

# August 24, 2025

# Schedule of Assemblies

# Sunday

Classes 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM

#### Wednesday

Bible Classes

6:30 PM

Childcare for age newborn to 3-years-old is available during Worship on Sundays & on Wednesday nights during the 6:30 PM Bible Class time. For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311, TU-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

# **WORSHIP ORDER**

Song, <b>A Wonderful Savior</b>	Adam Hutcherson
Welcome	Ivan Gonzalez
Song, <b>Blessed Be Your Name</b>	Ivan Gonzalez
Song, Hosanna, You're My King	Ivan Gonzalez
Song, <b>Be With Me Lord</b>	Ivan Gonzalez
Prayer	Mark Carr
Scripture Reading, <i>Ecclesiastes 3:1-8</i>	Paul Wright
Song, When I Survey The Wondrous Cro	ossAdam Hutcherson
Communion	Jon Fennel
Offering	Jon Fennel
Song, I Love You Lord	Ivan Gonzalez
Announcements	David Schmitt
Song, Sing And Be Happy	Adam Hutcherson
Message, <b>Season of Life</b>	Garrett Marshall
Song, Trust and Obey	Darrel Sullivan
Shepherd Prayer	Terry Craghead
Song, This World Is Not My Home	Ivan Gonzalez

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## **EDITORIAL**

### The Ministry of Presence: Learning from Sitting Shiva

In Jewish tradition, Sitting Shiva is a sacred practice of mourning. Seven days spent in the home of the bereaved, where friends and family gather not to fix, explain, or distract, but simply to be present. Visitors sit low to the ground, speak little, and allow grief to breathe.

This practice highlights an ancient rhythm as a powerful model for how we walk with others through pain. In a culture that often rushes to offer solutions, Sitting Shiva reminds us that sometimes the most Christlike thing we can do is show up, stay quiet, and share the silence.

Jesus Himself practiced this ministry of presence. He wept with Mary and Martha before raising Lazarus, and He lingered with the brokenhearted.

What would it look like for us to reclaim this kind of sacred stillness? To resist the urge to fix and instead offer our presence as a gift?

This past year, it seems our church family has experienced much grief. Losing loved ones, having illnesses and surgeries, even fighting intense spiritual battles. When people are grieving, many times what stops their community from coming to their aid is the fear that they may say the wrong thing or be uncomfortable. However, many times we need not say anything at all. Many times, our mere presence, the fact that we showed up, is enough to be a comfort. To "Sit Shiva" as it were.

- This week, consider:
- Who in your life is grieving or struggling?
- How might you "sit shiva" with them—not with answers, but with empathy?
- What does it mean to trust that God is present in the silence?

Let us be people who show up, sit low, and love deeply.

- Garrett Marshall

# **SERMON NOTES**

# Seasons of Life

**Ecclesiastes 3** 

Explore the timeless message of balance and purpose in every season, from joy to sorrow, and understand how to make the most of the life God has given us. This thought-provoking chapter will challenge and inspire you to embrace each moment with gratitude and faith.

l.	Α_	for		
	a. Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8			
		i. What is the point of this passage?		
		ii. This poem indicates a certain		
II.	Ma	king the		
	a.	"He has made in its		
	b.	" into man's"		
III.	Sa	y Wha??????		
	a.	Ecclesiastes 3: 16-22		
	b.	We all face the of		
		i. Instead of pushes us to despair, it should		
		us to the time that we		
	C.	What's the deal with the beast thing?		
		i. We have more (insight) about the		
		afterlife.		
		ii. There is a (Difference)		
		1. We are made in whose image again?		

# **Questions for Reflection:**

- 1. What does the phrase "You Only Live Once" mean to you in the context of your faith? How can you make the most of the time God has given you?
- 2. How do you interpret the balance between joy and sorrow, as described in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8? Can you identify moments in your life where this balance was evident?

# **EN ESPAÑOL**

# Las Estaciones De La Vida

Eclesiastés 3

Explora el mensaje atemporal del equilibrio y el propósito en cada estación, desde la alegría hasta la tristeza, y comprende cómo aprovechar al máximo la vida que Dios nos ha dado. Este capítulo, que invita a la reflexión, te desafiará y te inspirará a abrazar cada momento con gratitud y fe.



This fall, we're adding a new way to stay in touch. In addition to our One Call system, we'll now be using text messages to send important information and updates.

To start receiving these messages, simply text the word **Alert** to 223-00.

Help us support students in grades 1-4 from Del City Elementary by signing up to be a Whiz Kids volunteer. We especially need tutors who are available on Tuesdays after school. Come help

# be a friend, be a mentor





- Mentor a Del City Elementary student, share the love of Jesus and help them become a stronger reader.
- Each <u>Tuesday</u> during the school year from 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
- Tommie Biggers or the Church Office



# **MINISTRY & MAINTENANCE STATS**

8/17 Worship Attendance	302
8/17 Bible Class Attendance	160
8/17 Weekly Contribution	\$9,822.71
2025 YTD Regular Contribution	\$506,329.09
2025 Weekly Average	\$15,640.96
2025 Weekly Budget	\$14,904.00

# **FEATURED EVENTS**

# **5TH SUNDAY**CONTRIBUTION

AUG. 31, 2025

BENEFITING COMMUNITY CUPBOARD



# SINGING

On Sunday, Aug. 31 we will meet in the Auditorium for Bible Class and sing some new and old favorites. Let Tim or Ivan know what songs you love to sing that you haven't heard in a while!



# Del City Church of Christ Blood Drive

Sunday, September 14 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Join us in the Gym!



# SMALL GROUPS

Community | Connection | Spiritual Growth

Launching the week of Sept. 14th

Sign-Up at Connection Point

Questions? Contact Garrett Marshall

Church Christ

# **FAMILY UPDATES**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Aug. 25 | James Martin

**Aug. 26 |** Toby Magerus

Aug. 27 | Carol Clark

Aug. 28 | Teresa Lewis

Aug. 28 | Diego Cruz

Aug. 28 | Jan Pack

Aug. 29 | Diana Gonzalez

Aug. 30 | Keven Benitez



# Happy 65th Anniversary to James and Carol Martin

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:7-8

## **GRATITUDE**

To My Church Family-

Prayers are so powerful. What a profound statement that, in sincerity, means so much. Thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits, etc. I am so blessed to have you in my life.

**Love Tommie Biggers** 

# **UPCOMING DATES**

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

- Aug. 31 5th Sunday Singing during Class at 9:30 AM
- Aug. 31 DCYG Ignite Youth Rally Alameda CoC
- Aug. 31 Potluck | 5th Sunday after Service in FLC
- **Sept. 2** Whiz Kids Vol Training (Sign-Up at Connection Point)
- Sept. 3 Resume Wednesday Early Bird Class | @ 4:30 PM
- Sept. 3 Resume Wednesday Meals | 5:30 PM
- Sept. 4 Pickleball | Gym @ 6 PM
- Sept. 5 DCYG MOVE Conference, Southwest CoC
- **Sept. 9** Whiz Kids Begins, 3:30 PM 5:30 PM
- Sept. 14 Blood Drive, FLC, 8:30 AM 12:30 PM
- **Sept. 14** Small Groups begin (Sign up at Connection Point)
- Sept. 14 DCYG Areawide, Blanchard CoC, TBA
- Sept. 18 Pickleball | Gym @ 6 PM
- Sept. 26-28 Youth En Acción (DCYG), Rogers, AR
- Sept. 28 Wedding Shower | Still & Bass | FLC | 2 PM
- Oct. 5 DYCG Areawide at Ada CoC, TBA
- Oct 24-26 CRC Garage Sale | GYM
- Oct. 29 Del City Fall Festival | 6 PM