- **We will have the last of our monthly summer open gym/devo nights on September 4<sup>th</sup>!** We sincerely hope you have enjoyed these evenings of fellowship & singing.

Ladies, you are cordially invited to join us for Ladies Bible Class on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>!

We will begin promptly at 9:45 with a homecooked breakfast, followed by an organizational meeting. If you've never attended ladies' class, we hope you will take this opportunity and join us for a time of fellowship & study each Wednesday morning!

### Those Scheduled to Serve for September

**Deacons on Duty:** Dale English, Pablo Contreras, Jacob Puckett, Michael O'Neil

**Men on Duty:** S.C. Morrow, John Matta, Tom Shaffer, Marco Ramirez

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

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Koko Blackwell & Arriana Van Winkle's b-day.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Happy Labor Day—office will be closed!
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Ladies Bible Class @ 9:45 a.m. Recharge @ 5:30 p.m. Open Gym & Devo @ 6:30 p.m. Kevin Fenter's b-day.

### **Life Groups Study Guide**

Text: Luke 2:25-38

1. Who is the oldest person you know?
2. When you were growing up, what teacher, coach or relative made you feel special?
3. Do you know anyone like Anna?
4. Talk about a time in your life when you have been in God's waiting room.
5. How would you help someone deal with a dead-end job? How about a dead-end marriage?
6. Why do we need to be reminded to hold on to God's promises?
7. Do good things ever come from spending time in the waiting room? Name a few.

### From the Mailbag...

Dear Brothers & Sisters,  
Words cannot express our gratitude to each and every one of you. Our Lord has been evident in our healing process. We have felt your great love that few can ever experience in a lifetime. We love you for your many prayers on our behalf. This is truly a Christian family of believers.

Sincerely,  
Cecilia & Pablo Contreras