

## Eagle or Oyster?

Consider the oyster! No problems. No worries. And most of all—no hassles!

The oyster is blessed with absolute economic and social security. It never requires a home. Its home rests on its back. It requires no other defense from enemies. It simply closes the door and waits.

No work. No toil. When the oyster is hungry, it just opens up its shell and food rushes in. What a life! Complete freedom from want!

At times the life of an oyster appeals. All our wants met. No tough decisions, no sacrifice, no work. Only one thing required—open and close the shell. Everything else is provided.

But just for a moment, consider the eagle. Survival is difficult, at best. The eagle has been given no home; it must build a nest. Up high where its eggs are protected, the eagle nests amongst wind and rocks, hail and snow.

Daily the elements challenge the eagle. To eat, it must fly, search and capture. To survive, it must be strong and alert. No easy life for the eagle! Threatened daily by storms and danger, the proud bird grows tough. And independent.

By no coincidence, America chose the eagle, not the oyster, as its national symbol.

The Bible speaks of mounting up with wings like eagles, not clamming up in shells like oysters. More specifically, it says, *“They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint”* (Isaiah 40:31).

The eagle may have a tough life, but it’s the better for it. Our lives may even be tougher, but given a chance, God can renew our strength and enable us to mount up with wings like eagles in the face of difficulty.

God can do that—given a chance. But as the passage indicates, it happens for those who *“wait for the Lord,”* not for those who clam up like oysters. Often, little will happen in a life closed to God’s energizing power. So much can happen to those who learn to wait.

—Doug Parsons

## Shepherds who have Served Del City Church of Christ 1952-2022

- Chad Barney \*\*
- Hillard Borchert
- Edgar Brady
- O. A. Burrus \*
- Mark Carr \*\*
- Kent Casteel
- Elmer Cochran
- Brent Davis
- E. O. Dennis \*
- Chris Dillinger \*\*
- Roy Dunn \*
- Roger Gambill
- Jeff Gardner
- Tim Hempel \*\*
- Danny Henderson
- Hank Henderson
- Jimmy Lee
- Don Livesay
- Roy McMillon
- Jim McWhirter
- Burton Parker
- Rod Phillips
- Tom Poteet
- Hubert Russell
- Dutch Schneider
- David Snow
- Don Spears
- Darrel Sullivan
- Vaughn Sullivan
- Robert Swarb
- Lee Thompson
- Melvin Thompson \*\*
- Rob Weaver \*\*
- Adiel Zapata \*\*

\*Indicates First Shepherds  
\*\* Indicates Current Shepherds

## Sermon Notes

### Great Is God’s Faithfulness Doug Parsons

Lamentations 3:22-24

*<sup>22</sup> Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”*

I. Why Doesn’t G\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_?

*“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed”* (verse 22).

II. How Do I Know G\_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_ K\_\_\_\_\_ O\_\_\_\_\_ Loving Me?

*“...for his compassions never fail”* (verse 22).

III. When Will G\_\_\_\_\_ G\_\_\_\_\_ M\_\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_\_\_ I N\_\_\_\_\_

*“They are new every morning”* (verse 23).

IV. What Is My H\_\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_ T\_\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_?

*“...great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him”* (verse 24).



## Dates To Remember

- **Sept. 28** Wednesday Night Meal @ 5:30 PM (Spaghetti & Meatballs)
- **Oct. 2** Missions Sunday
- **Oct. 2** Camp Rock Creek Fundraiser Dinner & Auction, Memorial Road Church of Christ, 6 PM (Registration info available at Connection Point in the lobby)
- **Oct. 20** Community Cupboard
- **Oct. 21-23** DCYG Fall Retreat, Quartz Mountain
- **Oct. 29** Family Fall Festival
- **Nov. 17** Community Cupboard
- **Nov. 18-19** Women's Conference @ Del City, Registration Coming Soon!
  - Nov. 18th - 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
  - Nov. 19th - 9 AM - 12 Noon
- **Nov. 24-25** Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed
- **Nov. 28 - Dec. 2** Christmas Store
- **Dec. 15** Community Cupboard
- **Dec. 23 - 26** Christmas Holiday, Offices Closed

## Happy Birthday

Sandy Cherry	Sept. 25
Lee Johnson	Sept. 26
Charlyn Johnson	Sept. 26
Loretta Cross	Sept. 26
Jonas Andress	Sept. 27
Evelyn Weaver	Sept. 28
Graceson Breslin	Sept. 29
Alicia Breslin	Sept. 30
Barbara Craghead	Sept. 30

## Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

9/18 Worship Attendance.....	231
9/18 Bible Class Attendance.....	153
9/18 Contribution .....	\$7,066.63
YTD Regular Contribution .....	\$522,987.07
Weekly Average .....	\$13,762.82
Weekly Budget .....	\$14,703.58

## Order of Worship

Song, *This Is The Day* .....Tim Holt  
 Song, *Sing And Be Happy*.....Tim Holt  
 Welcome And Church History Overview.....Jeff Gardner  
 Song #3, *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Song #60, *He Is Exalted*.....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Song #545, *Precious Memories*.....Darrel Sullivan  
 Prayer .....Rick Odell  
 Song, *Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone* .....Tim Holt  
 Communion .....Jim Crain  
 Song #779, *I Love You Lord*.....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Offering.....Jim Crain  
 Scripture Reading,.....Ben Glover  
 Song #448, *The Greatest Commands*.....Tim Holt  
 Introduction of Guest Minister .....Jeff Gardner  
 Message, *Great Is God's Faithfulness* .....Doug Parsons  
 Song, *Cornerstone* .....Ivan Gonzalez  
 Closing Remarks.....Chris Dillinger

### 70th Anniversary Video

Prayer.....Melvin Thompson  
 Song #853, *When We All Get To Heaven*.....Tim Holt

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our Guests; White for Members.

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# Welcome



## 70th Anniversary Sunday Service

### September 25, 2022

## Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Early Class	4:30 PM
Ladies Class	7:00 PM
Bilingual Class	7:00 PM

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday & Wednesday. For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.