

EN ESPAÑOL

- **ACTUALIZAR NUESTRO DIRECTORIO** - Por favor traiga a su familia para una foto familiar gratis. Esta foto se utilizará en nuestro Directorio de miembros de 2023 y se le proporcionará digitalmente. Si prefiere enviar una foto familiar, envíe un correo electrónico a abruce@delcitychurch.org. Las fechas serán los **domingos 4, 11, 18 de diciembre y 8 de enero. Miércoles 7 y 14 de diciembre**
- **CANTO DE FIN DE AÑO** - Disfrute de una noche de canto y compañerismo en **Ridgecrest Church of Christ** el **28 de diciembre**. Los servicios comenzarán a las **7 PM**.
- **CLASES Y CUIDADO PARA NIÑOS** - Ahora hay cuidado de niños desde recién nacidos hasta los 23 meses y una clase especial para niños de 2 y 3 años durante el tiempo de adoración. Las familias pueden dejar a sus hijos antes de que comience el servicio en el área de niños.
- **COCOA & CAROLS** - Disfrute de una noche de adoración en el Family Life Center el 17 de **diciembre** a las **7 PM**. Si puede traer galletas o golosinas, regístrese en el **Connection Point**.
- **NOTAS DEL SERMON** - Nuestra batalla contra Satanás no se gana de la noche a la mañana. Toma mucho tiempo; a veces toda la vida. Puede que tengamos ganas de renunciar, ¡pero no podemos! Dios aún no ha terminado con nosotros. ¡Debemos seguir! De la historia de hoy en Josué podemos aprender tres principios clave que nos permitirán perseverar.
- **TRIM THE TREE** - Ayúdenos a podar el árbol que se encuentra en nuestro lobby principal con alimentos no perecederos. Todas las donaciones se utilizarán para abastecer nuestro armario comunitario.
- **WINTERFEST** - Los adolescentes asistirán a Winterfest en Arlington, Tx del 13 al 15 de enero. El costo es de \$110 si se paga antes del 25 de diciembre. Regístrate e información adicional en el mostrador del punto de conexión en el vestíbulo.

GET CONNECTED

- **COCOA & CAROLS** - Enjoy a night of worship in the Family Life Center on **December 17** at **7 PM**. If you are able to bring cookies or treats sign up at the **Connection Point**.
- **END OF THE YEAR SINGING** - Enjoy a night of singing and fellowship at **Ridgecrest Church of Christ** on **December 28th**. Services will begin at **7 PM**.

MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

12/4 Worship Attendance	202
12/4 Bible Class Attendance	123
12/4 Contribution	\$23,024.09
YTD Regular Contribution	\$675,114.69
Weekly Average	\$13,777.85
Weekly Budget	\$14,703.58

FEATURED EVENTS



SMILE. JESUS LOVES YOU!

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY



Please bring your family for a FREE family photo.
This photo will be used in our 2023 Membership Directory and provided to you digitally.

If you prefer to submit a family photo, please email to abruce@delcitychurch.org by January 8th.

Questions? Contact Amy Bruce at 405-205-4855.

Before & After Worship in the Main Building Lobby

Sundays:
December 4th, 11th, 18th and January 8th

Before & After Wednesday Meal Starting at 5 PM

Wednesday Nights:
December 7th & 14th
(in main building lobby)

ARRLINGTON, TX

Winter Fest

JANUARY 13 - 15
2023

COST: \$110 IF PAID BEFORE
DECEMBER 25TH

SIGNUP AND ADDITIONAL INFO
AT THE CONNECTION POINT DESK
IN THE FOYER

SERMON NOTES

Victorious Living: Keep On Keeping On! Joshua 12, 13

Our battle against Satan is not won overnight. It takes a long time; sometimes a lifetime. We may feel like quitting, but we can't! God is not through with us yet. We must keep on keeping on! From today's story in Joshua we can learn three key principles which will enable us to persevere.

- I. **R_____ Your P_____ (Joshua 12:7-24).**
 - A. This will help G_____ a proper P_____.
 - B. Joshua could remember his W_____ and S_____ and how God gave the victory every time.
 - C. A healthy perspective provides a sense of A_____.
 - D. R_____ your P_____ then M_____ on.
- II. **R_____ Your P_____ (Joshua 13:1).**
 - A. Joshua's purpose was to lead Israel to V_____ over all the land of C_____.
 - B. So far, all they had was a P_____ V_____.
 - C. Don't let G_____ become the enemy of B_____.
 - D. We will either E_____ or F_____.
- III. **R_____ Your P_____ (Joshua 13:2-33).**
 - A. Each T_____ got a P_____, and they had to take what they were given.
 - B. Receive YOUR portion; take what Y_____ have been G_____.
 - C. One of the greatest enemies of V_____ living is E_____.
 - D. Sometimes we don't know just how G_____ we H_____ it.

"It's not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at worst, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

—Theodore Roosevelt



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

EDITORIAL

Where Was God?

“Where was God when I was being mistreated?” “Where was God during my hard times?” “Where was God when I lost my child?” “Where was God when my spouse died?” “Where was God...?” You fill in the blanks. When times are tough, when life is rough, when we are oppressed and afflicted from every side it seems to be the human response to ask, “Where was God?”

I was reading the story of Joseph (of the-coat-of-many-colors fame) not long ago. And the one thing that impressed me most was he never asked that question. He was despised and abused by his brothers. He was sold like one might sell a used car. He made the right moral decision concerning another man’s willing wife, and was punished for it. Wrongfully imprisoned, he made the best of the circumstance and became the trustee. He even encouraged the other prisoners. But when one was released, he did not give Joseph a second thought. Forgotten for two more years, Joseph was finally remembered, but only when someone needed something from him. They just wanted to use him. And the rest of the story is glorious history. But before the glory there were 13 years of abuse, neglect, accusations, wrongful imprisonment and anonymity. Where was God? *Deeply imbedded in Joseph’s heart!* Even Pharaoh recognized that fact. “*Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?*” (Genesis 41:37).

What do you do when you are abused? Do you lick your wounds for the rest of your life? Do you question whether God loves you or not?

When people use you for their own purposes, do you allow yourself to drift into paralyzing resentment? Does your faith waiver, wondering if God loves you anymore? When it seems that your whole family is turning on you, where do you turn? Whom do you blame? Is there really

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anyone to blame? When others forget you and the good you have done for them, what is your reaction? Do you become bitter or better? Have you ever been falsely accused? Has it ever caused you to lose your freedom? What if this went on for 13 years? Many of us might be willing to give up on God after 13 days! **Where is God!?!?**

If God is deeply imbedded in your heart, you will be able to persevere as did Joseph without becoming discouraged with Him. Even after years of abuse, neglect and wrongful treatment, you will be able to say, “*I cannot do it..., but God will*” (Genesis 41:16). Faith that does not crumble under stress and distress will be rewarded with great glory. Just as God highly exalted Joseph over all the land of Egypt, so He will also highly exalt those who persevere in Him and do not waver. I believe God must allow us to be broken before He can use us for something great. Joseph was not ready to rule Egypt at age 17. Thirteen years later, he was. He had to recognize that God was his only refuge. And so must we. Where was God? Preparing Joseph’s reward. Where is God now? Preparing yours. Keep on keeping on!

—Jeff Gardner

FAMILY UPDATES

BIRTHDAYS

Addison Bruce | Dec. 11
Karen Phillips | Dec. 12
Stephen Gambill | Dec. 16

Cathy Trent | Dec. 16
Linda Snodgrass | Dec. 16

Reminder, there is now childcare for [newborn to 23 months](#) and a [special class for 2 and 3 year-olds](#) during worship time. Families may drop off their children before service begins in the children’s area.

UPCOMING DATES

- Dec. 14** Cocoa and Carols, FLC, 7 PM (Sign-up to bring treats at Connection Point in the Lobby.)
- Dec. 15** Community Cupboard
- Dec. 18** DCYG Christmas Party, Youth Center, 5 PM
- Dec. 21** No activities or meal at the building
- Dec. 25** Christmas Worship Service, 10 AM
- Dec. 23 - 26** Christmas Holiday, Offices Closed
- Dec. 28** End of Year Singing, Ridgecrest Church of Christ, 7 PM
- Dec. 28** No activities or meal at the building
- Jan. 2** New Year Holiday, Offices Closed
- Jan. 13-15** DCYG - Winterfest, Arlington, TX
- Jan. 29** Del City Ministry Fair
- Jan. 29** OSBI Blood Drive, FLC
- Feb. 12** Sweetheart Banquet
- Feb. 25** Acappella in Concert at Del City (Ticket Purchase Required)
- March 31 - April 2** DCYG Spring Retreat
- April 8** Easter in the Park
- April 14-16** Women of Joy Conference, Branson, MO



December 11, 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

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 #997, *O Come, All Ye Faithful*Tim Holt
 WelcomeTim Holt
 Song #452, *Standing on the Promises*Ivan Gonzalez
 Song #453, *Love Lifted Me*Ivan Gonzalez
 Song #745, *Humble Yourself*.....Ivan Gonzalez
 PrayerTerry Craghead
 Song, *Come Share the Lord*Ivan Gonzalez
 Communion.....Tim Hempel
 Song #31, *Be Still & Know*.....Tim Holt
 OfferingTim Hempel
 Scripture Reading, *Joshua 13:1-7*Aaron Rhodes
 Song, *Great Are You Lord / Holy Lord*Tim Holt
 Message, *Keep On Keeping On!*.....Jeff Gardner
 Song #679, *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*.....Darrel Sullivan
 Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
 Prayer.....Chris Dillinger
 Song #851, *I'll Fly Away*.....Tim Holt

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