Solomon: Transition

Transitions can be challenging.

- Passing the reign from David to Solomon resulted in a lot of bloodshed.
 - a. 1 Kings 1:1-4.
 - i. Most people didn't know that a choice had already been made.
 - 1. 1 Chron. 22:8-11. Setting -David wants to build a temple.
 - 2. Nathan calls Solomon Jedidah -"Loved by the Lord." 2 Sam. 12:25.
 - ii. But David will face one last crisis.
 - 1. Solomon was not the obvious choice, Adonijah was.
 - 2. 1 Kings 1:5-6-10.
 - 3. 1 Kings 1:11-53.
 - b. Story over?
 - i. Wanna be sovereigns are sneaky.
 - ii. 1 Kings 2:13-18.
- A couple of thoughts from the story.
 - a. It is important to announce the will of God.
 - b. Holding on to the reign of God will always bring a challenge from a usurper.
- 5 similarities in the spiritual realm:
 - a. An illegitimate rival challenges God's choice for King. Luke 1:31-33.
 - b. The usurper has persuaded people of influence to follow him.
 - c. The Father has made known his desire for his son to rule. Rom. 1:1-4.
 - d. All people must choose who their King is going to be.
 - e. We must ruthlessly denounce any who try to displace the rule of God.
 - i. "Can I just have Abishag?"
 - ii. Eph. 4:27.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Roswell, NM 88201 (575) 622-1350

Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.) Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)Sunday Worship (10:00 a.m.)

Life Groups (Various Locations)

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

Kent Taylor

Doug Austin





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February 6, 2025, Volume LVII No.6 The Encourager Country Club Road Church of Christ Song Leader: Rollah Aston Song: 2 – Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah! (vs. 1 & 2) Welcome: David West

Songs: 929 - This Is My Father's World 591 – When Upon Life's Billows 393 – In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified

Communion Song: 358 – When My Love to Christ Grows Weak

Communion Offering: Bryce Taylor

Dismissal for Kid's Church Song: 1 – To God Be the Glory

Sermon: Doug Austin – "Solomon: Transition" Invitation Song: 920 – Just As I Am (vs. 1, 2 & 6) Closing Song: 489 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Closing Prayer: Dale English

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

- Diana Bergman remains hospitalized in Carlsbad where she continues to receive physical therapy.
- Kari Austin will undergo surgery in Lubbock on Friday for a hiatal hernia repair revision.
- **Joseph Holmes** will have the first of two hip surgeries in Lubbock on February 24th.
- Bobbie Doyle's hip replacement surgery has been moved up to March 26th.
- Tim Dunnahoo will have surgery to repair a retinol detachment in Lubbock on Friday.

Continue in Prayer

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

Thank You Note Received

Dear Country Club Road Church,

We wanted to thank you for the beds we received from your church during the flood. We love them, they are so comfortable. That helped us out so much. Again, thank you for your generosity! We really appreciate it.

-Anchondo family

Difference maker:

A dedicated person who can make a big impact even with just a small action or a few words. Someone who improves the lives of others. One who rallies or encourages others to propel themselves forward and bring about change.

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class	<u> </u>
Sunday AM	203
Kid's Church	
Social Media Count	
Weekly Contribution	\$9,793

Life@CCR

- We are continually grateful for our outstanding Recharge cooks who dish up tasty meals week after week to feed the masses. This week's chefs were Emily Cometti, Anna Ingalls, and Lee & Liz Rogers. Thanks, guys for the delicious food. Next week's menu will be beef stew and cornbread.
- Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bill Wright, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon. A service for Bill will take place at a later date.
- Our condolences are also extended to the family of Pablo Contreras. Pablo passed away on Wednesday evening surrounded by his family. Services are pending at this time.
- The 2025 budget is complete, and copies are available for pickup on the foyer table, please help yourself!
- Journey Land could use a little help! Would you be willing to teach two weeks of bible or two weeks of history to some eager little learners? Dates needed for teachers are February 16th & 19th & February 23rd & 26th.

Journey Land Rotation (Week of 2/9/2025) Red Team Blue Team Sunday 2/9: Review 2/12: Focus 2/9: Review 2/12: Focus

Those Scheduled to Serve for February

Deacons on Duty: Dan Montgomery, Jose Baeza, Brandon

Cometti, Brian Houghtalin

Men on Duty: Kevin McCormack, Thomas Beard

Week @ a Glance

Celebrations & Happenings

9 th	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM,	
	Facebook Live & YouTube.	
	Mark Pantuso & Angie Merritt's b-day.	
11 th	George Escalante's b-day.	
12 th	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m.	
	Recharge @ 5:30 p.m.	
	Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m.	
14 th	Happy Valentine's Day!	

Small Group Study Guide

Text: 1 Kings 1:1-10

- 1. How does King David's frailty at the beginning of this chapter reflect the vulnerability of not only power but also life?
- 2. How do Adonijah's actions demonstrate the consequences of ambition without wisdom or righteousness?
- 3. Bathsheba had a critical role in securing Solomon's ascension. Discuss her character and her influence in this story. Is she the same woman she was years before?
- 4. In today's context, how can one discern rightful ambition and the pursuit of power for its own sake, as exhibited by Adonijah?
- 5. In the sermon, we discussed Satan as the great usurper. What is he always trying to usurp?
- 6. How do we keep the devil from getting a foothold?