

## The Pursuit: Chased Down

This isn't a fish story; it's a God story.

- I. Who was Jonah?
  - a. Contemporary of Amos.
  - b. The reign of Jeroboam II.
    - i. 2 Kings 14:23-25.
    - ii. Jonah's new assignment, go to Ninevah.
  - c. Assyria, wicked and cruel.
  - d. Consequences of the call of Jonah.
- II. God's pursuit of Jonah.
  - a. Jonah runs!
    - i. Jonah 1:1-3.
    - ii. Ps. 139:7-8.
    - iii. Do we play the same game?
    - iv. Has God placed a call on your life?
  - b. God pursues.
    - i. Jonah 1:4-6.
    - ii. God will use a storm, maybe even create one, to get your attention.
  - c. Who is affected by Jonah's actions?
    - i. Nineveh.
    - ii. The crew of the boat.
    - iii. Who is put at risk when we ignore the call of God?
  - d. Jonah is asleep.
    - i. Is this denial or just pulling the covers over his head?
    - ii. The only appropriate response – cry out for God's mercy.
    - iii. Jonah 1:7-13.
    - iv. Running Jonah gives a perfect theological confession (9).
  - e. Is Jonah trying to be the hero?
    - i. He is giving himself up for the sailors.
    - ii. Jonah 1:14-16.

Are you running? Are you caught in the storm?

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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:**

Lee Rogers

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# The Encourager

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**Song Leader:** Rollah Aston

**Song:** 143 – We Have Come into His House (vs. 1 & 2)

**Welcome:** David West

**Songs:** 929 – This Is My Father's World

295 – He Leadeth Me

**Communion Song:** 353 – Beneath the Cross of Jesus

**Communion Offering:** Jesse McCarty

**Dismissal for Kid's Church**

**Song:** 430 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

**Sermon:** Doug Austin – “The Pursuit: Chased Down”

**Invitation Song:** 925 – I Am Resolved (vs. 1 & 4)

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

**Closing Prayer:** Noah McCarty

**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 Vasquez

**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 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.**



WE EXIST TO KNOW  
JESUS  
AND TO MAKE HIM  
KNOWN.



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**

○ Please pray for everyone impacted by the devastating fires in California. May God protect the first responders and be near to those in the areas affected. Also, don't forget our local flood victims who are still dealing with the aftermath of putting their lives and homes back together.

**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

**Power for Today**

We received word on Monday that a new box of the Power for Today devotionals was shipped via UPS. That being said, we hope to have the new issues out for pick up this Sunday!

We do apologize to those of you who will be getting a late start to your New Year devotionals.

Please feel free to pick up extra issues to share with friends and family as we always have leftovers at the end of the quarter.

**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

**Journey Land Rotation (Week of 1/12/2025)**

<b>Red Team</b>		<b>Blue Team</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
1/12: Bible	1/15: Bible	1/12: History	1/15: History

# Life@CCR

- Look forward to next week's Recharge menu of Mexican stack. Serving begins at 5:30!
- For those who are interested, we've put out a new 2025 bible reading plan. This special reading system allows you to read the entire bible in one year while only reading five days a week, allowing room for catch up on the weekends if you miss a day or two. If you prefer, there is also an option for reading through the New Testament in a year. Be sure to pick up your bible reading plan on the foyer table this Sunday!
- We are always accepting new/updated pictures for the online pictorial directory. To submit a new picture, feel free to email to [ccrcoc@gmail.com](mailto:ccrcoc@gmail.com). If you would like to have access to the online directory, be sure the office has your email address and download the Instant Church Directory app from your smartphone's app store. It will prompt you to provide your email address and create an account, then you will have free access to the church directory!
- Ladies, be sure to join us Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. for Lesson 8 in our Angels study.
- 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.

**For the Record**

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....98/---  
 Sunday AM.....238  
 Kid's Church.....41  
 Social Media Count.....1040  
 Weekly Contribution.....\$6,839

**Week @ a Glance**

**Celebrations & Happenings**

<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Elders meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Emily Cometti's b-day.
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Martha Novak & Neil Hollingsworth's b-day.
<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. Recharge @ 5:30 p.m. Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m. Arcelia Sanchez's b-day.
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Milah Franzoy's b-day.
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	Matt Ingalls & Aleyannah Santos' b-day.
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Ron Doyle's b-day.

**Small Group Study Guide**

**Text:** Jonah 1

1. Have you ever been caught in a terrible storm while traveling? Describe it.
2. What do you suppose Jonah was thinking as he fled to Tarshish?
3. How is Jonah asleep in the midst of the storm?
4. Why did Jonah tell the sailors to throw him into the sea?
5. What have you found that keeps you from doing something you believe God wants you to do?
6. What does this opening chapter reveal about the justice of God? What does it reveal about his mercy?
7. In what ways has God demonstrated his pursuit of you?