

EDITORIAL

Don't Worry; Just Be Ready

Prophets of Doom: "The end is near!" This cry has been heard throughout the land for centuries. People have worried. They have cried. They have proselyted. And still we remain.

A religious group in America predicted the end would come and the Lord would appear in 1914. 1914 came and went. "1925," said they. A slight miscalculation. Then it was 1941. No, make that 1945. Wait, how about 1975. I think they finally gave up trying to predict the end. Today most of them deny the predictions were ever made in the first place. But they were made. And they were false.

Others have tried and failed. Some have even decided *how* it would happen. Nuclear holocaust. Famine. Cooked to death by the sun due to a deteriorated ozone layer. A few years ago a theory said we will be destroyed by an object the size of the moon hurtling through space at 20,000 miles per hour, due to enter our solar system in 1991. Doctor Decker Frie was the bearer of this bad news. Based on Luke 21:25, some speculated this to be one of the signs Jesus said would indicate that the end is near. It didn't happen, as you can tell, because we are all still here. Some have speculated the continuing crises in the Middle East or Ukraine are going to facilitate the end through war. Tornados, earthquakes, hurricanes, polar ice melting, corrupt governments, wars and rumors of wars are all seized by the doomsayers to add credibility to their claims. So we worry. And fret. And speculate.

In the first century, some of the Christians in Thessalonica were having similar difficulties. Apparently some had even stopped working. They must have thought, "If Jesus is coming any minute now, what's the use in working?" So Paul charged them to get back to work (1 Thessalonians 4:11). Then he said, "*But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night...So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober*" (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2, 6). Paul is saying, "Look, no one knows when the Lord is coming back. There will be no forewarning. A thief doesn't send a telegram or an email before he strikes. And neither will God before He comes. So don't worry about it, just always be ready!"

Sounds like good advice to me. Speculations are meaningless. They just cause arguments and distract us from our main mission for Jesus. Worry is useless. Like a rocking chair, it gives you something to do, but you never get anywhere. Fretting is counter-productive and simply wears you down. So don't worry, just be ready! Jesus may come tomorrow. He may come in fifty years. Or He may delay another thousand years. It doesn't matter; just be ready. If you die first, it may be tomorrow. Or it may be in fifty years. Just be ready.

Readiness. That's the bottom line. Are you ready to die? Have you been put into Jesus through repentance and baptism? Are you ready for Jesus to come? Study the Bible for your answers. Don't rely on the wisdom and speculations of men. They want you to worry. God simply wants you to be ready.

—Jeff Gardner

WORSHIP ORDER

Welcome	Jeff Gardner
Song #969, <i>Don't You Want To Go To That Land</i>	Ivan Gonzalez
Song #167, <i>Hosanna</i>	Ivan Gonzalez
Song #810, <i>Listen To Our Hearts</i>	Ivan Gonzalez
Prayer	James Roland Phillips Jr.
Song #324, <i>Alas and Did My Savior Bleed</i>	Ivan Gonzalez
Communion	Tim Hempel
Song #83, <i>Good Is So Good</i>	Ivan Gonzalez
Offering	Tim Hempel
Scripture Reading, <i>Joshua 1:1-9</i>	Sam Day
Song #470, <i>Victory In Jesus</i>	Ivan Gonzalez
Message, <i>Preparation For Victory</i>	Jeff Gardner
Song #915, <i>Trust and Obey</i>	Ivan Gonzalez
Closing Announcements	Jeff Gardner
Prayer	Chad Barney

EN ESPAÑOL

- **DCYG FALL RETREAT** - El retiro de otoño de DCYG será en el campamento cristiano de Quartz Mountain del **21 al 23 de octubre**. La fecha límite de inscripción es HOY, el costo es de \$50. Saldrán el viernes 21 de octubre a las 4pm.
- **FALL FESTIVAL** - Nuestro Festival de Otoño es el **Sábado, 29 de Octubre**. Se necesitan donaciones de dulces junto con voluntarios para configurar vehículos para Trunk-or-Treat. Se necesitan donaciones de dulces junto con voluntarios con vehículos para Trunk-or-Treat. También necesitamos ayudantes para montar, desmontar actividades y juegos. Esté atento a los contenedores de donación de dulces alrededor de la iglesia. Las hojas de registro están disponibles en el **Connection Point** en el vestíbulo.
- **CONVIVIO** - Nuestro proximo convivio sera Domingo 17 de octubre. Para mas información contacta a Margarita Gonzalez o Tracy Solis.
- **OFRENDA DEL QUINTO DOMINGO** - El **30 de octubre** estaremos recolectando una ofrenda especial para nuestra Tienda de Navidad que ayuda a las familias que necesitan ayuda para dar regalos a sus hijos.
- **ACAPPELLA EN CONCIERTO** - Estamos emocionados de anunciar que nuestra iglesia será la anfitriona del concierto de Acappella el **25 de febrero**. Los boletos cuestan \$30 para la entrada general. Nuestras congregaciones obtienen un 20% de descuento hasta el **18 de octubre** con el código **ACA40HOST**. Compre boletos en www.acappella.org.

MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

10/2 Worship Attendance	225
10/2 Bible Class Attendance	N/A
10/2 Contribution	\$17,081.96
YTD Regular Contribution.....	\$556,039.75
Weekly Average.....	\$13,900.99
Weekly Budget	\$14,703.58

SERMON NOTES

Victorious Living: Preparation for Victory Joshua 1:1-9

Moses is dead. The wilderness wanderings have ceased. The time has come for Israel to possess the land of promise. Now God tells Joshua to lead Israel to victory. They were on the threshold of the land of beginning again. There is no better day than today for you to get that fresh start you have been needing, just like Israel in today's text. Notice three steps God gives Joshua in preparation for victory which we also need to follow.

I. **B_____ you can W_____!**

- Joshua was the found president of the O_____ C_____.
- The P_____ outnumbered the O_____ 10 to 2.
- Canaan land should be compared to what God has for you R_____ N_____.
- We O_____ victory through Jesus Christ, but many don't P_____ it.

II. **O_____ the R_____!**

- God does not require S_____ He is not willing to S_____.
- Three keys to getting the power of God in your life:
 - P_____ the Word.
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III. **K_____ where your P_____ is!**

- The power to win is in G_____.
- The power to win is with Y_____ A_____.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9 (ESV)

FAMILY UPDATES

BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Martin	Oct. 9	Gage Birdsong	Oct. 11
Tyler Althoff	Oct. 9	Journi LaValley	Oct. 14
Whitt LaValley	Oct. 10	Tammy Gentry	Oct. 14
Anita Oliver	Oct. 10		

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Rhonda Bailey, Celebrating 39 years Oct. 10

THANK YOU

Shepherds, Staff and Church Family:
Sindy & I loved the event last weekend as we celebrated 70 years of the Del City Church serving Jesus, the community and the world. The planning, preparation, publicity, mixed with prayer made for a very successful and positive time for all who attended. My love is deep & sincere for DelCity. It was a privilege to serve and it should have been longer. I am grateful for the memories. Prayers and Blessings.
Psalm 84:11.

Doug & Sindy Parsons

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Oct. 9** Today is the last day to sign up for the DCYG Fall Retreat at Quartz Mountain. See Sam for more info.
- **Oct. 12** Wednesday Night Meal (Breakfast for Dinner)
5:30 PM - 7 PM, FLC
- **Oct. 16** Third Sunday Potluck
- **Oct. 19** Wednesday Night Meal (Meatloaf)
5:30 PM - 7 PM, FLC
- **Oct. 20** Community Cupboard
- **Oct. 21-23** DCYG Fall Retreat, Quartz Mountain
(Sign up in Youth Center or Connection Point)
- **Oct. 29** Family Fall Festival, 2 PM - 5 PM
- **Oct. 30** 5th Sunday Contribution benefiting the Christmas Store
- **Nov.17** Community Cupboard
- **Nov. 18-19** Del City Church of Christ Women's Conference, FLC
Fri.day: 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Saturday: 9 AM - 12 NOON
- **Nov. 24-25** Thanksgiving Holiday, Offices Closed
- **Nov. 28 - Dec. 2** Christmas Store
- **Dec. 14** Cocoa and Carols, FLC, 7 PM
- **Dec. 15** Community Cupboard
- **Dec. 23 - 26** Christmas Holiday, Offices Closed
- **Feb. 25** Acappella in Concert at Del City (Ticket Purchase Required)

FEATURED EVENTS



October 29th | 2 PM - 5 PM
1901 Vickie Drive
Pumpkin Patch, Trunk-or-Treat,
Food, Games & Activities



Our annual Fall Festival is Oct. 29th. Candy donations are needed along with volunteers to set up vehicles for trunk-or-treat. We also need helpers for set-up, take-down, activities and games. Watch for candy donation containers around the church. Sign-up sheets are available at Connection Point in the lobby.



We are excited to announce that our church will host Acappella in concert on February 25. Tickets are \$30 for general admission. There is a Platinum ticket for \$150 that includes premium seating, a meet and greet with the group, pic and autograph opportunities. Our congregations gets 20% off until **Oct 18** with the code **ACA40HOST**. Purchase tickets at www.acappella.org.



October 9, 2022

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Early Class	4:30 PM
Ladies Class	7:00 PM
Bilingual Class	7:00 PM

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday & Wednesday. For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Victorious Living

Studies from Joshua for Daily Christian Living

NEW SERMON SERIES

Staff:

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