Pursuit: A Cry from Rock Bottom

Jonah 1:17-2:9.

- Death's Doorstep.
 - a. Jonah 2:5-6.
 - b. Unfortunately, many of us know that feeling!
 - c. Many of us have had a moment when we were imprisoned with no hope of release.
 - d. Jonah's answer. Jonah 2:2, 7.
- I have some guestions when I hear this cry from Jonah.
 - a. What took you so long?
 - i. Why doesn't this happen on the ship?
 - ii. Jonah 2:3-4a.
 - iii. At least he has figured out that God put him inside the fish.
 - b. Is Jonah worthy of God's care and deliverance?
 - i. None of us are worthy of God's care and deliverance! Yet...
 - ii. Jonah 2:2, 6.
 - iii. God's willingness to help is rooted first in his goodness.
 - iv. "But I've dug my pit so deep."
 - c. What does Jonah mean by Sheol?
 - i. Guess who is waiting for Jonah at the very bottom?
 - ii. Rom. 8:38-39.
- God's plan. III.
 - a. Jonah 1:17 and 2:10.
 - b. What did Jonah have to go through?
 - i. Rarely is it easy to rise from the depts.
 - ii. Rising might be painful, uncomfortable, and slow.
 - c. Jonah 2:1.
 - d. Jonah 2:9.

Rescue, salvation, and deliverance – only come from God. Don't just take it from me; take it from Jonah.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

Roswell, NM 88201 (575) 622-1350 **Sunday Bible Study** (9:00 a.m.) **Life Groups** (Various Locations) Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)

Doug Austin **Elders**:

Elder Chairman of the Month: Tim Dunnahoo - Lee Rogers Kent Taylor - David West





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Song Leader: Kent Taylor **Song:** 101 – God Is Love (vs. 1)

Welcome: Greg Nibert

Songs: 67 – Glorify Thy Name

429 – I Come to the Garden Alone (vs. 1 & 3)

543 – Because He Lives (vs. 1 & 3) 331 – He Bore It All (vs. 1 & 3)

Communion Song: 328 – Nailed to the Cross (vs. 1 & 2)

Communion Offering: Jon Young

Dismissal for Kid's Church

Song: 753 – Are You Sowing the Seed? (vs. 1 & 3)

Sermon: Doug Austin – "The Pursuit: A Cry from Rock Bottom"

Invitation Song: 292 -Into My Heart

Closing Song: 535 – The Glory-Land Way (vs. 1 & 3)

Closing Prayer: Denny Gumfory

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

John – David West (Rm. 27)

The Gospel Message – Jesse McCarty (Small Fellowship) Parenting through Philippians – Doug Austin (Couch Room) Hebrews (Spanish Class) - Oscar Hernandez (Rm. 15) **Revelation (Sun/Weds Evening Spanish Class)** – Mynor Vasquz

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 meets @ 4 in room 25 Morrow Life Group meets @ 4 in the couch room Austin Life Group meets @ 5 at 3313 Highland Rd.



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

 Bobbie Doyle will have a pre-op appointment in Lubbock tomorrow in preparation for hip replacement surgery.
 Prayers are appreciated.

Continue in Prayer

Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Sam Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Betty Vinson, Janice Bennett, Doris Rodriguez, Gale & Bill Wright, Robert Gomez, Joseph Holmes



We're so glad to have our Wednesday night meals back in session! The purpose of our Wednesday night suppers is to provide a convenient fellowship time for members and guests to eat at church before everyone participates in Bibles study. Serving times run from approximately 5:30 – 6:10 p.m.

We're always so grateful to each and every volunteer who makes Recharge possible—from our cooks to our trash toters, to our clean up crew. However, we've got lots of open slots for cooks, beginning with this week. Here are the dates we need filled: Jan 22nd, Feb 5th, Feb 19th, Feb 26th, Mar 12th, Mar 26th.

Those Scheduled to Serve for January

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

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

Marco Ramirez

Life@CCR

- Thanks so much to Nici Austin and Fran Craig for the spectacular start to Recharge this week! The food was top notch. We are looking for volunteer cooks for this week's meal if anyone is interested.
- The pantry is currently running low on spaghetti sauce and jelly. Donations can be left in the large basket in the foyer.
- Vision 2030!! Kid's Church was just the beginning of some exciting changes, as was our Spanish class renovating and moving to their new classroom. In the coming weeks, what will soon be the new heart to heart classroom will be undergoing a major facelift and we hope to begin renovations in the gym for the Kid's Zone very soon! Thanks so much for your continued patience through this process as we strive to fulfill this vision. Please continue to pray for Vision 2030 as we embark on reaching the goals set by the church.
- Journeyland will need help in February/March in History, Bible & Art. If you are interested in being a teacher for two weeks, please let Melissa know.

Journey Land Rotation (Week of 1/19/2025) Red Team Blue Team Sunday Wednesday 1/19: History 1/22: History 1/19: Bible 1/22: Bible

For the Record	
Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class	108/
Sunday AM	224
Kid's Church	35
Social Media Count	1813
Weekly Contribution	\$6,734

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

19 th	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,
	Facebook Live & YouTube.
20 th	Pablo Contreras' b-day.
22 nd	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m.
	Recharge @ 5:30 p.m.
	Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m.
	Niala Hill's b-day.
24 th	Olga Mary Vasquez's b-day.
25 th	Ashley Meadow's & Mark Woody's b-day.

Small Group Study Guide

Text: Jonah 2

- 1. When have you ever felt, "My whole life passed before my eyes?" What happened?
- 2. What do you see in Jonah's prayer?
- 3. Is there anything in this prayer that bothers you?
- 4. Compare 2:3 with 1:15. How does Jonah view his circumstances? God's control? God's purposes?
- 5. Do we have to hit rock bottom to change our lifestyle? Why or why not?
- 6. How do we help someone who has hit rock bottom?

CHARACTER

It is not what we EAT, but what we DIGEST that makes us strong;

Not what we GAIN, but what we SAVE that makes us rich;

Not what we READ, but what we REMEMBER that makes us learned;

And not what we PROFESS, but what we PRACTICE that makes us Christians.