

# DEL CITY Church of Christ



October 8, 2023

## Schedule of Assemblies

### Sunday

Worship 10:00 AM  
Classes 11:15 AM

### Wednesday

Early Class 4:30 PM  
Ladies Class 7:00 PM  
Mens Class 7:00 PM  
Bilingual Class 7:00 PM

Childcare for age newborn to 3-years-old is available during Worship on Sundays & Wednesdays. For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311, M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

## WORSHIP ORDER

Song, <i>Days of Elijah</i> .....	Ivan Gonzalez
Welcome.....	Ivan Gonzalez
Song #844, <i>Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah</i> .....	Tim Holt
Song, <i>Had It Not Been The Lord</i> .....	Tim Holt
Song, <i>My Only Hope Is You</i> .....	Tim Holt
Prayer .....	Josiah Schmitt
Song #176, <i>Lamb Of God</i> .....	Ivan Gonzalez
Communion.....	Dutch Schneider
Song, <i>Bind Us Together</i> .....	Ivan Gonzalez
Offering .....	Dutch Schneider
Scripture Reading, <i>1 John 2:15-17</i> .....	David Schmitt
Song #957, <i>This World Is Not My Home</i> .....	Tim Holt
Message, <i>How To Live Forever</i> .....	Jeff Gardner
Song #947, <i>Jesus Is Tenderly Calling</i> .....	Darrel Sullivan
Closing Announcements.....	Jeff Gardner
Prayer .....	Rob Weaver
Song #885, <i>How Beautiful Heaven Must Be</i> .....	Tim Holt

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## D-E-A-T-H

Death is not a pleasant thought, but it is an integral part of life. The human race is terminal. None of us is getting out of this world alive. And occasionally we all have one of those experiences in life which brings us face to face with the reality of death. The recent deaths of Sonya Weaver's mom, Charlyn Johnson, and John Randolph's son, John Randolph III, are such experiences. This past week, on October 5, was the 17th anniversary of my own mother's death.

The reality of death forces us to reflect on the *important* issues of life—what is it that is really lasting, what really matters. As macabre as death may be, for the believer it is really a good thing. Death is the only way any of us will ever get to see Heaven: death is the doorway to get there. It is the great irony of life. In order to live forever we must die. Consider five observations about death from the word *death* itself. Grab your Bible and look up the Scriptures referenced.

**“D” stands for *disillusion*.** Death is a very disillusioning experience. It often causes fear and confusion. It brings up a lot of “Why?” questions and causes normally logical people to lose their sense of reality and direction. The truth is, until the coming of Jesus Christ, no one really understood “After death, then what?” But 1 Corinthians 15 reveals that death is like the planting of a seed and it is only through death that real life can begin. This knowledge gives us strength to press on steadfastly, immovable, always doing the work of the Lord.

**“E” is for *eternity*.** Death is when eternity begins for humanity. Life on earth can seem to drag on, especially when you are young. But the older you get, the more you realize how fleeting it is (James 4:14). We spend our lives and they expire. Eternity can never be spent. It is from now on. The question is where will you live it? Heaven or Hell? We get to choose.

**“A” is for *all*.** All of us must die (Hebrews 9:27). So we should live each day to the fullest with the commitment to do what we do only “if it is the Lord's will” (James 4:14-17).

**“T” is for *too late*.** You've heard, “it's too late to pray.” When our eyes close in death, it is too late. Too late to right those wrongs and say “I love you.” Too late to write those letters and make those visits. Too late to help the helpless, befriend the friendless. Too late to repent and be baptized for forgiveness of your sins. When we die, our destiny is determined. While you still live, now is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2).

**“H” is for *Heaven or Hell*.** Your spirit will know immediately upon death where you will live eternally. The final judgment and sentencing will be later (2 Corinthians 5:10), but death seals it. No more appeals. No second chances. There's no such thing as Purgatory. To accept and obey Jesus now means Heaven. To reject and disobey Him means Hell (John 12:48). Which have you chosen? Which would you prefer? What will you do about it? And when are you going to do it?

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## SERMON NOTES

### Eyewitness Good News: How to Live Forever 1 John 2:15-17

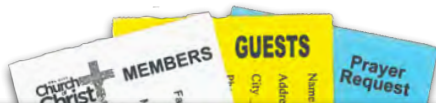
Humans have always desired immortality. How can I live forever? God put that desire in the human spirit and through the pen of the apostle John He reveals two keys which will unlock the secret of immortality.

#### I. An E\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 2:15-17a).

- A. The short and simple exhortation is to not L\_\_\_\_\_ the W\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. "World" in this context refers to the S\_\_\_\_\_ of E\_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
  - 1. Its ruler is S\_\_\_\_\_ (John 12:31; 2 Corinthians 4:4).
  - 2. It hates C\_\_\_\_\_ (John 7:7; 15:18).
  - 3. It hates F\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (John 15:19; 17:14; 1 John 3:13).
  - 4. It can S\_\_\_\_\_ us (James 1:27).
  - 5. It has no P\_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:33; 14:27).
  - 6. It does not know G\_\_\_\_\_ (Father (John 17:25; 1 Corinthians 1:21), Christ (1 John 3:1), or Holy Spirit (John 14:17).
  - 7. It is going to be C\_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 11:32).
  - 8. It will be O\_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:33; 1 John 4:4; 5:4).
- C. We should not love this world because:
  - 1. It would be a C\_\_\_\_\_ of I\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Everything in the world S\_\_\_\_\_ of evil is from the ruler of this world, S\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. It has a T\_\_\_\_\_ N\_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. An E\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 2:17b).

- A. To live forever, do what makes G\_\_\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Obedience to G\_\_\_\_\_ must be our P\_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Once you make THAT decision, the T\_\_\_\_\_ of D\_\_\_\_\_ never again has to be crossed.



Please fill out an attendance card and pass it to the end of the aisle.

## EN ESPAÑOL

- **NOTAS DEL SERMON** - Los humanos siempre han deseado la inmortalidad. ¿Cómo puedo vivir para siempre? Dios puso ese deseo en el espíritu humano y a través de la pluma del apóstol Juan revela dos llaves que abrirán el secreto de la inmortalidad.
- **CONÉCTATE** - Nuestro programa **Meals on Wheels** necesita dos cocineros los miércoles por la mañana. Si puede ayudar, comuníquese con Sonya Weaver al 405-249-2225.
- **BEDLAM CAN DRIVE SHOWDOWN** - Hola, fanáticos de los Sooners y Cowboys, ¡traigan sus donaciones de comida enlatada este mes y ayuden a abastecer nuestro armario comunitario! ¡Contaremos todas las donaciones y anunciaremos el ganador de nuestro iglesia Bedlam el domingo 5 de noviembre! Deje todas las donaciones en el lobby.

## GET CONNECTED

- Our **Meals on Wheels Program** needs two cooks on Wednesday mornings. If you can help, contact Sonya Weaver at 405-249-2225.
- **Rhonda Bailey is hosting a Ladies's Devotional** at her home in Choctaw on October 13th at 6 PM. Her address is 15632 Leslie Road, Choctaw, OK 73020. All Ladies are welcome!

# TRUNK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31ST  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



Join us as we provide a family-friendly Trunk or Treat on October 31st! We will need volunteers to decorate cars and pass out candy. Candy donations are needed. Look for donation buckets in the building.

## MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

10/1 Worship Attendance .....	238
10/1 Bible Class Attendance .....	170
10/1 Contribution .....	\$19,666.96
YTD Regular Contribution .....	\$650,981.69
Weekly Average .....	\$16,691.84
Weekly Budget .....	\$14,866.74

## FEATURED EVENTS

# BEDLAM CAN DRIVE SHOWDOWN

Oct. 1 - Nov. 4



Hey Sooner and Cowboy fans, bring your canned food donations this month and help stock our Community Cupboard! We will tally all donations and announce our Church Bedlam Winner on Sunday, November 5th! Drop off all donations in the lobby.



*Bridal Shower*  
**BRITTANY STAATS**  
**OCTOBER 29TH**  
2 PM in the Coffee Shop

Brittany & Nathan are registered on Amazon or request Lowe's Gift Cards for their Home Renovation project.

LET'S BE GRATEFUL

**WALKING BY FAITH  
'EMPOWERED'  
TO BE MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE**

A weekend with friends,  
fellowship, and God's Word

**Nov. 17th - 18th**  
Friday 11/17 - 5 PM - 9 PM  
Saturday 11/18 - 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Register & Get More Info Here

2023  
**WOMEN'S  
CONFERENCE**

## FAMILY UPDATES

### BIRTHDAYS

**Elias Aguilar** | Oct. 8

**Dianna Lane** | Oct. 8

**Tyler Althoff** | Oct. 9

**Sarah Martin** | Oct. 9

**Whitt LaValley** | Oct. 10

**Anita Oliver** | Oct. 10

**Gage Birdsong** | Oct. 11

**Itzel Aguilar** | Oct. 13

**Tammy Gentry** | Oct. 14

**Journi LaValley** | Oct. 14

## BAPTISM

Please join us in congratulating our new sister-in-Christ, **Brittany Staats!** She was baptized on Friday, Sept. 29th. Please congratulate her and continue to pray for her faith journey. Her mailing address is Brittany Staats, 1701 Butterfield Tr, Choctaw, OK 73020.



## UPCOMING DATES

- **Oct. 13** Ladies Devotional at Rhonda Bailey's Home, 15632 Leslie Road, Choctaw, 6 PM
- **Oct. 15** Sendoff Meal for Sam & Cara Day after Services
- **Oct. 22** Secret Sister Reveal Party, Coffee Shop, 2 PM
- **Oct. 31** Trunk or Treat, 6 PM - 7:30 PM
- **Nov. 17-18** Ladies Conference at our Building
- **Dec. 3** Jeff Gardner Retirement Luncheon after Bible Classes
- **Dec. 4** Westview Boy's Home Truck
- **Dec. 13** Children's Christmas Party
- **Dec. 17** DCYG Christmas Party
- **Dec. 20** Cocoa and Carols

**Secret Sister 2023**

**REVEAL PARTY**

October 22  
@ 2:00 PM  
In the Coffee Shop

*If you participated in this round, please come and meet your secret sister.*

*Bring a Snack/Finger Food to share.*

Questions?  
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