

Hope Rises: Going Home

Phil. 1:21-24.

- I. The longing for heaven means living now with a holy sense of discontent.
 - a. Christians cope with spiritual home-sickness.
 - b. We have our own unique language, the language of groaning.
 - i. Rom. 8:22-25.
 - ii. Groaning and griping is not the same thing!
- II. Four reasons why I long for home.
 - a. A sobering contemplation of the reality of hell.
 - i. If the risen Son of God is who he claimed to be, there is a heaven to be embraced and a hell to be shunned.
 - ii. Matt. 10:28.
 - b. A mounting frustration of the fallenness of the world.
 - i. Rom. 8:19-21.
 - ii. The garden before sin – that was normal, everything else is abnormal.
 - iii. Jesus didn't come so that we would forever stay abnormal.
 - iv. 2 Cor. 1:21-22.
 - v. "Come quickly, Lord Jesus."
 - c. A growing anticipation of an eternal reunion.
 - i. Heavenly life will be communal life.
 - ii. We were made for fellowship.
 - iii. Matt. 8:11.
 - d. A rising elation at the thought of seeing God.
 - i. Parents love to have their children around the table.
 - ii. Rev. 22:3-4.

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 - 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: Bryce Taylor

Song: 668 – I Love You, Lord

Welcome: David West

Songs: 560 – 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

2 – Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!

391 – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

513 – Standing on the Promises (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Communion Song: 310 – Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion Offering: Denny Gumfory

Dismissal for Kid's Church

Song: 853 – Trust and Obey (vs. 1, 3 & 5)

Sermon: Doug Austin – "Going Home"

Invitation Song: 888 – Have You Been to Jesus? (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Closing Song: 790 – When We All Get to Heaven (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Ridge Perkins

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

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

How We Got the Bible – Jesse McCarty (Small Fellowship)

Philippians – Doug Austin (Couch Room)

Revelation (Spanish Class) – Mynor Vasquez (Rm. 15)

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

JL 4th – 6th grade – JL History Room

JL 1st – 3rd grade – JL Bible 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 is on break until Jan. 5th

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

- **Delpha Moody** is recovering from a recent stroke and subsequent hospitalization in Albuquerque. Please continue to keep her in prayer.
- **Rogert Gomez** is hoping to undergo knee replacement in Lubbock today (Thursday).
- **Bill Wright** had several procedures to clear & clean a brain bleed. He has been hospitalized in Albuquerque.

Continue in Prayer

Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Sam Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Betty Vinson, Janice Bennett, Doris Rodriguez, Gale & Bill Wright, Joseph Holmes, Chris Meadows



Please invite your friends & family for a memorable night of acapella singing!

*Tuesday, December 17th at 7 p.m.
Country Club Road Church of Christ*

Life@CCR

- **We have disbursed all but one of the 58 beds ordered for our flood victims.** Thanks to donations from individuals and churches we’ve also been able to purchase things like blankets, space heaters, refrigerators, bedframes, sheets and pillows. Each family we have managed to help has been so gracious & thankful. We look forward to continuing to offer assistance as folks are beginning the process of repairing & rebuilding. **If you know of individuals with specific needs, please inform the church office.**
- **Make plans now to join us on Wednesday, December 18th for an appetizer potluck at 5:30!** We’ll enjoy a time of food and fellowship followed by an adult devo & game night. The kids will be dismissed to the gym for various activities and gingerbread house building.
- **The Warboys Life Group is taking a holiday hiatus! It will resume on Sunday, January 5th.**
- **We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every individual who makes our Recharge meals a success! From our cooks to our clean-up crew to our servers & trash toters.** What a blessing to be able to relieve working families from the hassle of cooking and, even better, offer a time of connection and fellowship in the middle of a busy week! Look forward to Recharge picking back up on January 8th.
- **Journey Land is in need of a Bible Story teacher in January for the 2 Sunday’s & 2 Wednesday’s on dates 1/12 – 1/22.** If you’d like to learn more about this opportunity, please see Melissa.

Those Scheduled to Serve for December

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

Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

8 th	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Amanda Van Winkle’s b-day
9 th	Erin Leyva’s b-day.
11 th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Wednesday evening worship @ 6:30 p.m.
14 th	Alyssa Leyva & Paula Reynolds’ b-day.

Life Group Study Guide –

Text: Philippians 1:21-24

1. Why do we as Christians groan? Is there any hope living in this fallen world?
2. Paul talks about the Holy Spirit helping us. How does the Holy Spirit help us?
3. Are we as homesick for heaven as we should be? How does our longing compare to other Christians who are facing persecution and extremely difficult times?
4. Can people around us tell that we are longing for heaven? How does this change the way we minister to them?
5. Why do we long to be free from the pull of sin? What things pull at us?
6. How should we handle the issue of hell inside the church? What about outside? Do we need more fire and brimstone preaching or more preaching on grace and love?

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....	120/---
Sunday AM.....	206
Kid’s Church.....	--
Social Media Count.....	874
Weekly Contribution.....	\$13,047