

May 19, 2024

## **Schedule of Assemblies**

#### Sunday

Classes 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM **Wednesday** 

Early Adult Class 4:30 PM Classes for All Ages 7:00 PM Childcare for age newborn to 3-years-old is available during Worship on Sundays & on Wednesday nights during the 7 PM classes. For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311, M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

## **WORSHIP ORDER**

Song, <b>You Are Holy</b>	Ivan Gonzalez
Welcome	David Schmitt
Song, <b>Do Lord</b>	Ivan Gonzalez
Song, I Saw The Light	Ivan Gonzalez
Song, Create In Me A Clean Heart	Ivan Gonzalez
Prayer	Richard Judd
Song, <b>The Old Rugged Cross</b>	Darrell Sullivan
Communion	Kenneth Jackson
Song, <b>God Is Good</b>	Ivan Gonzalez
Offering	Kenneth Jackson
Scripture Reading, <i>Matthew 6:1-4</i>	Tim Corbeil
Song, Holy Spirit Dwell In Me	Ivan Gonzalez
Message, How Not to Practice Your Faith	Garrett Marshall
Song, <b>Just As I Am</b>	Darrell Sullivan
Closing Announcements	Garrett Marshall
Prayer	Adiel Zapata

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#### **EDITORIAL**

#### The Arena of Conflict

We are roughly halfway through our study of the Sermon on the Mount, so this is a good time to pause and review the big picture of what Jesus is doing with His disciples in this sermon.

A quote that has been on my mind recently says, "The kingdom man is a citizen of two worlds, the earthly and the heavenly with each striving for the mastery. As such he is the battleground between God and man and between God and [wealth]. In the final analysis it is a struggle between God and Satan. And the kingdom citizen is the arena of conflict."

Why that quote has been on my mind is two fold. First, many times when I think of my battle as a Christian, I usually think of the battle as outside myself. It is the battle against the darkness and I am the light, the battle against the forces of evil and I am the good. While I still think that is true to a certain extent, I often find I neglect the battle going on inside myself.

As I strive to be a disciple of Jesus, it is easy to focus on the external things I am doing, and call it good. But, as we have seen time and time again in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus wants to challenge that idea. Good for you, you do good things, but WHY? This kind of introspection makes me uncomfortable, because it makes me examine myself in a much deeper way.

I'm reminded of Paul's internal struggle as he describes it in *Romans 7: 15-20*:

"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it."

I love the way Paul writes this because you can almost feel the tug-of-war going on inside him. It is somewhat comforting to know that the writer of a large portion of the New Testament and a strong man of God by all accounts, still struggled with the battle raging inside him between his own desires, and God's. What about you? How are you doing in your internal battles? What is the state of your heart?

### **SERMON NOTES**

#### **How to NOT Practice Your Faith**

As I was talking to one of my friends in the ministry, he began to describe an experience he had where he worked with a preacher who was fairly well know as being an incredibly dynamic speaker, wonderful teacher, and even accomplished scholar. He talked about how excited he was to meet this guy because he had admired him for so long from afar. However, when he met him up close, things didn't look so good. The man was difficult, cranky, and a "diva." All in all, very un-jesus like in his conduct. He ended the unfortunate tale with "Well you know what they say, DDDW." I had never heard of this acronym and asked for an explanation and he stated it meant "Darkness and Distance Does Wonders!"

What I took from this story, was that all of us, even those we think can do no wrong, project an image of ourselves that we want people to see. And from far away, this picture looks good to those around us. But when the layers are removed and we have to interact up close and personal, our true colors come through. This week, we are studying a section of the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus calls out this attitude. Are you being seen doing good works, or doing good works to be seen?

#### **Questions for Reflection**

1.Do Jesus' words here about praying in secret mean that it is wrong for us to pray aloud in worship, or pray before meals in public restaurants, or pray with a sports team before a game? When we see others doing this, should we assume that they are doing so in order to be seen by others?

2.Do you ever hear "empty phrases" in public prayers? Give examples, and then fix them to where they would no longer be "empty".

3. Why do you think Christians don't fast as often today as it seems like they did in biblical times? Have you ever fasted? What are some things that might lead you to fast?

## **FEATURED EVENTS**



Sign-Ups for **Camp Rock Creek** have started. Students entering the 3rd - 8th grade in Fall of 2024 are eligible to attend this residential summer camp in Norman from June 2-7. Scan the QR code to register.



# Scan here to register!





#### Registered at:



SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024 | 2-4 PM
Family Life Center @ Del City Church of Christ
1901 Vickie Drive, Del City, OK 73115



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## **EN ESPAÑOL**

Notas Del Sermon - Mientras hablaba con uno de mis amigos en el ministerio, él comenzó a describir una experiencia que tuvo cuando trabajó con un predicador que era bastante conocido por ser un orador increíblemente dinámico, un maestro maravilloso e incluso un erudito consumado. Habló de lo emocionado que estaba de conocer a este chico porque lo había admirado durante mucho tiempo desde lejos. Sin embargo, cuando lo conoció de cerca, las cosas no pintaban tan bien. El hombre era difícil, malhumorado y una "diva". Considerándolo todo, muy poco parecido a Jesús en su conducta. Terminó la desafortunada historia con "Bueno, ya sabes lo que dicen, DDDW". Nunca había oído hablar de este acrónimo y le pedí una explicación y dijo que significaba "¡La oscuridad y la distancia hacen maravillas!".

Lo que saqué de esta historia fue que todos nosotros, incluso aquellos que creemos que no pueden hacer nada malo, proyectamos una imagen de nosotros mismos que queremos que la gente vea. Y desde lejos, esta imagen les parece bien a quienes nos rodean. Pero cuando se eliminan las capas y tenemos que interactuar de manera cercana y personal, nuestros verdaderos colores salen a la luz. Esta semana estamos estudiando una sección del Sermón del Monte donde Jesús denuncia esta actitud. ¿Te ven haciendo buenas obras, o las haces para ser visto?

### **GET CONNECTED**

- The Community Garden Ministry needs help planting, harvesting and caring for the garden all summer! If this is something you would like to do, please reach out to Melvin Thompson or Donna Capper or call the office at 405-672-1311.
- We are combining our VBS and Day Camp into one program this summer, July 8-12. We needs lots of volunteers for all kinds of roles. Please reach out to Hannah Parker or call the office if you can help with this event.

## ATTENTION DCYG FAMILIES:

We will have a brief meeting right after services today in the front of the auditorium regarding the Houston Mission Trip.

#### MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

05/12 Worship Attendance	314
05/12 Bible Class Attendance	
05/12 Contribution	
2024 YTD Regular Contribution	\$297,429.34
2024 Weekly Average	
2024 Weekly Budget	

#### **FAMILY UPDATES**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Robert Weaver | May 19 Roxanne Shimp | May 19 Saundra Gilmore | May 19 Kaye Carter | May 20 Brenda Morgan | May 21 Jean Dokken | May 21 Howie Erwin | May 22 Leroy Wood | May 24

Melvin Thompson | May 24

Dominic Valentino | May 24

Balinda Rhinehart | May 24

Susan Corbeil | May 24

Gary Parker | May 25

#### **NEW MEMBERS**



Please join us in welcoming the Corrales family to Del City from Venezuela! Ismael José, Olexy Alejandra, Isleidy Michel, Jesus Abraham, Erix Jose and Isael Alejandro. Please welcome them when and keep their family in your prayers. Address: 4717 SE 19th, Del City, OK 73115.



**Natalie Wade** has placed membership: Her address is: 9820 S Manor Circle, OKC, OK 73139. Please join us in officially welcoming her as a member!

#### **BAPTISMS**

We are so thankful to welcome three new members into the Body of Christ: **Mello Bookman**, **Ismael José Corrales and Olexy Alejandra Corrales**. They were baptized this past week. What a privilege to walk alongside our new brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

COMMUNITY CUP - every Tuesday in the Coffee Shop, 7 AM - 9 AM

- May 27 Memorial Day | Church Office Closed
- June 2 7 Camp Rock Creek
- June 7 Keenager's Game Night | 6 PM, FLC
- June 8 Kathryn Martin Wedding Shower, 2 PM, FLC
- June 17-21 Camp Jovenes @ Lubbock Christian (see Justin for info)
- June 20 Community Cupboard Distribution
- June 23-28 Camp Horizon @ OC (see Justin for info)
- July 4 Independence Day | Church Office Closed
- July 8-12 Day Camp & VBS (See Hannah Parker for details)
- July 20-26 DCYG Mission Trip, Houston, TX, TBA
- July 30-31 DCYG Float Trip, TBA
- Aug. 3 Back to School Ba