

Solomon: Acts of Defiance

The worst part of that problem is that defiance rarely goes away.

Gal. 6:7.

- I. There is a cost for anyone who mocks God.
 - a. You can't mock God.
 - b. Solomon's problem was not one of ignorance, but of defiance.
 - i. Solomon's greatest shortcoming was his internal fist, doubled up in defiance.
 - ii. Whose arm is long enough to box with God?
 - c. God is gracious, but he is also righteous.
 - i. 1 Kings 11:9-13.
 - ii. You can't ignore God and get away with it.
- II. What did Solomon reap?
 - a. Defiance jeopardized his dynasty.
 - i. God immediately gave Solomon a taste of what was coming.
 - ii. God raised up an external and internal threat.
 1. External threat – 1 Kings 11:14-25.
 2. Internal threat – 1 Kings 11:26-40.
 - iii. God's favor is no longer with Solomon.
 - b. Defiance minimized his legacy.
 - i. Solomon is not remembered just for the first years of his life.
 - ii. Go back to 1 Kings 3:13-14.
 - iii. What could have been?
 1. Solomon lost his honor.
 2. Solomon also lost his wealth. 1 Kings 14:25-26.
 - iv. Summary of his life – 1 Kings 11:41-42.
- III. Here's what matters most – guarding your heart!
 - a. Prov. 4:23.
 - b. We must pray the prayer of David. Ps. 86:11.

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:

David West

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Song Leader: Rollah Aston

Song: 143 – We Have Come into His House

Welcome:

Songs: 26 – I Sing Praises

47 – Doxology

429 – I Come to the Garden Alone

Communion Songs: 404 – Remind Me, Dear Lord

Communion Offering:

Dismissal for Kid's Church

Song: 54 – Holy, Holy, Holy

Sermon: Doug Austin – “Solomon: Acts of Defiance”

Invitation Song: 430 – My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Closing Song: 680 – Be with Me, Lord

Closing Prayer:

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

John – David West (Rm. 27)

The Church – 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 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 at UMC in Lubbock. She needs to clear additional obstacles and continual prayers are appreciated.
- **Judy Linton** is continually making progress and will be transferring to the Crown Point Health Suites where she will continue to receive physical therapy.
- **Gale Wright** has experienced a discouraging setback with her foot. Her doctor will be trying out a new brace and some corrective shoes to try and prevent her foot from collapsing and causing further damage. Please keep her in prayer.

Continue in Prayer

Anita Zuniga, Clara O’Neil, Sam Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Kathleen Sherman, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Betty Vinson, Janice Bennett, Doris Rodriguez, Robert Gomez, Rita Hughes, Sharon Christian, Bobbie Doyle

Here’s a sample of the baby blankets our ladies bible class donated this past week for the newborns at the hospital... May you be comforted and enveloped with the love of our heavenly Father. May you find peace from the prayers that were said while the stitches were being stitched. Always remember that you are loved and cherished...



Life@CCR

- **Recharge will take a break next week due to Spring Break.** In addition, we will have an **all-adult devo** and **open gym** for the kiddos on Wednesday, 3/19. Please note, there will be no nursery attended on that night.
- Thank you so much for the many food donations to the church pantry. **Our shelves are currently well stocked!**
- **Ladies Bible Class will not meet on Wednesday, 3/19.** It will be back in session on 3/26.
- **If you have a moment, please take a walk to look at the Spanish room (rm. 15) and the new Heart to Heart classroom (rm. 16).** The new carpet has been laid, and the rooms have a whole new look! A special thanks is extended to Alan & Pam Warboys, Tom Moody, Brian Houghtalin, and JoAnn Bentancur and her girls who have all had a hand in seeing this project through!
- **Our kids will be treated to an egg hunt on Wednesday evening, April 16th!** We would like to begin accepting donations of treat filled eggs. Please look for the metal basket in the church foyer where donations can be left!
- **Another year of Journey Land has successfully come to an end!** We are saying goodbye to two students who will be graduating to the youth group program: Jaxon Houghtalin & Mireya Lopez! Congratulations to these two hardworking kids who have come up through the ranks!! Melissa is now looking for teachers who can volunteer to teach on Sunday’s & Wednesday’s, whether it’s for one week or one month! If you’re willing to help, please see her asap.

Those Scheduled to Serve for March

Deacons on Duty: Greg Nibert, George Escalante, Joe Sanchez, Bryce Taylor

Men on Duty: Ron Doyle, Ronnie Merritt, Jerry Ringheimer

Week @ a Glance
Celebrations & Happenings

16th	A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube.
17th	Elders meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Sam Gentry & Ray Sanchez’s b-day.
18th	Liz Rogers & Taylor Emerson’s b-day.
19th	Bible Class @ 6:30 p.m. Carolyn Anderson’s b-day.
20th	Dennis Seik’s b-day.
21st	Jerry Ringheimer’s b-day.
22nd	Cheryl Ringheimer’s b-day.

Small Group Study Guide

1. What is the difference between being disobedient and being defiant?
2. How have you handled your child when they were defiant? What emotions did it bring out in you?
3. What does it mean that God “raised up” adversaries against Solomon? Did they already have a reason to oppose him?
4. Does God’s righteousness impact his graciousness? Can he have one without the other?
5. How can we “finish strong?”
6. Focus on Proverbs 4:23. How can we better guard our hearts?

For the Record

Sunday/Wednesday Bible Class.....	106/---
Sunday AM.....	204
Kid’s Church.....	--
Social Media Count.....	296
Weekly Contribution.....	\$7,194