

DEL CITY Church of Christ



December 24, 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.



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But When?

There's always a great debate about when Jesus was born, specifically what time of the year (although there is also debate about the year itself). It is at this time of the year that many celebrate His birth, but it is unlikely that He was born during the winter months.

Our first clue concerning this is that when Jesus was born, Luke's account tells us that an angel delivered this message to shepherds who were out in the field watching their flocks (Luke 2:8-11).

Bible scholars and historians tell us that in the Palestinian area, sheep were not kept out in the fields from November through February.

Also, it is unlikely that Caesar would have authorized a census where each person had to travel during the winter months when it was so very difficult. History reveals that these were usually done in the spring before planting or in early autumn after the harvest.



But even with all of that uncertainty, I believe I can still give an accurate answer as to when Jesus was born. Ready for it? Here it is: Jesus was born at

the exact right time. Galatians 4:4-5 reveals, ***“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption...”***

God sent His Son to the earth at the precise moment in history, regardless of what year or month it was. Think about it. The Hebrews (through the inspiration of God) had given the Old Testament which through its prophecies pointed to the Messiah. The Greeks, who had formerly been the world power, had created a language for the common man (koine Greek) in which the New Testament would be written. The Romans, who were the current ruling power, had built an extensive road system on which the gospel could now easily travel. It was the ideal time for Jesus to come into the world – and thus He did.

Also let's note that even though Jesus could have come in one of many different ways, Galatians 4:4 declares that He came as one born into the human race (to sympathize with us, Hebrews 4:15) and born under the law (so as to complete it, Matthew 5:17-18). Again, the timing of His birth was exactly right concerning these and every aspect of Jesus' coming to the earth. What we need to remember is that God's timing is always perfect – and we should celebrate that fact on a daily basis!

But the real question for us today is not “when was Jesus born,” but “have you been born again into Him?”

Edd Sterchi

Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY

SERMON NOTES

Throughout the Bible, God has a habit of circumventing human expectations. Many times, God does not act the way we want or expect.

This is never more apparent, than in the Christmas story. God, in his incredible wisdom, flips the script in what true greatness really looks like. Instead of worldly power, he comes to the world in poverty. He tells the tale of two kingdoms, and introduces a new king of King.

A New Kind of King

I. At this point, Mary is probably, AT MOST, _____

a. When she says there is “no room in the inn” it is more likely she was not allowed in because of her _____

II. Herod “ _____ ”

a. Had a monopoly on the _____

b. One of the _____ people to ever walk the planet

c. Herod’s income was well over _____ of the GDP of Judea

d. The _____, the third largest palace of its day, stood as a magnificent monument of Herod’s wealth and power.

- It also stood just 3 miles from _____.

III. A Tale of Two Gospels:

Herod

Jesus

IV. Questions to Wrestle with:

1. What is real power?

2. What is real wealth?

3. What do I personally strive for?

4. Do I want to follow a humble servant, or another Herod?

WORSHIP ORDER

Song, Joy to the World	Tim Holt
Welcome	Tim Holt
Song, Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down	Tim Holt
Song, Highest Place	Tim Holt
Song, Magnificat	Tim Holt
Prayer	Cory Bruce
Song, Christ, We Do All Adore Thee	Darrel Sullivan
Communion	Josiah Schmitt
Song, Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus	Tim Holt
Offering.....	Josiah Schmitt
Scripture, Matthew 1:18-25	Camden Bruce
Song, He is Exalted	Tim Holt
Message, A New Kind of King	Garrett Marshall
Song, Jesus Paid it All	Tim Holt
Closing Announcements.....	David Schmitt
Prayer	Chad Barney
Song, Home of the Soul	Tim Holt

FAMILY UPDATES

BIRTHDAYS

Sue Watkins | Dec. 26

Tyler Pike | Dec. 28

Doylene Tompkins | Dec. 30

Ryan Dillinger | Dec. 30

ANNIVERSARY

Happy 65th Anniversary to Dale & George Ann Owen!

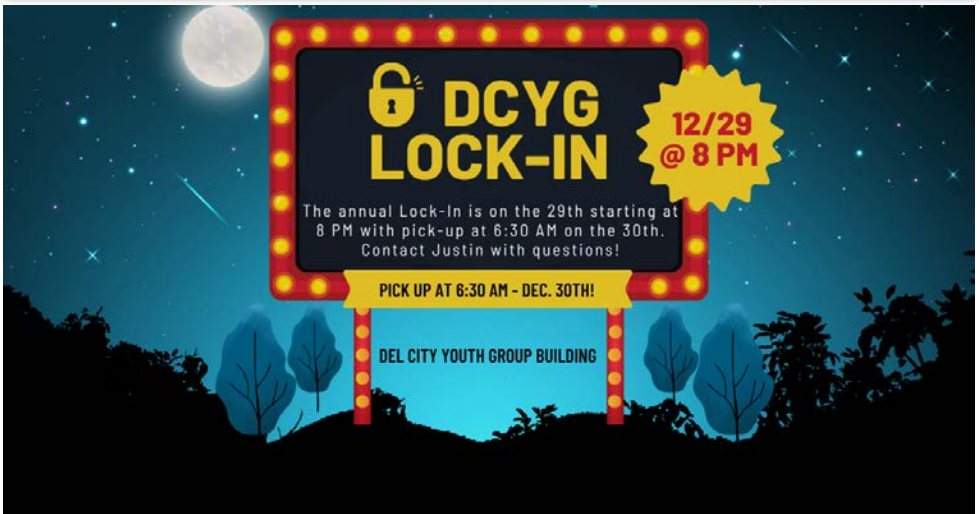
CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Judy Ginn on the recent loss of her sister-in-law, **Michele Burks**. Services were at our building this past week. Please keep the family in your prayers.

DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating the directory for 2024. If you need to submit a photo, email Amy Bruce at abruce@delcitychurch.org. If you need to update any information like address, phone numbers, etc. - please contact Liz in the office by 12/30.

FEATURED EVENTS



**DCYG
LOCK-IN** **12/29
@ 8 PM**

The annual Lock-In is on the 29th starting at 8 PM with pick-up at 6:30 AM on the 30th. Contact Justin with questions!

PICK UP AT 6:30 AM - DEC. 30TH!

DEL CITY YOUTH GROUP BUILDING

DCYG Members are Invited to our Lock-In on 12/29!



It's a BOY!

Join Us for a Baby Boy Shower
honoring
Paige Marshall
JANUARY 7th | 2 PM
Del City Church of Christ | Family Life Center
Registered on Amazon

We look forward to meeting little Lincoln Lane Marshall!



Join us for a fun Baby Boy Shower for Paige Marshall.



FORT WORTH, TX

Winterfest

JANUARY 12-14, 2024

COST: \$120 IF PAID BEFORE JANUARY 1ST
(CHAPERONE COST \$60)

SIGN-UP AND ADDITIONAL INFO AVAILABLE
AT CONNECTION POINT IN THE LOBBY

SPOTS ARE LIMITED SO SIGN UP ASAP
QUESTIONS? CONTACT JUSTIN - 405-570-9362

Heads up DCYG Families - Winterfest sign-ups are now.

EN ESPAÑOL

NOTAS DEL SERMON

A lo largo de la Biblia, Dios tiene la costumbre de eludir las expectativas humanas. Muchas veces, Dios no actúa como queremos o esperamos. Esto nunca es más evidente que en la historia de Navidad. Dios, en su increíble sabiduría, cambia el guión de cómo se ve realmente la verdadera grandeza. En lugar de poder mundano, viene al mundo en la pobreza. Cuenta la historia de dos reinos y presenta un nuevo rey de rey.

GET CONNECTED



Join us on Wednesday, December 27th for Area-wide Worship at Eastside Church of Christ at 7 PM

UPCOMING DATES

- **Dec. 25** Church Office Closed, Christmas Break
- **Dec. 27** Area-Wide Evening Service at Eastside Church of Christ, 7 PM
- **Dec. 29** DCYG | Lock-In. 8 PM
- **Jan. 1** Church Office Closed, New Year's Day
- **Jan. 4** Wednesday Night Meals resume
- **Jan. 5** Keenagers Game Night,
- **Jan. 7** Baby Shower for Paige Marshall, 2 PM, FLC
- **Jan 7** DCYG Parent Meeting
- **Jan. 12-14** DCYG Winterfest, Fort Worth, TX
- **Jan. 18** Community Cupboard Distribution, 2PM - 5 PM

MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

12/17 Worship Attendance.....	216
12/17 Bible Class Attendance.....	145
12/17 Contribution.....	\$12,654.62
YTD Regular Contribution.....	\$791,751.52
Weekly Average.....	\$15,581.94
Weekly Budget.....	\$14,866.74