

Editorial

Last week, *The Daily Oklahoman* reported the annual Kids Count numbers from across the nation. This data is based on 13 indicators of child wellness and serves as a measuring stick for how Oklahoma children are doing. The results are troubling. One in 5 Oklahoma children live in poverty and 1 in 8 of our children are experiencing depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts. A whopping 71% of fourth graders are not proficient in reading. Reading failure is the highest indicator of future incarceration rates, poverty and homelessness.

Reports like this cast a very grim outlook. Add overwhelming teacher shortages, economic woes and lingering pandemic concerns, and we can feel the heaviness and we understand how our families, friends and neighbors could really use some hope. As Christians, we know that our hope lies in Jesus and that we are called to share that promise and to be a light for others.

One way you can share hope is to volunteer for our Whiz Kids ministry. Since 1996, Whiz Kids has provided a space for students at risk for school failure across OKC to be known, loved and nurtured. Our students receive literacy-tutoring and faith-based mentoring once a week during the school year. As a result, our students typically score an average of

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Whiz Kids



32 points higher than their matched peers on state reading tests and their classroom teachers report better behavior and peer interactions. We believe the foundation of their success is the relationship built with a caring mentor who shows up for them each week. Magic happens

when students go from learning to read to reading to learn. You can get involved in his hope-giving ministry. Every Tuesday, a group of loving volunteers mentor students from Del City Elementary at our campus. If reading with a student isn't your thing, there are opportunities to help in other ways. Our students need you.

For more information, contact Melissa Phillips.

Amy Bruce

Anniversary Shirts

Order a 70th Anniversary t-shirt through August 28th. T-shirts are \$15 each and can be ordered online at delcitychurch.org/70th-anniversary/. After you complete the form, you can pay via cash or check and drop it off to the church office or at the special anniversary table in the lobby. You can also pay online (fee associated with this method). There is also a black, dry-fit, Nike Polo shirt available to order for \$33. It will feature an anniversary logo embroidered on the chest.



THIS Wednesday!

Food Bank

We have a group that had previously signed up that will be partnering up with the Regional Food bank. **If you haven't signed up but want to go CONTACT THE OFFICE.** Meet at 6:15 at 3355 S. Purdue, Oklahoma City, OK 73179 or, if you need a ride let the office know, van leaves at 5:50 PM.

Garden

Meet at the garden area at 6 PM to assist with beautifying the park and preparing for our weekly giveaway!

Mowing Yards

We will leave from the FLC at 6 PM and go around the neighborhood and offer to mow their lawns. If you are unable to meet at that time and want to participate, contact Meco at (405) 850-1727 for instructions on where to meet the group at a later time.

Sermon Notes

If Money Could Talk

James 5:1-6

There is a day of judgment coming, on that day your money will testify. What testimony will it give? James warns that the testimony of your money may reveal at least the following two injustices.

- I. S_____ L_____ (5:3, 5, 6).
 - A. Selfish living hoards M_____ and W_____ during critical times when it would best be spent to fulfill needs of the less fortunate.
 - B. To H_____, you must G_____.
 - C. It is a sin to H_____ R_____.
 - D. G_____ will actually make you R_____.
 - E. When you see a N_____, F_____ it.
 - F. We can C_____ to be a G_____.
 - G. Your G_____ money will testify F_____ you in the end instead of A_____ you.
- II. S_____ L_____ (5:4).
 - A. Bad debts are a S_____, and S_____ the name of Jesus Christ.
 - B. The disciple of Christ is obligated to P_____ what is O_____.
 - C. To fail to P_____ your debts B_____ the name of Christ.
 - D. If we fail to pay what we owe, our money will S_____ and T_____ in judgment of us before the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

Happy Birthday This Week

Nancy Hale	August 21
DeeAnne Holt	August 23
Rebecca Nixon	August 23
Deborah Sheets	August 23
James Martin	August 25
Ouida Twomey	August 26
Carol Clark	August 27



Dates To Remember

- **Aug. 28** Last day to order Anniversary shirts
- **Aug. 31** New Ladies Class Begins, 7 PM
- **Sept. 1** Ladies Class, Noon
- **Sept. 2** Keenagers Game Night, 6 PM, FLC
- **Sept. 5** Office closed for Labor Day
- **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** Fall Festival
- **Nov. 18-19** Women's Conference @ Del City, TBA

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

8/14 Worship Attendance.....	227
8/14 Bible Class Attendance.....	182
8/14 Contribution	\$12,251.21
YTD Regular Contribution	\$466,917.91
Weekly Average	\$14,149.02
Weekly Budget	\$14,703.58

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 21, 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 #634, *We'll Work Till Jesus Comes*Darrel Sullivan
 WelcomeIvan Gonzalez
 Song #867, *To Canaans Land I'm On My Way*.....Darrel Sullivan
 Scripture Reading, *James 5:1-6*Sam Day
 Prayer.....Tim Corbeil
 Song #344, *Low In The Grave He Lay*Darrel Sullivan
 CommunionJimmy Lee
 OfferingJimmy Lee
 Song #610, *I Love My Savior Too*Darrel Sullivan
 Message, *If Money Could Talk*Ivan Gonzalez
 Song #909, *There's a Fountain Free*Darrel Sullivan
 Whiz Kids Announcements.....Melissa Phillips
 PrayerRob Weaver
 Song #738, *Take the Name of Jesus with You*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.