

EN ESPAÑOL

- **NOTAS DEL SERMON** - La característica dominante de la iglesia en el Nuevo Testamento fue que creció. Es natural que la iglesia crezca. Si el crecimiento está ausente, es porque nos falta el poder o el plan de Dios en alguna parte. Note cuatro elementos esenciales del crecimiento de la iglesia que podemos aprender de la iglesia en el libro de los Hechos.
- **CAMP ROCK CREEK** - La sesión del campamento será del 4 al 9 de Junio. El costo por reserva anticipada será de \$165, \$185 después del 7 de mayo. Para formularios de registro o cualquier otra pregunta, comuníquese con Sam Day.
- **COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS** - Westview Boy's Home ofrece un hogar cristiano seguro para ayudar a los jóvenes con antecedentes difíciles. Como compañero de misión, ayudamos a suministrar alimentos o cosas que necesitan para su ministerio. Estarán aquí la semana del **3 de Abril** para recoger los suministros donados. Si puede ayudar, consulte la lista en este en el boletín o carteles que estan alrededor de nuestro edificio.
- **DCYG EVENTOS - RETIRO 2023 DE TODA EL ÁREA DE OKC** - Los jovenes tendrán su retiro de primavera el 31 de Marzo - 2 de Abril. Regístrate en el Connection Point antes del 19 de Marzo. El costo será de \$100 antes del 3/19, \$110 después.
- **EASTER IN THE PARK** - ¡Necesitamos dulces envueltos individualmente o huevos prellenos para el evento de este año de Easter In The Park! Los contenedores de entrega se encuentran en el vestíbulo. ¡Gracias por su apoyo y participación en este evento divertido para toda la comunidad!
- **VIAJE MISIONERO DE JÓVENES ADULTOS** - Los Jóvenes Adultos realizarán un viaje misionero a New Orleans, LA, del 11 al 17 de Marzo. El costo será de \$200, inscribese en Connection Point. Comuníquese con Iván González para cualquier información adicional.

GET CONNECTED

EASTER IN THE PARK - We need individually wrapped candy and pre-filled eggs for this year's Easter In The Park. Drop-off bins are located in the lobby. Thank you for your support and participation in this fun, community-wide event.

MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

2/19 Worship Attendance.....	260
2/19 Bible Class Attendance.....	186
2/19 Contribution.....	\$10,562.12
YTD Regular Contribution.....	\$141,601.63
Weekly Average.....	\$17,700.20
Weekly Budget.....	\$14,866.74

FEATURED EVENTS

YOUNG ADULTS MISSION TRIP

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MARCH 11 - 17
NEW ORLEANS, LA

SIGNUP AT CONNECTION POINT BY MARCH 1ST
COST IS \$200

OKC AREA WIDE RETREAT 2023

CATALYST

MARCH 31- APRIL 2ND

SIGN UP AT THE CONNECTION POINT DESK BEFORE 3/19

COST- \$100 (IF PAID BEFORE 3/19)
\$110 AFTER)

**CAMP
•ROCK CREEK•
2023**

JUNE 4 - 9

SEE SAM FOR REGISTRATION FORMS, JC APPLICATIONS, OR ANY OTHER QUESTIONS

EARLY BIRD SIGN UP DUE BY MAY 7TH

EARLY BIRD COST - \$165
REGULAR COST - \$185

SERMON NOTES

Growing a Great Church: Church Growth Essentials Acts 2:37-47

The one dominant characteristic of the church in the New Testament was that it grew. It is natural for the church to grow. If growth is absent, it is because we are missing God's power or plan somewhere. Notice four essentials of church growth we can learn from the church in the book of Acts.

- I. **Comprehensive P**_____
 - A. The kind of preaching that helps church growth is W_____ C_____ of God preaching (Romans 10:13-14).
 - B. Preaching must be removed from the arena of P_____ and P_____.
 - C. Preaching must be from the W_____ of G_____ and received as a M_____ from God Himself.
 - D. Church growth from strong preaching is not because of the strength of the M_____, but because of the strength of the M_____.
- II. **Committed P**_____
 - A. The big characteristic of the people from Acts 2 was they were D_____.
 1. To the A_____ T_____.
 2. To F_____.
 3. To W_____.
 - B. A B_____ church starts with M_____.
- III. **Clear P**_____
 - A. The early church grew because it walked in the F_____ of the L_____ (Acts 9:31).
 - B. We must see God as more than just a G_____ F_____.
 - C. "Note then the K_____ and S_____ of God" (Romans 11:22).
 - D. It is a question of proper B_____ and P_____.
- IV. **Concise P**_____
 - A. Paul was laser-focused and had godly T_____ V_____ (Acts 20:4).
 - B. Until making disciples for Jesus is our P_____ P_____, we will see little church growth.
 - C. "You are not your O_____; you were B_____ with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20).

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

EDITORIAL

Rocky Peter

When you think of a rock, you think of something stout and dependable. Prudential has capitalized on this word-picture with their slogan, "Get a piece of the rock." The apostle Peter's name means *rock* in the Greek language. But when you look at his life, he is not always stout and dependable.

For that reason, I can identify more with Peter than any other of the original Twelve. He was always quick to commit, having a strong desire to please the Lord. But somewhere between the desire to commit and follow-through, he had a tendency to stumble and crumble. Not exactly the Rock of Gibraltar!

We know he had a good heart. He was the first and only one to jump out of the boat in the middle of the storm and try to walk to Jesus Christ. It is true that as his heart sank in fear, so his body sank in the foam. But it took real faith to make that first step. He just couldn't follow-through. Later, he adamantly declared his loyalty to Jesus even to the point of death. But within a few short hours he could not even stay awake with Jesus while He prayed. "Simon, couldn't you watch with me for just an hour?" And then while Jesus was on trial, this so-called *rock* of a disciple crumbled again and denied, not once, not twice, but three times that he even knew Jesus. Like I said, a good heart, but just kept falling short. That's why I can identify with Peter. That is *exactly* me.

From the moment we realize our failure, He expects us to repent from the heart.

What I appreciate about Peter, and this is what I believe makes him live up to his name, is that in spite of his many failures, he kept coming back for more. He never gave up. He never threw in the towel of despair. And it did not take him long to admit his failure and repent. When he denied Christ, when he realized what he had done as the echo of the rooster chilled the air for a second time, he went out and wept bitterly. No excuses. No blaming. No hiding. Just open, gut-wrenching tears.

And that is why he could be used for great things for God throughout his life. God does not demand or expect perfection. He had Jesus for that. What He expects is perseverance, a "never give up" attitude. He wants us to never despair. When we begin to sink in the foamy fears of life's storms, when we snooze at the wrong times, when we deny we even know Him, He wants us to keep brushing off the dirt of failure and coming back for more. And He also expects immediate repentance. From the moment we realize our failure, He expects us to repent from the heart. No excuses. No blaming. No hiding. Just open admission of our failure. Only then can He use us for greatness. Only then can He make us what we ought to be. Only then can we, too, be a rock.

—Jeff Gardner

FAMILY UPDATES

BIRTHDAYS

Cara Day | Feb. 26

Carol Matthewson | Feb. 28

Jo Carol Lee | March 1

Jose Zamudio | March 3

Leigh Todd | March 3

Steve Johnson | March 4

Memorial Service Today

There will be a memorial service for Jack Rains at 2 PM today in the FLC. We extend our condolences to his family, many of whom are with us here this morning.

New Members

Welcome to our two newest members. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them.



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Directory Updates

- **Judy Finch** *phone number correction:* 405-308-8322
- **Barbs Crane** *address update:* 12819 SE 19th Street, Choctaw, OK 73010
- **Brenda Lay** *address update:* 11510 SE 15th St., Apt. #214, Midwest City, OK 73130

UPCOMING DATES

- **March 11 - 17** Young Adult's Mission Trip, New Orleans Area
- **March 31 - April 2** DCYG Spring Retreat, Oakridge Christian Camp
- **April 2** Wedding Shower for Clarissa Smith, 2-4 PM, FLC
- **April 3** Westview Boy's Home Pick-Up Week
- **April 8** Easter in the Park

DEL CITY Church of Christ

February 26, 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 #63, *I Will Call Upon The Lord*.....Ivan Gonzalez
WelcomeTim Holt
Song, *Blessed Be Your Name*Tim Holt
Song, *How Great Is Our God*Tim Holt
Song #849, *'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer*Tim Holt
Prayer.....Rick Judd
Song #337, *Hallelujah, What a Savior!*.....Tim Holt
Communion.....Octave Lindly
Song #464, *Because He Lives*.....Ivan Gonzalez
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Scripture Reading, *Acts 2:37-47*Tim Corbeil
Song #535, *Soldiers of Christ Arise*.....Ivan Gonzalez
Message, *Church Growth Essentials*.....Jeff Gardner
Song #662, *I Surrender All*.....Darrel Sullivan
Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
Prayer.....Melvin Thompson
Song #559, *The Joy of The Lord*Tim Holt

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