

DEL CITY Church of Christ



November 5, 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 #121, *Come, Let Us Us All Unite to Sing*.....Tim Holt
WelcomeTim Holt
Song #474, *Thank You Lord*.....Ivan Gonzalez
Song #18, *Faithful Love*.....Ivan Gonzalez
Song #574, *O How I Love Jesus*.....Ivan Gonzalez
PrayerCory Bruce
Song, *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*Darrel Sullivan
CommunionLandon Parker
Offering.....Landon Parker
Scripture Reading, *1 John 4:7-21*.....Gavin Weaver
Song #448, *Greatest Commands*.....Tim Holt
Message, *What's Love Got to Do With It?*Jeff Gardner
Song, *O How He Loves You and Me*.....Ivan Gonzalez
Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
PrayerAdiel Zapata
Song #898, *Paradise Valley*.....Tim Holt

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Christian Authenticity

Have you ever pondered what it may be like to live in a make-believe, fantasy world? No pain would be suffered, no illness endured, and we'd never have to say goodbye to loved ones because of death. No children would be abused, no marriage would be aborted, no jobs would be lost. You would be able to eat everything without gaining anything. You could stay physically fit without getting physically fatigued. And everyone would live happily ever after.

But we don't live in such a world. The responsibilities of life are often heavy—and sometimes harsh. The sorrows and disappointments we frequently face expand to mountain-sized loads to carry. Pain, suffering, illness and premature goodbyes are all too real. "Happiness ever after" is often replaced with "grin-and-bear-it."

Since that is true, we must make sure that what we offer to others as a remedy to everyday life (which is Jesus Christ and life as His disciple) is real and not counterfeit. Life is too serious to squander it on plastic religion which breaks under the slightest pressure. We need to look for, demand and expect authenticity in Christianity. And in 1 John 3:10-13, John reveals three characteristics of the authentic Christian.

"¹⁰ So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God. ¹¹ This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹² We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. ¹³ So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, if the world hates you."

Authenticity is evident by your reflection of God (verse 10). The Christian should be a little replica of God. If you don't look like God, you are not His child; you are a child of the devil. Do you remind others of God? When they see your life, do they conclude you must be a child of God?

Authenticity is evident by your regard for your brethren (verses 10-13). If you don't love *any* other Christian, you are not authentic. Love for God ties one to all of God's children in family warmth and togetherness. To do otherwise is to be like Cain who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. Love is the bedrock of Christian living. Jesus brought a new life, molded and motivated by love. A Christian without love is like a new automobile without an engine: it may be pretty to look at, but it is useless. This love John is talking about is a decision to do whatever it takes for the good of others. It will motivate us to fight for the recovery of fallen brothers or sisters. Authentic Christians are in the rescue and recovery business.

Authenticity is evident by your relationship with the world (verses 12-13). Authentic Christians should be different from the world. The difference inspires some and irritates others, like Cain was irritated by Abel. A.W. Tozer once said, "To be right with God has often meant trouble with men." Prepare for persecution. Pray for those around you to have receptive hearts to the way of Christ. Arm yourself through regular prayer and Bible study to be able to resist having your righteousness adversely affected by the wickedness around you. Resolve to persevere in your life for God in spite of the world.

—Jeff Gardner

Eyewitness Good News: What's Love Got To Do With It? 1 John 4:7-21

If you have ever had your heart broken, it's easy to be cynical about love. That is, if you understand love to only be an emotion. But genuine love is a selfless decision. Some grow weary hearing sermons about love. But to do so is to grow weary of God Himself, for God is love. What's love got to do with it? Just everything. Without love there is no God, no Christianity, no salvation and no church. John discusses three aspects of love we must understand in order to understand God.

I. Love P_____ (1 John 4:7-11)

- A. Love is portrayed in the N_____ of G_____.
- B. Love is portrayed in the N_____ of C_____.
- C. Love is portrayed in the N_____ of H_____.

II. Love P_____ (1 John 4:12-18)

- A. It is absolutely possible to love God and O_____ in the same way G_____ loves.
- B. Two ways to exercise God's love:
 - 1. B_____ the love God has for you.
 - 2. B_____ the love God has for you.
- C. Perfect love E_____ all F_____.

III. Love P_____ (1 John 4:19-21)

- A. R_____ love P_____.
- B. The R_____ of pardon is R_____.
- C. A pardon is T_____ F_____ with no strings attached.



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

EN ESPAÑOL

- **NOTAS DEL SERMON** - Si alguna vez te han roto el corazón, es fácil ser cínico con respecto al amor. Es decir, si entiendes que el amor es sólo una emoción. Pero el amor genuino es una decisión desinteresada. Algunos se cansan de escuchar sermones sobre el amor. Pero hacerlo es cansarse de Dios mismo, porque Dios es amor. ¿Que tiene que ver el amor con eso? Solamente todo. Sin amor no hay Dios, no hay cristianismo, no hay salvación ni iglesia. Juan analiza tres aspectos del amor que debemos comprender para poder comprender a Dios.

GET CONNECTED



Christmas Store Volunteers Needed!

Our Christmas Store for families-in-need will be Nov. 27 - Dec. 1. We need volunteers to help with set-up on Nov. 26th. We also need helpers throughout the week to wrap and help with other tasks! Sign up at Connection Point or contact Liz in the office.

- **Ladies Monthly Meet-Up** - Ladies, you are invited to join other women from our church on the third Thursday of each month at Golden Corral at 11 AM. We celebrate birthdays from that month and have wonderful fellowship. Contact Liz in the office if you have questions!
- **Desserts Needed** - Hey MEN - we need some guys to make and bring desserts for the Women's Conference, Nov. 17-18th. If you can help - please contact Justin Parker. Let's spoil our ladies!

CELEBRATION SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH



*Invite a friend to join us as we welcome
our new ministers to Del City with a
CELEBRATION SUNDAY SERVICE
After Worship, there will be a Fellowship
Luncheon for All in the Church Gym.*

There will be no Bible Classes on this Sunday.

MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

10/29 Worship Attendance.....	184
10/29 Bible Class Attendance.....	159
10/29 Contribution.....	\$11,902.78
YTD Regular Contribution.....	\$697,936.58
Weekly Average.....	\$16,617.54
Weekly Budget.....	\$14,866.74

FEATURED EVENTS

Support
Camp
Rock Creek!

CAMP ROCK CREEK

Fundraiser Night

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

6:00 PM

Memorial Road Church of Christ
• Fellowship Central •

JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE GAME NIGHT AND MUCH
LOVED DESSERT AUCTION!
TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AT THE DOOR FOR CONCESSION
STYLE FOODS

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US TO RAISE MONEY FOR CAMP
ROCK CREEK!

QUESTIONS: EMILY MCKNIGHT - CAMPROCKCREEK@GMAIL.COM

WALKING BY FAITH
'EMPOWERED'
TO BE MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

A weekend with friends,
fellowship, and God's Word

Nov. 17th - 18th

Friday 11/17 - 5 PM - 9 PM

Saturday 11/18 - 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Register & Get More Info Here



2023
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE

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Christmas Dinner

Widows, Widowers, & Adult Singles

December 7th | 5 PM

A formal Dinner with entertainment
served in the Family Life Center.

RSVP | 405-672-1311

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FAMILY UPDATES

BIRTHDAYS

Dakota Lane | Nov. 5

Karina Zamudio | Nov. 5

Madonna Sullivan | Nov. 6

Alex Nichols | Nov. 7

Vicki Craig | Nov.7

Bridgett Layton | Nov. 9

Rebekah McMahon | Nov. 9

Donnie Williams | Nov. 10

Irene Roofe | Nov. 10

Nathan Staats | Nov. 10

Robby Wood | Nov. 11

CONDOLENCES

- Condolences to **Peggy Clark** on the loss of her mother, Mary Glasgow. Visitation is today from 2-4 PM at Bill Eisenhower Funeral Home Southeast in Del City. The funeral is Monday, Nov. 6th at Ridgecrest Church of Christ at 10 AM with burial immediately following at Arlington Memorial Gardens.
- Condolences to **Cindy Walker** on the loss of her mother, Maurine Gogocha, from Moore. The Burial service is pending and will be in Arkansas.

SMILE. JESUS LOVES YOU!

**CHURCH
DIRECTORY
PHOTOS**



**Before & After Worship in the
Main Building Lobby**

Sundays in November
Nov. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

OR

Please bring your family for a FREE family photo.

This photo will be used in our *2024 Membership Directory* and provided to you digitally. If you are happy with your current directory photo, no need to retake!

If you prefer to submit a family photo, please email to abruce@delcitychurch.org by Dec. 15th.

Questions? Contact Amy Bruce at 405-205-4855.

**Wednesdays & Fridays
By Appt Only at Church Building
Between 9 AM - 5 PM**

Contact Amy to Schedule: 405-205-4855

UPCOMING DATES

- **TODAY** Singing with Wellington Parke Residents, 2 PM
- **Nov. 17-18** Women's Conference
- **Nov. 16** Ladies Birthday Lunch Group, Golden Corral, 11 AM
- **Nov. 19** Third Sunday Potluck after Services, FLC
- **Nov. 23-24** Church Office Closed, Thanksgiving Break
- **Nov. 27 - Dec. 1** Christmas Store
- **Dec. 3** Jeff Gardner Retirement Luncheon after Bible Classes
- **Dec. 3** Singing with Wellington Parke Residents, 2 PM
- **Dec. 4** Westview Boy's Home Truck
- **Dec. 7** Widows, Widowers & Adult Singles Dinner, 5 PM, FLC
- **Dec. 10** Celebration Sunday & Fellowship Luncheon
- **Dec. 13** Children's Christmas Party
- **Dec. 15 - 17** Young Adult Winter Retreat