

DEL CITY Church of Christ



April 14, 2024

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday

Worship 10:00 AM
Classes 11:15 AM

Wednesday

Early Adult Class 4:30 PM
Fellowship Meal 5:30 PM
Classes for All Ages 7:00 PM

Childcare for age newborn to 3-years-old is available during Worship on Sundays & on Wednesday nights during the 7 PM classes. For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311, M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

WORSHIP ORDER

- Song, **Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**Ivan Gonzalez
- Welcome.....Ivan Gonzalez
- Song, **You Are My All in All**Tim Holt
- Song, **Blessed Assurance**.....Tim Holt
- Song, **Angels Watching Over Me**Tim Holt
- Prayer.....Gary Snow
- Song, **Living Hope**.....Tim Holt
- CommunionDavid Schmitt
- Song, **Open Our Eyes Lord**.....Ivan Gonzalez
- Offering.....David Schmitt
- Scripture Reading, **Matthew 5:1-12**Darius Hunt
- Song, **Behold Our God**Ivan Gonzalez
- Message, **Blessed Are**.....Garrett Marshall
- Song, **Let Him Have His Way With Thee**.....Darrell Sullivan
- Closing Announcements.....David Schmitt
- PrayerRob Weaver
- Song, **Sing Wherever I Go**.....Tim Holt

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Dogs and Hogs

One of the more challenging passages in the Bible is from the Sermon on the Mount. After urging listeners not to be hypocritical in their judgment of others, Jesus delivers a striking admonition: *“Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”* (Matthew 7:6)

What in the world could Jesus be talking about with such a statement? It appears to underscore the importance of exercising discernment when sharing the Gospel. Typically, we're inclined to direct our efforts toward the unchurched. However, paradoxically, it often seems that those outside the fold are least receptive to its message, remaining blind to its significance.

Would we ever give communion to a dog? Or throw money or jewels to a herd of pigs? None of us would do so because neither a dog nor a pig sees value in those things. The Gospel message has greater value than money or jewelry and needs to be treated with respect. But before we decide who are “dogs and hogs” in connection with the Gospel, here are some considerations:

- 1. We need to Consider Some Discretion.** The fact is that we can't ever know who will consider the Gospel with value or disdain until we have a discussion with lost people. We can't discriminate on the basis of how one looks, or even how one acts. Lost people don't realize they are lost. Engaging someone in a Gospel discussion must happen before we decide if the person isn't interested.
- 2. We Need To Consider Some Discernment.** Sometimes people who are lost just lack some basic understanding. This might include not understanding what the Bible is or what it says. This also often includes not realizing the importance of Jesus or the cross. It's not that every lost person doesn't see value in the Gospel, it's that they are waiting for someone (like us) to explain it so that they can understand it.
- 3. We Need To Consider Some Dependence (Especially on God).** One of my instructors once told me that just because someone isn't interested in the Gospel now doesn't mean they won't be in the future. We have to believe God's Spirit works on the hearts of the unbeliever preparing them at some point to be ready to hear the Gospel message. We Christians do wrong in dismissing people for the remainder of their lives, even when they have indicated disinterest. That's when we need to pray to God on their behalf asking God to work on the condition of their stubborn hearts.

As Christians, we sometimes err by investing our time with those who have lost interest, inadvertently overlooking the sincere truth seekers who may be among us every day. While we may have dogs or hogs in our midst, there are also those waiting and ready to hear the Good News of Jesus.

—David Schmitt

SERMON NOTES

“Blessed Are”

Jesus does not begin the Sermon on the Mount like any good preacher should. Instead of starting with a funny story, or an interesting illustration, or a shocking attention getter, He begins instead, with a list. This list is one of the most famous lists in history and has been given the name “The Beatitudes.”

Our English word “beatitude” comes from *beatitudo*, which is the Latin equivalent of the Greek word *μακαριος*/*makarios*, a word which means “happy” or “blessed”, and this is how all of the Beatitudes start: “Blessed are the _____.”

We live in a world where people are desperate to do anything they can think of to be happy. But what Jesus is talking about here is not a good feeling that comes to us based on outward circumstances. Instead, the sense of this word is something like, “God is pleased with” or “God’s favor rests upon” the people who possess the characteristics that Jesus goes on to describe. It’s as if Jesus is saying, “Okay, let Me describe to you what the good life really is.”

Let’s take a look at this life that Jesus will call “blessed.”

Questions for Reflection:

1. If you were in the crowd for the Sermon on the Mount, how would you have reacted to this start?
2. What do you think of Sirach’s list of beatitudes?
3. Who do you think are the “Anawim” of our day?
4. What kind of persecution do we face today? How should we handle it?
5. What beatitude can you make your focus this week that will make the biggest difference in your life?

EN ESPAÑOL

Notas Del Sermon - "Benditas son"

Jesús no comienza el Sermón del Monte como debería hacerlo cualquier buen predicador. En lugar de comenzar con una historia divertida, una ilustración interesante o algo impactante que llame la atención, Él comienza con una lista. Esta lista es una de las más famosas de la historia y se le ha dado el nombre de "Las Bienaventuranzas".

La palabra "bienaventuranza" proviene de beatitudo, que es el equivalente latino de la palabra griega μακαριος/makarios, palabra que significa "feliz" o "bendito", y así es como comienzan todas las Bienaventuranzas: "Bienaventurados los _____."

Vivimos en un mundo donde la gente hace desesperadamente cualquier cosa que se les ocurra para ser felices, pero de lo que Jesús está hablando aquí no es de un buen sentimiento que nos llega en función de circunstancias externas. En cambio, el sentido de esta palabra es algo así como "Dios está complacido" o "el favor de Dios descansa sobre" las personas que poseen las características que Jesús continúa describiendo. Es como si Jesús dijera: "Está bien, déjame describirte qué es realmente la buena vida". Echemos un vistazo a esta vida que Jesús llamará "bendita".

GET CONNECTED

Volunteers are needed for our VBS/DAY Camp this year which is scheduled for July 8-12. Contact **Hannah Parker** for more info.

COMING SOON

NEW BIBLE CLASS & WORSHIP TIMES

STARTING MAY 5TH

Bible Classes | 9:30 AM

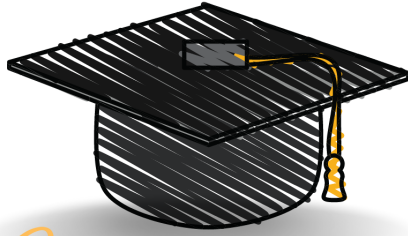
Worship Time | 10:30 AM



MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

04/07 Worship Attendance	286
04/07 Bible Class Attendance	180
04/07 Contribution.....	\$19,609.97
2024 YTD Regular Contribution	\$226,650.00
2024 Weekly Average	\$15,110.00
2024 Weekly Budget.....	\$16,209.00

FEATURED EVENTS



Class of 2024

PROMOTION SUNDAY

MAY 5TH



Sign-Ups for **Camp Rock Creek** have started. Students entering the 3rd - 8th grade in Fall of 2024 are eligible to attend this residential summer camp in Norman from June 2-7.

Scan the QR code to register. Here are discount codes that are good through May 13th: EARLYBIRD - \$165 | 2ND CHILD - \$155 | 3PLUS CHILD - \$145. After 5/13 the rate will increase to \$185.

DCYG JUNE EVENTS

Camp Rock Creek
June 2-7

Jóvenes for Christ
June 17-21

Camp Horizon
June 23-28

A decorative background for the DCYG June Events section featuring palm trees, a beach with a bucket and shovel, and a yellow duck in the water.

FAMILY UPDATES

BIRTHDAYS

Tony Pack | April 12

Gwendolyn Lee | April 13

Jared Chavez | April 15

Jeronimo Martinez | April 15

David Hixson | April 18

Mary Haslam | April 18



Please join us for our Third Sunday Potluck along with a special Going-Away party for the Solis family on April 21st after Bible Classes.

Bring your favorite food item to share and a hug for Barbara and Tracy!

Our longtime members and friends are relocating to San Antonio, TX.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please update your Directory!

Erin Wiggins, 5757 Hefner Rd, Apt. #833, OKC, OK 73162

UPCOMING DATES

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

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

- **April 18** Community Cupboard Distribution, 2 PM
- **April 18** Ladies' Fellowship Luncheon, Golden Corral, 11 AM
- **April 21** Third Sunday Potluck ?Going Away Party for Solis, FLC
- **May 4** Whiz Kids Spring Fling @ Science Museum
- **May 5** New Bible Class and Worship Times Begin, 9:30 AM Bible Classes | 10:30 AM Worship Time
- **May 5** Graduation Sunday (honoring 6th and 12th graders)
- **May 5 - 11** Teacher Appreciation Week (*Thank a Teacher!*)
- **May 12** OBI Blood Drive, FLC
- **June 2 - 7** Camp Rock Creek
- **June 23-28** Camp Horizon @ OC (see Justin for info)
- **June 17-21** Camp Jovenes @ Lubbock Christian (see Justin for info)
- **July 8-12** Day Camp & VBS (See Hannah Parker for details)