

# DEL CITY Church of Christ



March 3, 2024

## Schedule of Assemblies

### Sunday

Worship 10:00 AM  
Classes 11:15 AM

### Wednesday

Early Class 4:30 PM  
Children | Youth 7:00 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, **How Sweet, How Heavenly** ..... Tim Holt  
 Welcome ..... Tim Holt  
 Song, **The Church's One Foundation** ..... Tim Holt  
 Song, **Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty** ..... Tim Holt  
 Song, **Holy, Holy, Holy** ..... Tim Holt  
 Prayer ..... Lee Camacho  
 Song, **Come Share the Lord** ..... Ivan Gonzalez  
 Communion ..... Chris Dillinger  
 Song, **A Common Love** ..... Ivan Gonzalez  
 Offering ..... Chris Dillinger  
 Scripture Reading, *Ephesians 4:1-6* ..... Clancy Bruce  
 Song, **The Greatest Commands** ..... Tim Holt  
 Message, **Unity** ..... Garrett Marshall  
 Song, **In Need** ..... Ivan Gonzalez  
 Closing Announcements ..... David Schmitt  
 Prayer ..... Melvin Thompson  
 Song, **The Lord Bless You and Keep You** ..... Tim Holt

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## Unity

*“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.” (John 17.20-23)*

Here, near the end of the “High Priestly Prayer”, Jesus prays for unity among His followers. When you think about it, this places Jesus followers in an interesting position: generally, we pray to God asking Him to answer our prayers; in this instance, it seems remarkable to me that we have the opportunity to answer His.

Furthermore, the unity that Jesus prays for is not arbitrary—it is both formative and practical. Formative in the sense that when Christ followers are unified, we reflect the very nature of the Triune God who exists in perfect unity while displaying diversity. In other words, practicing and displaying unity forms us into the likeness of God. Additionally, unity is practical in the sense that it leads the world to realize the truth of the identity of Jesus Himself.

I have spent my life in Churches of Christ. This movement sought to strip away man-made traditions and restore the Church that they read about in the New Testament. The American Restoration Movement (also called Stone-Campbell Movement) was a unity movement. Although the restoration of the New Testament Church was seen as important in its own right, it was also viewed as a means of bringing unity to a fragmented world of Christian denominations: if Christ-followers of different varieties could all just agree to follow the beliefs and practices described in the New Testament, then the elusive unity among His disciples for which Jesus prayed could finally be achieved. To an extent, it worked, as thousands of people left their respective denominations and linked up with the new movement, wanting to be known only as Christians and recognizing only the authority of the Bible. Alas, the unity did not last. Restoration congregations began to divide in the late 19th century, and in 1906, the U.S. Census recognized a formal division between Churches of Christ and the Disciples of Christ.



I am proud of the initial focus on unity among my spiritual ancestors, and saddened by the degree to which that strain of our religious DNA later weakened. Churches of Christ split and divided over all sorts of doctrinal issues (real or imagined), and a passion for unity was not something for which we were generally known. This is really unfortunate, though, because the reality is that more than just a noble goal, unity is a doctrine—it is a clear teaching of Jesus. It is one of the last things He emphasized to His disciples before He went to the cross, and He said that it should be one of their defining characteristics.

This doesn't mean that we should ignore all other doctrines for the sake of unity, but I do think that doctrinal disagreements that lead us to break unity with other believers should be at least as clearly taught or as central as the doctrine of unity. To put it another way, I want to be obedient to the teachings of Jesus, however, if my desire to properly understand and follow the teachings of Jesus has led me, in practice, to minimize the importance of seeking unity with others who proclaim Jesus as Lord, then it is important for me to realize that I am not actually being obedient. Because unity is a doctrine.

# “Unity”

Recent polling among American voters reveals a truth that on some level most people already know; this country is divided. Most Americans believe the country has not been this divided since the Civil War, and 52% believe there will be extreme political violence within the next 10 years. But that’s the secular world, right?! Surely the church does not struggle with such divisiveness! Unfortunately, division is just as much a problem within the church. What do we do about this? Let’s study together what it means to be united, as the body of Christ.

**I. When polled, most Christians believe the church is more \_\_\_\_\_ today than at any other time in history.**

A. Why?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Disclaimer: Not all \_\_\_\_\_ is wrong.

**II. What is \_\_\_\_\_?**

A. It is \_\_\_\_\_ everyone being clones.

B. It is \_\_\_\_\_ swallowing all of our opinions and not caring about anything that goes on in the world.

**III. Ingredients for Unity**

A. With all \_\_\_\_\_.

B. \_\_\_\_\_.

C. \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Bearing with one another in \_\_\_\_\_.

**IV. Big Takeaways**

A. Unity comes from \_\_\_\_\_ and is shown by how we act toward each other and the world.

B. We can have different \_\_\_\_\_, but these must come secondary to our mission as a church.



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

## EN ESPAÑOL

**Notas Del Sermon** - Encuestas recientes entre votantes estadounidenses revelan una verdad que, en cierto nivel, la mayoría de la gente ya conoce; Este país está dividido. La mayoría de los estadounidenses cree que el país no ha estado tan dividido desde la Guerra Civil, y el 52% cree que habrá violencia política extrema en los próximos 10 años. Pero así es el mundo secular, ¿verdad? ¡Seguramente la iglesia no lucha contra tal división! Desafortunadamente, la división es también un problema dentro de la iglesia. ¿Qué hacemos al respecto? Estudiemos juntos lo que significa estar unidos, como cuerpo de Cristo

**Devocional** va ser el próximo Sabado el 16 de Marzo en la cafetería a las 5:00 PM de la trade. No se pierdan esta oportunidad de convivir y conocernos mas.

## GET CONNECTED

### Hospitality Cookies



#### Outreach Meeting for Cookie Bakers

If you signed up to help the Outreach team by baking, plating and bagging cookies, OR if this sounds like something you would consider helping with, please join us after Bible class next **Sunday, March 10th** for a short meeting in the church office. We hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact David Schmitt, 405-219-0990.

## March Community Cupboard Needs

BODY LOTION  
BAR SOAP  
TOOTHBRUSHES  
MOUTHWASH  
TOOTHPASTE  
SHAVING CREAM  
RAZORS

## MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

02/25 Worship Attendance.....	282
02/25 Bible Class Attendance.....	209
02/25 Contribution .....	\$16,125,30
2024 YTD Regular Contribution .....	\$129,061.75
2024 Weekly Average .....	\$14,340.19
2024 Weekly Budget.....	\$16,209.00

## FEATURED EVENTS

It's Almost Time for....  
*Easter In The Park*

Saturday, March 30

**We need donations of candy and prefilled Easter eggs  
Drop-off bins are available around the church.**

*Thank you for helping us provide this event for our community.*



The Westview Boys' 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 December 4th to pick up any donated items.

**Donate supplies by Sunday, March 31st to the Church Lobby.**

Velveeta  
Fruit Snacks  
Baked Beans  
Assorted Chips  
Assorted Cookies  
Beef Jerky | Slim Jims

Water  
Coffee  
Ramen Noodles  
Elbow Macaroni  
Ranch Style Beans  
Peanut, Butter Crackers



Vinegar  
Sunscreen  
Body Lotion  
Laundry Soap  
Antiperspirant

Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
Shampoo  
Conditioner

*Thank you for supporting this ministry!*



*Help Us Fill Easter Eggs!!!*

**On Wednesdays this month, we will have stations  
set up to fill Easter Eggs with candy  
in the FLC from 5 PM - 8 PM.**



## FAMILY UPDATES

### BIRTHDAYS

**Steve Johnson** | March 3

**Leigh Todd** | March 3

**Jose Zamudio** | March 3

**Tim Corbeil** | March 6

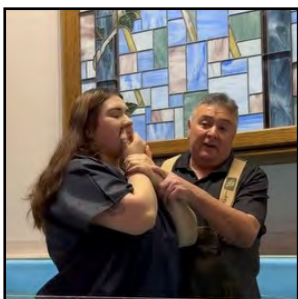
**Greg Parker** | March 6

**Gale Meeks** | March 6

**Tinli Melendez** | March 7

**Hannah Rodriguez** | March 8

## BAPTISMS



Our church was blessed to participate in two Baptisms this past week. **Ximena Sanchez Rivera** and **Jose Alfredo Lernma III** were baptized in here this past week. Please keep our new Sister and Brother-In-Christ in your prayers.

## CAMP ROCK CREEK NEED

**CAMP ROCK CREEK** is installing retractable solar screens on the west side of the chapel to block the blinding afternoon sun. This will be a huge blessing for the campers and staff at the campgrounds in the the summer months.

A donation has been received to cover part of the cost but the project is still in need of \$6,000 to be completed. To make a donation or if you have questions, please contact **Tim Hempel at 405-990-1729.**

## UPCOMING DATES

**COMMUNITY CUP** - every Tuesday in the Coffee Shop, 7 AM - 9 AM

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - every Wednesday, 5:30 PM - 7 PM

- **March 9** Ladies Conference in Lawton, 7 AM - Afternoon
- **March 15-24** Young Adults Mission Trip, Wyoming
- **March 17** Third Sunday Potluck (Third Sunday of each month)
- **March 21** Community Cupboard Distribution, 2 PM - 5 PM
- **March 23** MoMENTum Men's Conference, Southwest CoC
- **March 30** Easter in the Park
- **March 31** Easter Sunday Service
- **April 5-7** Women of Joy Conference, Branson, MO
- **April 12-13** Women's Walking With God Conference, Maize, KS
- **April 12-14** DCYG Spring Retreat, Oakridge Christian Camp