

Living a Parable

A few weeks ago I received a book in the mail called *Living a Parable* by Silvia Davis. Accompanying the book was a letter of introduction by the author. What was fascinating and surprising to learn is that Silvia is a former member of our congregation from the mid-90s when I was preaching here before. Silvia was married to someone in the Air Force and that is why they were with us for a short time before he transferred again.

I read Silvia's book and immediately reached out to her and renewed our friendship. Her book is a collection of modern parables harvested from her own family life experiences. It is very engaging and spiritually applicable. I highly recommend you check it out. Her website address is livingaparable.com and she has also recently started a podcast which you may enjoy. Scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone or go to her website and click on "Podcast" and you will be able to listen.



Here is some info about her from her website: "Silvia Davis has been a member of the Church of Christ for thirty-two years. She is a devoted wife to her husband, John, and is a mother of two. Silvia's primary goal in life is to motivate and encourage others. Through motivational speaking and the utilization of social media, she has helped hundreds prioritize the value of self-worth and self-care both spiritually and physically. She currently lives in Arizona."

"The best advice that can ever be given to any Christian is to put God first. Christ summed it up best in Matthew 22:37-38 when He said to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. My life changed when I made that decision. That decision is what called me to become a Christian author! A part of being a Christian is working to serve others. My favorite way to do that is by using words and humor to inspire. I realized this while helping women develop a more positive mindset about their value and body. So be sure, male or female, to visit my blog for uplifting messages and videos!"

Silvia further declares "God is always teaching!" And she does a great job finding and sharing those lessons. Check her out and you will be blessed.

—Jeff Gardner



Burton & Annette

70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Come-and-Go Reception
Sunday, August 7th
2 PM - 4 PM
Del City Church of Christ
Main Building
Coffee Shop

Dates To Remember

- **Aug. 10** Picnic in the Park, 6 PM
- **Aug. 14** Whiz Kids Recruitment Sunday
- **Aug. 14** DCYG Parent Meeting After Bible Class (12 Noon)
- **Aug. 11-13** National Hispanic Preacher's Conference
- **Sept. 11** OSBI Blood Drive, FLC
- **Sept. 13** Whiz Kids Begins
- **Sept. 24** Homecoming Banquet, 6 PM, FLC
- **Sept. 25** Special Anniversary Worship Service, 10 AM
- **Oct. 29** Family Fall Festival

Sermon Notes

How To Start and Stop Fights

James 4:1-10

Human nature seems to be eternally plagued with fighting. Some folks start fights, some folks stop fights, and sometimes the same person does both. It's a vicious and unpleasant cycle. James cuts to the heart of the matter by discussing the cause and the cure for fighting.

I. The C_____ (4:1-4).

A. A disciple of Jesus must learn to C_____ his/her N_____.

B. Two main causes of fights:

1. P_____ D_____ (vv. 2-3).

2. C_____ C_____ (v. 4).

C. Gear your life toward P_____ God and not F_____ for yourself.

II. The C_____ (4:5-10).

A. Realize you are D_____ D_____ by God (v.5).

B. H_____ (vv. 6, 10).

C. S_____ (v. 7a).

D. R_____ (v. 7b).


E. M_____ (v. 8a).

F. R_____ (v. 8b, 9).

G. R_____ (v. 10).

Baby Gifts Needed for Eagle Resident

We are collecting baby gifts for Haylie, a young resident at Eagle Ministries, who is expecting a boy in September. There is a table set up in the lobby throughout August to collect gifts. Contact DeeAnne Holt, 405-818-8781 or Sonya Weaver, 405-249-2225 for more information.



BEDLAM BLOOD BATTLE

Del City Church Of Christ Blood Drive
Sunday, September 11 • 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 Gym

For more information, contact Ivan Gonzalez at igonzlez@delcitychurch.org.
Walk-ins are always welcome!

All donors receive their choice of a NEW OU or OSU t-shirt.*

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Happy Birthday This Week

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| Samantha Breslin | August 7 |
| Glen Graham | August 7 |
| James Phillips, Sr. | August 8 |
| Steve Oliver | August 10 |
| Michelle Goolsby | August 11 |
| Richey Gentry | August 11 |

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

7/31 Worship Attendance.....	202
7/31 Bible Class Attendance.....	122
7/31 Contribution	\$13,635.21
YTD Regular Contribution	\$439,767.23
Weekly Average	\$14,186.04
Weekly Budget	\$14,703.58
5th Sunday Giving	\$5,939.16



JOIN US

PICNIC in the PARK

Wednesday, Aug 10th
 in the FLC @ 6 PM

Main entree will be provided.
 Bring a side dish or a dessert to share

The love of a FAMILY is LIFE'S GREATEST Blessing

New Ladies Class Starting Soon

Sharpen your sword in just nine months with the Concentrated Bible Study. In this study, we learn the content of the New Testament books, come to love its truth and logic, accept it, and allow our lives to be transformed by our more complete knowledge of Christ and His church as revealed by the New Testament writers. This will be our study for Ladies Bible Class this fall, meeting on Thursdays from noon to 1:15 PM at the building. The first class will be **Thursday, Sept. 1.** IF enough ladies are interested, we will also meet on Wednesday nights, starting **August 31st.** Please text or see Beth Berry if interested, 405-534-9921.

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Welcome To Our
Sunday Morning
Family Worship
August 7, 2022

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.

Order of Worship

- Song #238, *Words and Music*Ivan Gonzalez
- WelcomeIvan Gonzalez
- Song #647, *Soldiers of Christ Arise*.....Tim Holt
- Song #648, *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*Tim Holt
- Song #745, *Humble Yourself*.....Tim Holt
- Prayer.....Jack Cooper
- Song, *Here in This Place*Tim Holt
- CommunionTim Hempel
- Song #398, *Surely The Presence Of The Lord*.....Tim Holt
- Offering.....Tim Hempel
- Scripture Reading, *James 4:1-10*Chris Schoelen
- Song, *Lord Reign in Me*Ivan Gonzalez
- Message, *How To Start and Stop Fights*.....Jeff Gardner
- Song #674, *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*.....Ivan Gonzalez
- Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
- PrayerRob Weaver
- Song #831, *Let Me Live Close to Thee*Darrel Sullivan

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Summer of Service	6:00 PM
Thursday	
Singing Class	6:30 PM

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