

## Keeper of the Spring

A quiet forest dweller lived high above an Austrian village along the eastern slopes of the Alps. The old gentleman had been hired many years before by a young town council to clear away the debris from the pools of water up in the mountain crevices that fed the lovely spring flowing through their town. With faithful, silent regularity, he patrolled the hills, removed the leaves and branches and wiped away the silt that would otherwise choke and contaminate the fresh flow of water. By and by, the village became a popular attraction for vacationers. Graceful swans floated along the crystal clear spring, the mill wheels of various businesses located near the water turned day and night, farmlands were naturally irrigated, and the view from restaurants was picturesque beyond description.

Years passed. One evening, the town council met for its semiannual meeting. As they reviewed the budget, one man's eye caught the salary figure being paid the obscure keeper of the spring. Said the keeper of the purse, "Who is this old man? Why do we keep him on year after year? No one ever sees him. For all we know the strange ranger of the hills is doing us no good. He is no longer necessary!" By a unanimous vote, they dispensed with the old man's services.

For several weeks, nothing changed. By early autumn the trees began to shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools, hindering the rushing flow of sparkling water. One afternoon someone noticed a slight yellowish-brown tint in the spring. A couple of days later the water was much darker. Within another week, a slimy film covered sections of the water along the banks and a foul odor was soon detected. The mill wheels moved slower, and some finally ground to a halt. Swans left, as did the tourists. Clammy fingers of disease and sickness reached deeply into the village.

Quickly, the embarrassed council called a special meeting. Realizing their gross error in judgment, they hired back the old keeper of the spring—and within a few weeks the veritable river of life began to clear up. The wheels started to turn, and new life returned to this small hamlet in the Alps once again. Never underestimate the power of influence, not matter how small.

—Author Unknown

## Save the Date

Plans are in the works to recognize "70 Years of God's Faithfulness" at DCCOC's 70th Anniversary celebration scheduled for September 24-25. Make plans to join us, and please invite any friend or family member you know who has ever attended Del City for this special homecoming opportunity. Much more will be announced in the months to come...

In the meantime, we want to hear from you. What is your favorite memory of our church or your favorite thing about it? Please email any photos and special stories|memories to [abruce@delcitychurch.org](mailto:abruce@delcitychurch.org) or drop them by the office. We are especially looking for photos from before the year 2000! We are compiling some special publications and memories for that weekend and want yours to be included. We will begin taking registrations for the banquet during the summer, so stay tuned!



### Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

4/24 Worship Attendance.....	189
4/24 Bible Class Attendance.....	137
4/24 Contribution .....	\$12,712.51
YTD Regular Contribution .....	\$242,788.21
Weekly Average .....	\$14,281.66
Weekly Budget .....	\$14,703.58

## Sermon Notes

### The Influence of a Servant

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus uses two metaphors in this text to describe the influence His servants should have on the world around us. The world is putrefying and dark; the answer is to be salt and light. Notice these metaphors in greater detail.

#### I. Salt (Matthew 5:13).

- A. Salt is S\_\_\_\_\_ and S\_\_\_\_\_, not poured.
- B. Salt adds F\_\_\_\_\_, but it is O\_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Salt is U\_\_\_\_\_ any other S\_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Salt must get O\_\_\_\_\_ of the S\_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. Light (Matthew 5:14-16).

- A. Light is S\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Light G\_\_\_\_\_ D\_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Light A\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Light E\_\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_.

## Announcements

- ➔ Adult counselors (sign up with Melissa Phillips) and junior counselors (apply with Sam Day) still needed for camp.

## Thank You

Thank you from Mrs. Blasi's Christian Heritage Academy Pre-K Class for hosting them at our community garden.



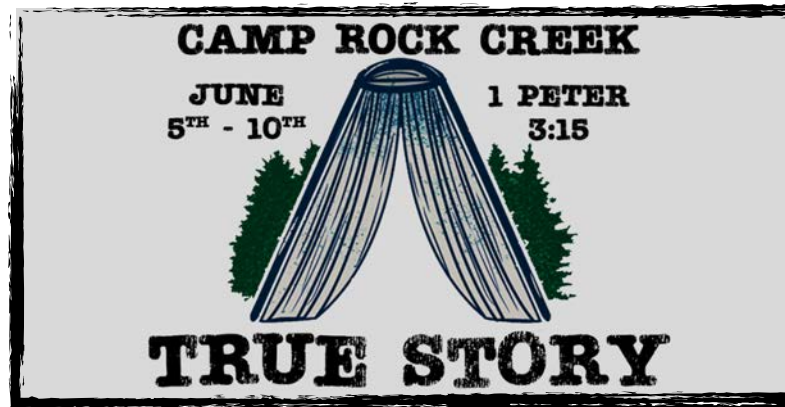
Don and I thank you all for the many beautiful and very thoughtful cards. Also for the phone calls and prayers. Love you all - Don and Sandy Cherry

## Happy Birthday This Week

- Todd Smith - May 2
- Reagan Breslin - May 3
- Freddie Walker - May 3
- Garrison Martin - May 4
- Ivan Gonzalez - May 7

## Dates To Remember

- May 6 Keenager Game Night | 6 PM in the FLC
- May 15 Senior Sunday | Promotion Sunday
- May 19 Community Cupboard
- May 22 OBI Blood Drive in FLC, 8 AM - 12 Noon
- June 5-10 Camp Rock Creek (register online now!)
- June 19-24 Camp Zenith @ OC
- June 25 Car Show at DCCOC
- July 6-9 Vacation Bible School
- July 18-21 Day Camp at Camp Rock Creek
- July 29-30 DCYG Float Trip
- Aug. 11-13 National Hispanic Preacher's Conference
- Sept. 24-25 DCCOC 70th Anniversary Celebration



Camp Rock Creek is approaching fast! Register students by May 8th for the early bird discount rate of \$155. After May 8th it increases to \$175. Scan the code for the online form or pick up a paper app in the lobby, youth center or office. Students entering 3rd through 8th grade may attend. Invite a friend!



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Welcome To Our  
 Sunday Morning  
 Family Worship  
 May 1, 2022

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for

## Order of Worship

- Song, *I Love the Lord Messiah* .....Ivan Gonzalez
- Welcome .....Ivan Gonzalez
- Song #60, *He Is Exalted* .....Tim Holt
- Song, *Highly Exalted*.....Tim Holt
- Song #718, *We Shall Assemble* .....Ivan Gonzalez
- Prayer .....Landon Parker
- Song, *Calvary*.....Ivan Gonzalez
- Communion.....Rob Weaver
- Song #325, *Boundless Love* .....Tim Holt
- Offering .....Rob Weaver
- Scripture Reading, *Matthew 5:13-16*.....Chris Schoelen
- Song, *Ye Are The Light Of The World* .....Tim Holt
- Message, *The Influence of a Servant*.....Jeff Gardner
- Song #915, *Trust and Obey* .....Darrel Sullivan
- Closing Announcements .....Jeff Gardner
- Prayer .....Chris Dillinger
- Song, *Go Light Your World* .....Tim Holt

## Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Early Class	4:30 PM
Singing Class	6:30 PM
Mid-Week Adult Class	7:00 PM
Hispanic Class	7:00 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.