

# DEL CITY Church of Christ



August 6, 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 #508, *A Wonderful Savior*.....Ivan Gonzalez  
Welcome.....Ivan Gonzalez  
Song #290, *Shine, Jesus Shine*.....Tim Holt  
Song, *Hosanna, You're My King*.....Tim Holt  
Song #810, *Listen to our Hearts*.....Tim Holt  
Prayer.....Sam Day  
Song, *Cornerstone*.....Ivan Gonzalez  
Communion.....David Schmitt  
Song #221, *Jesus Name Above All Names*.....Ivan Gonzalez  
Offering.....David Schmitt  
Scripture Reading, *1 John 1:1-4*.....Josiah Schmitt  
Song #346, *He Lives*.....Ivan Gonzalez  
Message, *Foundation for Successful Living*.....Jeff Gardner  
Song, *Is Thy Heart Right With God*.....Darrel Sullivan  
Closing Announcements.....Jeff Gardner  
Prayer.....Tim Hempel  
Song #589, *What a Fellowship*.....Tim Holt

### Points of Contact:

Tommie Biggers, *Food Pantry*.....405.831.4538  
Amy Bruce, *Communications*.....405.205.4855  
Sam Day, *Youth*.....913.353.4892  
Jeff Gardner, *Preaching*.....405.550.7658  
Ivan Gonzalez, *Connections*.....405.923.4964  
Melissa Phillips, *Children's Ed*.....405.625.3922  
David Schmitt, *Outreach*.....405.219.0990  
Sonya Weaver, *MoW*.....405.249.2225  
Liz Zamudio, *Secretary*.....405.672.1311

### Shepherds:

Chad Barney.....405.821.6794  
Mark Carr.....405.740.4354  
Chris Dillinger.....405.830.6456  
Tim Hempel.....405.990.1729  
Melvin Thompson.....405.606.9253  
Rob Weaver.....405.301.4889  
Adiel Zapata.....405.664.7729

## Credibility of an Eyewitness

We live in the age of relativism, which is borderline deceit. The mainstream media machine spins every story or event that may be of interest to an unsuspecting John Q. Public for maximum clicks and views and astonishment. Absolute facts seem to rarely matter to them. What will create the most outrage? What will create the most buzz? How can I attract the most viewers/readers? Those seem to be the driving-force questions. So speculation becomes the source. Hearsay becomes the howitzer that jettison's the storyline into the wild. Conjecture becomes the concrete that makes a story stick. Whatever happened to good old fashioned journalism where you found an eyewitness or two whose stories collaborated each other? Anybody else miss Walter Cronkite?

Anyway, one of the things I love about the Scriptures is that there is no relativism. The Scriptures are clear and concise, absolute and abundant in testimony. And when it comes to Jesus Christ, the Word is chock full of eyewitness testimonies and accounts of His life and ministry. Today, as we begin a new series called *Eyewitness Good News*, we are going to be relying on the credible eyewitness testimony of John the apostle as recorded in the letter of 1 John.

John was one of the first disciples Jesus called to leave his current occupation and follow Jesus. John immediately left his father and occupation and followed Jesus intensely for the rest of his natural life. Of the twelve disciples who later became known as the apostles, he was one of the three who were closest to Jesus (Peter, James and John). He got to see things in the life of Christ seen only by himself along with Peter and James. And of all the apostles, John alone held the distinction of being the "disciple that Jesus loved," indicating they had a special closeness. You might even be able to conclude that John was Jesus' best friend on earth. When all the other disciples forsook Him and fled the night of His betrayal, John followed Him into the inner courts to witness all of the abuse that night. At the crucifixion, John was at the foot of the cross with the women who were also there, and Jesus gave him charge of His own mother, Mary.

John authored the Gospel of John, 1, 2 & 3 John and Revelation. As far as we know, he lived the longest of any of the other apostles, and died at a very old age while in exile on the Island of Patmos, somewhere off the coast of present-day Turkey.

As an eyewitness of the life and ministry of Christ, I find him to be extremely credible. In his own words he states: "*We proclaim to you the One who existed from the beginning, Whom we have **heard** and **seen**. We **saw** Him with **our own eyes** and touched Him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. This One Who is life itself was revealed to us, and **we have seen Him**. And now we testify and proclaim to you that He is the One that is eternal life...We proclaim to you what we ourselves **have actually seen** and heard"* (1 John 1:1-3).

---

*"We proclaim to you the One who existed from the beginning, Whom we have heard and seen. We saw Him with our own eyes and touched Him..."*

---

## SERMON NOTES

### Eyewitness Good News: Foundation for Successful Living 1 John 1:1-4

Today we start a series from the letter of 1 John called "Eyewitness Good News." The apostle John is our eyewitness and he gives us some amazing insights into the heart and mind of Jesus Christ through this letter. We know that the only foundation for successful living is Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11). In his introduction, John shows us three essential bricks in that foundation that must be in place for successful living in Jesus Christ.

#### I. The Fullness of R\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:1-2).

- A. As an eye witness, John declares that Jesus Christ has been F\_\_\_\_\_ R\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The revelation of Jesus is C\_\_\_\_\_ and C\_\_\_\_\_.
- C. It is complete because He L\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_.
- D. It is complete because He F\_\_\_\_\_ His W\_\_\_\_\_ on earth.
- E. When we are anchored to the U\_\_\_\_\_, the C\_\_\_\_\_ of life cannot destroy you.

#### II. The Fullness of F\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:3).

- A. We must have fellowship in order to be H\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Someone has said that fellowship is two F\_\_\_\_\_ in a S\_\_\_\_\_ rowing in the same direction.
- C. Fellowship in Christ provides:
  - 1. A beautiful sense of W\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. A family where we have B\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. A life of P\_\_\_\_\_ as His purpose becomes ours.
- D. Two responses to the fellowship of Christ:
  - 1. A\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. A\_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. The Fullness of J\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:4).

- A. Three implications of the joy John mentions:
  - 1. It implies the R\_\_\_\_\_ of joy.
  - 2. It implies the B\_\_\_\_\_ of joy.
  - 3. It implies the B\_\_\_\_\_ of joy.
- B. Joy is the F\_\_\_\_\_ that F\_\_\_\_\_ over the castle of your life when the Prince of Peace lives there.



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

## FEATURED EVENTS

# Back to School Cookout!



**AUGUST 9TH AT 6 PM**  
**6PM IN THE FLC**

**Dinner Provided | Fun Guaranteed**  
Bring your favorite board game to share!



Misty Martin & Kenneth Jackson are registered at [www.theknot.com](http://www.theknot.com) or Amazon. Shower is hosted by Evelyn Weaver and Jennifer McDonald.



The Westview Boy's Home provides a safe, Christian home for young men with hard backgrounds. As a mission partner, we help supply provisions for their ministry. Their truck will be here the week of August 21 to pick up any donated supplies.  
**Donate supplies by Sunday, Aug. 20th to the Church Lobby.**

Ravioli  
Capri Sun  
Assorted Chips  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Powdered Gatorade  
Canned Soda

Bottled Gatorade  
Beef Jerky  
Beef Broth  
100% Juice  
Breakfast Bars  
Bottled Water

Body Wash  
Scotch Cleaning Pads  
Liquid Laundry Detergent  
Wasp / Mosquito Spray  
Liquid Hand Soap

1 in Binders  
Wide-Ruled Paper  
Mechanical Pencils  
5-Subject Notebooks



## EN ESPAÑOL

- **REUNIÓN FEMENIL DE LOS OZARK**- Estan cordialmente invitadas a la reunión de los Ozark que se llevara acabo en la congregación de Rogers, Arkansas el día Sábado, 9 de
- **WESTVIEW BOY'S HOME** - Como socio de la misión, ayudamos a suministrar provisiones para su ministerio. Su camión estará aquí la semana del 21 de agosto para recoger todos los materiales donados. Si puede ayudar, entregue cualquier material donado antes del domingo 20 de agosto en el lobby de la iglesia. La lista de artículos necesarios se enumeran en su anuncio.
- **Whiz Kids** - Del City se ha asociado con Whiz Kids durante más de una década, ayudando a proporcionar tutoría basada en la fe y tutoría de alfabetización a los estudiantes de primaria de Del City en riesgo de fracaso escolar. ¡Puedes ayudar! Los estudiantes reciben una comida, una lección bíblica y una hora o más de desarrollo de la alfabetización que les ayuda a darse cuenta de la oportunidad de una historia de futuro brillante. Necesitamos más voluntarios. comunicarse con Melissa si puedes ayudar.

## GET CONNECTED

EST. 1996



**Help Give a Child Strong Reading Skills and a Bright Future Story!**

[CITYCAREOKC.ORG/WHIZKIDS](http://CITYCAREOKC.ORG/WHIZKIDS)

**be a friend,  
be a mentor.**

 **Whiz Kids**  
CITY CARE

Our church mentors students from Del City Elementary on Tuesdays during the school year from 3:45 PM - 6 PM To Volunteer Contact Melissa Phillips 405-625-3922

Del City has partnered with **Whiz Kids** for more than a decade, helping to provide 1:1 faith-based mentoring and literacy tutoring to Del City Elementary students at risk for school failure. You can help! Students receive a meal, a Bible lesson, and an hour or more of literacy development that helps them realize the opportunity for a bright future story. We need more volunteers. **Contact Melissa Phillips** if you can help at 405-625-3922 or [mphillips@delcitychurch.org](mailto:mphillips@delcitychurch.org).

## MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

7/30 Worship Attendance .....	254
7/30 Bible Class Attendance.....	167
7/30 Contribution .....	\$14,456.25
YTD Regular Contribution.....	\$519,366.95
Weekly Average.....	\$16,753.77
Weekly Budget.....	\$14,866.74



## FAMILY UPDATES

### BIRTHDAYS

**Leonard Wagner** | Aug. 6

**Samantha Breslin** | Aug. 7

**Glen Graham** | Aug. 7

**James Phillips, Sr.** | Aug. 8

**Steve Oliver** | Aug. 10

**Richey Gentry** | Aug. 11

**Michelle Goolsby** | Aug. 11

## DID YOU KNOW?

### NEW CLASSES STARTING THIS FALL

Beginning **Sunday, August 20th**, David Schmitt will begin teaching a new class entitled "**Historical Christian Evidences**". The class is ideal for those who are brand new to Christianity, or those who desire to grow deeper in their understanding of God's Word. It will also have benefit for those wishing to share their faith with others.

The class will take place in **Room 205** during regular Bible class to allow those with children to attend. Everyone is welcome and those just learning the Bible are especially encouraged to participate.

In addition, David would like to extend an invite for personal Bible studies to those who are interested in a more private setting. Please see David with any questions about the Bible class or to request a time to meet. You can also reach him via text or phone call at 405-219-0990.

---

Attention All Ladies: Enjoy fellowship, sharing, and learning together in one of the two ladies classes that begin in September. Wednesday class begins at 7 p.m. on September 6 and Thursday class begins September 7 at 10 a.m. This year there's great interest in the Old Testament, what's in it, and how it relates to New Testament Christianity. What better place to start than Genesis 1:1? Beth Berry is leading this class and it will be in Room 209.

## SYMPATHY

Please join us in extending sympathy and prayer to the following:

- **Anne Livesay** and family in the death of her son, **David Livesay**. The funeral is Monday, August 7th at Barnes and Friedrich Funeral Home at 1 PM.

- **Loretta Cross** and family in the death of her sister, **Geneva Brown**. Services were held Friday.

- **DeeAnne Holt** and family in the loss of her mother, **Joy B. McCombs**. Graveside service only on Monday, Aug. 7th at 10 AM at Yukon Cemetery.

## UPCOMING DATES

- **Aug. 9** Back to School Cookout, 6 PM in the FLC
- **Aug. 19** Wedding Shower for Misty Martin
- **Aug. 21** Westview Boy's Home Truck
- **Sept. 2** Kenneth Jackson & Misty Martin Wedding, 2 PM (All are invited and there is a reception following in the FLC)
- **Sept. 4** Church offices closed for Labor Day
- **Sept. 10** OSBI Blood Drive, FLC
- **Sept. 15-16** Men's Conference, TBA
- **Sept. 24** Bring a Friend | Homecoming Sunday
- **Oct. 1** Missions Sunday