

# DEL CITY Church of Christ



**December 17, 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 #1001, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* .....Tim Holt
- Welcome .....Garrett Marshall
- Song, *Light the Fire* .....Tim Holt
- Song #969, *Don't You Want to Go to that Land*.....Tim Holt
- Song #671, *Purer in Heart, O God* .....Tim Holt
- Prayer.....Justin Ogletree
- Song #383, *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* .....Darrel Sullivan
- Communion .....David Schmitt
- Song #766, *Open Our Eyes, Lord*.....Tim Holt
- Offering.....David Schmitt
- Song, *Don't Be Afraid*.....Tim Holt
- Message, *Pure in Heart* .....Garrett Marshall
- Song, *Create in Me a Clean Heart* .....Tim Holt
- Closing Announcements.....Garrett Marshall
- Prayer .....Chad Barney
- Song #989, *Soon and Very Soon* .....Tim Holt

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## FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

In the coming weeks, people around the world, whether Christian or not, will be taking part in a holiday that at its core, celebrates the birth of our savior Jesus.

While we as Christians should be celebrating this far more often than once a year, the way people celebrate this particular holiday this time of year has always confused me. For instance, what is it about the birth of our Savior that causes people to drag trees into their homes and decorate it? Why do we go through the frustrating and exhausting efforts of putting lights on the roof? And why are we excited about the prospect of a large man dressed in red committing felony breaking and entering into every home on the planet?

Being a history buff, I did some digging. It turns out many of these oddities are left over from when pagan cultures would celebrate the winter solstice. Interestingly, the early Christians saw the culture around them, celebrating a season, and then tied it to the birth of the Son of God.

This was not a new strategy for Christians. In fact, Paul, when in Athens, does the same thing. (Read Acts 17: 16-34) In that passage Paul uses the culture around him to point toward Jesus. Brilliantly, he does this without watering down his message, and some were even converted!

Do we use this strategy today to try and reach people? While the culture around us can often seem in opposition to our message, there are always chances to use it to point to Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is your favorite part about this holiday?
2. What are some aspects of our culture that could be used to talk about God?
3. Who are some people in your life that may be open to having a conversation about faith?
4. What are some things we can be praying for this week as a family?

## ***Pure In Heart*** **Matthew 5: 8**

You've probably heard the old saying "actions speak louder than words." I'm guessing that most would agree with that statement. It doesn't really matter how great you 'talk the talk,' if you don't 'walk the walk.' However, in the famous beginning to the Sermon on the Mount called the Beatitudes, Jesus states that the "pure in heart" will be blessed, and will "See God." What does that mean? How does one become pure in heart? Does this call us to something even greater than just "walking the walk"?

### **I. In Hebrew culture, the \_\_\_\_\_ encompassed a lot about a person. For instance, the heart was where:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ were kept.
2. We feel \_\_\_\_\_.
3. And interestingly, where \_\_\_\_\_ originate.

### **II. Though it sounds odd, Jesus is saying he is \_\_\_\_\_ satisfied with a society that *just* :**

- Doesn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- Doesn't use \_\_\_\_\_ words with one another.
- Doesn't commit \_\_\_\_\_.

### **III. How can you stay away from those things, and not be pure in heart?**

- Because many times these sins have \_\_\_\_\_ consequences that people would rather avoid.
- An interesting test: How do I deal with \_\_\_\_\_ sin?

### **IV. Two Primary Applications "For They Will See God"**

- They will "see God" in the traditional sense. Those of purity in heart will see \_\_\_\_\_.
- They will also see God here, \_\_\_\_\_.
- The pure in Heart see God \_\_\_\_\_ in his image bearers here on earth, they experience him in times of service, prayer, and worship.

### **V. How do I get one of these Pure Hearts?**

- The Greek word for "pure" in Matthew 5:8 is \_\_\_\_\_. It means to be "clean, blameless, unstained from guilt."
- Interestingly, the word can refer specifically to that which is purified by \_\_\_\_\_.
- SO, It's not really about how \_\_\_\_\_ can get a pure heart.

## FAMILY UPDATES

### BIRTHDAYS

**Logan Althoff** | Dec. 18

**Renee Guthery** | Dec. 20

**Zadie LaValley** | Dec. 21

**Krystal LaValley** | Dec. 22

**Marla Casteel** | Dec. 22

**Clarissa Pike** | Dec. 23

**Justin Parker** | Dec. 23

## CONDOLENCES

Our Brother, **Jack Gilmore**, passed away on Friday, December 15th. Services will be here at Del City but are still pending. We will keep you updated once we have the details. Please keep Sandra and family in your prayers.

## BAPTISM



Welcome to our new Sister-In-Christ, Teresa Lewis and her family! Please keep her in your prayers and reach out with a big welcome! **Theresa Lewis**, 4621 SE 19th, Del City, OK 73115, 405-679-6837

## GRATITUDE

*Dear Church Family,*

Thank you seems so inadequate to express the deep gratitude we feel for each one of you. You have been our church family and home for so many years. It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your Preaching Minister for the past three years. Thank you for the privilege. The outpouring of love last Sunday was incredible and overwhelming. Your cards, gifts and words of encouragement will live in our hearts forever. Thank you so much for all of that. We will see you often. In the meantime, keep the faith and love one another. Above all, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace.

**All Our Love ~ Jeff & Susie Gardner**

*Del City Church of Christ,*

Thanks for all the cards, visits and words of encouragement & friendship during the the passing of our Mom, Mary Glasgow. We love and appreciate each one of you.

**Sincerely ~ Peggy Clark, Perry Glasgow & Families**

## 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](mailto: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

# Cocoa & Carols

December 20th

@ 7 PM | Youth Center

*"Sing Joyfully to the Lord"*

Psalm 33

Join us for one of our favorite annual traditions!



FOR FORTH TX

# Winterfest

JANUARY 12-14 2024

COST: \$120 IF PAID BEFORE JANUARY 1ST  
(CHAPERONE COST \$80)

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.



It's a **BOY!**

Join Us for a Baby Boy Shower  
honoring  
*Paige Marshall*

JANUARY 7th | 2 PM

Dal City Church of Christ | Family Life Center  
Registered on Amazon

*We look forward to meeting little Lincoln Come Marshall!*

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

## EN ESPAÑOL

**NOTAS DEL SERMON** - Probablemente hayas escuchado el viejo dicho "las acciones hablan más que las palabras". Supongo que la mayoría estaría de acuerdo con esa afirmación, que realmente no importa qué tan bien hables, si no sigues el camino. Sin embargo, en la muy famosa sección inicial del Sermón del Monte llamada las bienaventuranzas, Jesús afirma que los "puros de corazón" serán bendecidos y "verán a Dios". ¿Qué significa eso? ¿Cómo se puede llegar a ser puro de corazón? ¿Nos llama esto a algo aún más grande que simplemente "caminar el camino"?

## GET CONNECTED



Our **MEALS ON WHEELS** Ministry is looking for a driver to make deliveries on Wednesdays. Contact Sonya Weaver at 405-249-2225 if you can help.

Our Visitation Ministry is always in need of volunteers who are willing to deliver cookies and visit new residents to the Del City area. This a great way to invite people to our church, make new friends and share the love of Jesus. If you are interested, **contact Melvin Thompson, 405.606.9253.**

## UPCOMING DATES

- **TONIGHT** DCYG | Christmas Party, 5 PM
- **Dec. 17** NO THIRD SUNDAY POTLUCK
- **Dec. 20** Cocoa and Carols in the Youth Center, 7 PM
- **Dec. 21** Ladies Birthday Lunch Group, Golden Corral, 11 AM
- **Dec. 22-25** Church Office Closed, Christmas Break
- **Dec. 27** Area-Wide Evening Service at Eastside Church of Christ
- **Dec. 29** DCYG | Lock-In. 8 PM
- **Jan. 1** Church Office Closed, New Year's Day
- **Jan. 7** Baby Shower for Paige Marshall, 2 PM, FLC
- **Jan. 12-14** DCYG Winterfest, Fort Worth, TX

## MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

12/10 Worship Attendance .....	376
12/10 Bible Class Attendance.....	NA
12/10 Contribution .....	\$12,980.24
YTD Regular Contribution.....	\$779,096.90
Weekly Average .....	\$15,581.94
Weekly Budget.....	\$14,866.74