

DEL CITY Church of Christ



November 12, 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, *Mighty is Our God*Tim Holt
WelcomeChris Dillinger
Song #72, *Blessed Be The Lord*Tim Holt
Song, *How Great Is Our God*Tim Holt
Song, *Goodness of God*Tim Holt
PrayerTerry Craghead
Song #701, *My Jesus I Love Thee*Darrel Sullivan
CommunionJames Broadie
Song, *Hide Me Away Oh Lord*Tim Holt
OfferingJames Broadie
Scripture Reading, *1 John 4:16-21*Justin Ogletree
Song #122, *The Love of God*Tim Holt
Message, *Fuel for Disciple-Living*Jeff Gardner
Song #947, *I Lay Me Down*Tim Holt
Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
PrayerAdiel Zapata
Song #859, *When All of Gods Singers Get Home*Tim Holt

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B.L.T.

In America, when you see or hear “B.L.T.” just about everybody knows that stands for a “Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato” sandwich. But for the purposes of this editorial, “B.L.T.” stands for “Brotherly Love Talks.” That seems to be the message in 1 John 3:14-18. *“¹⁴ If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don’t have eternal life within them. ¹⁶ We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.”* John tells us in this text that our brotherly love talks about three virtues of the Christian heart.

Brotherly love talks about our Conversion (verses 14-15). The degree of your love for your brothers and sisters in Christ talks about whether you are truly converted to Christ or not. When you are truly converted, you will never face permanent death and you will always love your brothers and sisters. Love is the proof of life; hate is the proof of death. A Christ-centered heart is the only soil in which the genuine flower of love for others can grow. There is a beautiful country near the equator where tomatoes cannot grow. The problem is the soil. The weather is right, the seed is right, but the soil is wrong. Your heart is also like soil. And brotherly love cannot flourish in a heart-soil that has not been fully converted to Christ. A loveless heart is a reliable sign of a dead heart toward God. Brotherly love talks about our conversion.

Brotherly love talks about our Commitment (verse 16). John is talking about our commitment to the example of Christ. Christ was fully committed when He laid down His life for us. He calls us to imitate Him by doing the same. We are to be miniature Christs in this world. What Jesus did, we must do, or at least be willing to do. Love stays the course. Love never gives up. Love serves even when it hurts or is unpleasant. Love loans even when repayment isn’t possible. Love forgives what some would think was unforgivable. Love perseveres in spite of the pain, disappointment or obstacles. Brotherly love is totally committed to the cause and to each other. Find the needs of others and go meet them. Don’t wait for something good; make something good happen. Brotherly love is committed to being observant and opportunistic. Brotherly love talks about our commitment.

Brotherly love talks about our Compassion (verses 17-18). Sympathy is nice, but compassion is where real brotherly love shows up. It is one thing to tell someone you are sorry they have such a burden in life; it is altogether something different to put your shoulder under their burden and help them carry it. Christian compassion starts with **ability**: able to assist someone. Next is **awareness**: we must be realistically aware of those around us. Then it is **action** that seals the deal: do something for another. Maybe you’ll do the wrong thing or get hurt or get too involved. That’s not the point. Here’s the point: DO SOMETHING! Brotherly love talks about our compassion.

B.L.T. Brother Love Talks. What’s your brotherly love saying about your conversion, commitment and compassion?

—Jeff Gardner

Eyewitness Good News: Fuel for Disciple-Living 1 John 4:16-21

What is it that makes disciple-living possible? What cranks you up to be an active disciple of Jesus Christ every day? I like to think of it as fuel. We are very fuel conscious in America. It is what keeps us mobile. Bad fuel means bad performance in your vehicle. Hesitation when you accelerate will get you killed. Disciple-living is not that different from driving a vehicle. You need plenty of good fuel to have an equally good response. Our text today tells us plainly that the fuel for disciple-living is **God's love**. Satan often offers alternative fuel. John gives us three compelling reasons why we should always choose God's fuel.

I. Because it gives M_____ (1 John 4:16).

- A. The first S_____ is the H_____ and requires motivation.
- B. It is experiential K_____ that motivates you to take the first B_____.
- C. The bottom line to the fuel of God's love is C_____ on the C_____.

II. Because it gives C_____ (1 John 4:17-18).

- A. We are as Jesus was in the P_____ (Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 John 2:1ff).
- B. We are as Jesus is in the P_____ (Romans 8:15).
- C. As Jesus is now, so we will be in the F_____ (1 John 3:2).

III. Because it gives R_____ (1 John 4:19-21).

- A. Our response is our own love B_____ given B_____ to God.
- B. We also respond to the love of God by L_____ O_____.
- C. "A little of the O_____ of Christ-like love will save a lot of F_____."



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

EN ESPAÑOL

- **NOTAS DEL SERMON** - ¿Qué es lo que hace posible la vida de discípulo? ¿Qué te impulsa a ser un discípulo activo de Jesucristo todos los días? Me gusta pensar en ello como combustible. En Estados Unidos somos muy conscientes del combustible. Es lo que nos mantiene móviles. El mal combustible significa un mal rendimiento de su vehículo. La vacilación al acelerar hará que te maten. Vivir como discípulos no es tan diferente a conducir un vehículo. Se necesita mucho combustible para tener una respuesta igualmente buena. Nuestro texto de hoy nos dice claramente que el combustible para la vida de discípulo es el **amor de Dios**. Satanás ofrece a menudo combustible alternativo. Juan nos da tres razones convincentes por las que siempre debemos elegir el combustible de Dios.

GET CONNECTED

BRING A FRIEND DECEMBER 10TH



Invite a friend to join us as we welcome our new ministers to Del City with a CELEBRATION SUNDAY SERVICE
After Worship, there will be a Fellowship Luncheon for All in the Church Gym.
There will be no Bible Classes on this Sunday.

BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH on DEC.10th for Celebration Sunday. Invite a co-worker, neighbor or friend to join us!



Christmas Store Volunteers Needed!

Our Christmas Store for families-in-need will be Nov. 27 - Dec. 1. We need volunteers to help with set-up on Nov. 26th. We also need helpers throughout the week to wrap and help with other tasks! Sign up at Connection Point or contact Liz in the office.

- **Ladies Monthly Meet-Up** - Ladies, you are invited to join other women from our church on the third Thursday of each month at Golden Corral at 11 AM. We celebrate birthdays from that month and have wonderful fellowship. Contact Liz in the office with questions.
- **Desserts Needed** - Hey MEN - we need some guys to make and bring desserts for the Women's Conference, Nov. 17-18th. If you can help - please contact Justin Parker. Let's spoil our ladies!

MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

11/5 Worship Attendance	240
11/5 Bible Class Attendance	174
11/5 Contribution	\$8,913.53
YTD Regular Contribution.....	\$686,033.80
Weekly Average	\$16,334.14
Weekly Budget.....	\$14,866.74

FEATURED EVENTS



**WALKING BY FAITH
'EMPOWERED'
TO BE MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE**

A weekend with friends,
fellowship, and God's Word

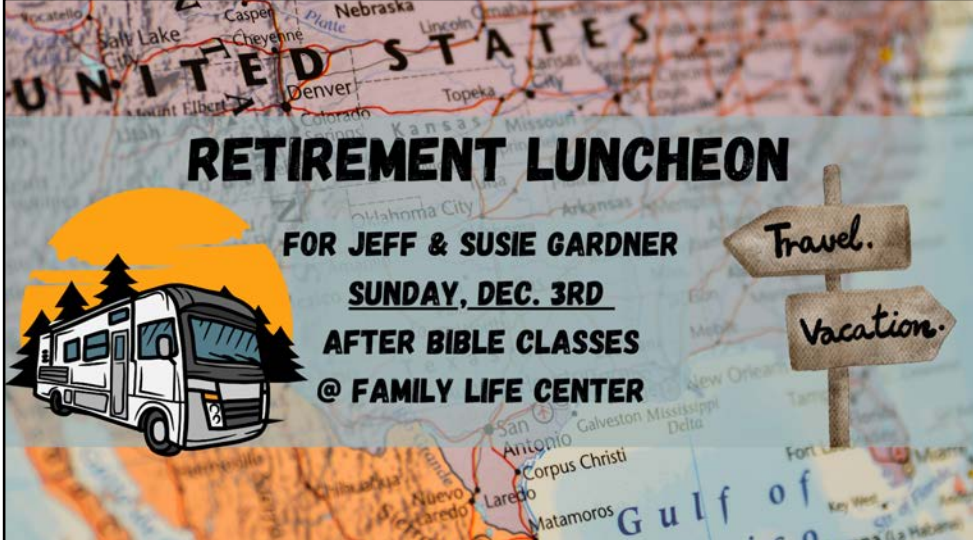
Nov. 17th - 18th
Friday 11/17 - 5 PM - 9 PM
Saturday 11/18 - 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Register & Get More Info Here

2023
**WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**



Ladies, it's not too late to sign up for our conference. Register now and join us this upcoming Friday & Saturday, **Nov. 17-18.**





RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

FOR JEFF & SUSIE GARDNER

SUNDAY, DEC. 3RD

AFTER BIBLE CLASSES

@ FAMILY LIFE CENTER



Everyone is invited to a luncheon honoring Jeff & Susie Gardner as they embark on their *Retirement Adventure*. Come say thank you and express your gratitude for their years of service to Del City. This will be immediately following Bible Classes on **Dec. 3rd.**

Christmas Dinner

Widows, Widowers, & Adult Singles

December 7th | 5 PM

*A formal Dinner with entertainment
served in the Family Life Center.*

RSVP | 405-672-1311



FAMILY UPDATES

BIRTHDAYS

Sue Hunt | Nov. 12

Karen Schoelen | Nov. 12

Adiel Zapata | Nov. 13

Lee Camacho | Nov. 13

Lawanna Cooper | Nov. 14

Barbara Thompson Nov. 15

Stacey Wood | Nov. 17

We are so happy to welcome our new youth minister, **Justin Ogletree**, and his wife, **Maillee** to Del City. Justin will graduate from Oklahoma Christian University this month with a bachelor's degree in Family Science and Maillee will graduate next spring with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood. Justin grew up attending Lakehoma Church of Christ in Mustang and has interned at the South Walker, Heritage and Edmond Churches of Christ. Maillee grew up attending Lamesa Church of Christ in Texas. Her parents now live in Piedmont. She also interned at Edmond Church of Christ and plans to be an elementary teacher. Justin & Maillee were just married on Oct. 19th.



CAMP ROCK CREEK

Fundraiser Night

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

6:00 PM

Memorial Road Church of Christ
• Fellowship Central •

JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE GAME NIGHT AND MUCH
LOVED DESSERT AUCTION!

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE DOOR FOR CONCESSION
STYLE FOODS

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US TO RAISE MONEY FOR CAMP
ROCK CREEK!

QUESTIONS: EMILY MCKNIGHT - CAMPROCKCREEK@GMAIL.COM

SMILE. JESUS LOVES YOU!



CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

SUNDAYS IN NOVEMBER

Before & After Worship in the
Main Building Lobby

or Mondays & Wednesdays by appointment only
9 AM - 5 PM

To schedule, please contact Amy Bruce
405-205-4855

UPCOMING DATES

- **TODAY** Fundraiser Dinner for Camp Rock Creek @ Memorial Road Church of Christ, 6 PM (Tickets available at door)
- **Nov. 17-18** Women's Conference
- **Nov. 16** Ladies Birthday Lunch Group, Golden Corral, 11 AM
- **Nov. 19** Third Sunday Potluck after Services, FLC
- **Nov. 23-24** Church Office Closed, Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov. 27 - Dec. 1** Christmas Store
- **Dec. 3** Jeff Gardner Retirement Luncheon after Bible Classes
- **Dec. 3** Singing with Wellington Parke Residents, 2 PM
- **Dec. 4** Westview Boy's Home Truck
- **Dec. 7** Widows, Widowers & Adult Singles Dinner, 5 PM, FLC
- **Dec. 10** Celebration Sunday & Fellowship Luncheon