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John 7:40-53

**Worship in Teaching**

**Christ the Divider**

Pastor Bill Butler

**Worship in Song**

**Benediction & Fellowship**

*Please join us at the meal following the service!*



**Witchweed**



*Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
– Matthew 11:28*

The strange parasitic plant called witchweed can prevent crop plants from producing yields and is said to be responsible for intensifying the results of famine in Ethiopia.

Not long after germination, witchweed sends an enzyme "feeler" through the soil around it to find nearby roots. If the enzyme finds a root system, it will digest a few of the cells on the root surface. The damaged roots actually help the witchweed by sending out a chemical response that confirms their presence to the witchweed. The witchweed then grows an attachment organ to penetrate the neighbor's root system.

If the witchweed successfully attaches to a neighbor's root system, witchweed can enjoy a long and full life, being fed by its neighbor's roots. In fact, witchweed changes the hormones produced by its neighbor so that the neighbor's root system grows ever larger at the expense of the stem growth of the victim. While the victim may live its normal span, it will not be allowed enough strength to reproduce.

Witchweed is no simple plant. We learn from the witchweed that the Creator's unlimited imagination not only created some very strange living things, but also created some unique solutions to providing a means of living for them.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I face problems in my life. I commend all of my cares and concerns into Your powerful, inventive and loving care. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Ref:** "The underground sorcery of witchweed." *Discover*, Dec. 1985. p. 14. Photo: Plant roots with connected witchweed roots. Courtesy of USDA Forest Service. Licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported license.

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**Schedule for the Week of April 28-May 4, 2014:**

- Monday: 5:30-7:00 pm **Biblical Answers for Real Life**  
@ Burger Boy, NM 14, Cedar Crest
- Wednesday: **FAMILY FUN NIGHT!** We plan to meet at Regal Winrock Stadium 16 to see *GOD'S NOT DEAD*. Showtime is 7:05 pm. Admission: \$10.75; ages 3-11 & seniors \$7.25; students & military \$9.75.
- Thursday: 1:30-3:30 pm **Women's Bible Study @ MCC**  
***The Prodigal God***. Please read the introduction.
- Saturday: 9:00 am meet at the gate— **All-Church Hike, Teaching Focused on the Youth & BBQ** at the Clayton's place. Let Davra know what you're bringing for the BBQ.
- Sunday: 10:00 am **Sunday Service**  
@ Los Vecinos Comm. Center's "Upper Room"

**Announcements:**

- Welcome **Gabriel Nathan Parks**, born to Shawn & Renee. He arrived on April 22. 6 lbs. 14 oz., 20.5 inches long
- Friday, May 2, **Happy Birthday** to **Isaac**
- Saturday, May 17 – **Women's Tea** at LVCC –please submit the number in your party and what dish you will bring.

**CBC partners with these local outreaches:**

- East Mountain Care Net Pregnancy Center (505-281-5408)
- Camp Oro Quay (505-281-5474)



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