

So Much Gratitude!

Reflecting back on this church family through the year 2021 just fills my heart with so much gratitude. It is hard to believe that I have been back serving as your preacher for 13 months. As Paul said to his sweetheart church in Philippi, so say I to you: *“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace”* (Philippians 1:3-7).

2020 was a challenging year to say the least, but for the past 13 months you all have pulled together with me, our staff and elders and we have seen God do some pretty amazing things even with our smallest of efforts. 2021 has been truly amazing for us as a church family.

While we bade a temporary farewell to 10 beloved brothers and sisters through death, we have also welcomed 13 new spiritual births into the family of God at Del City. In addition to that, we have had over 30 people “place membership” with us which shows a definite positive trend for numeric growth.

Ministry and service continue to be an evident priority throughout our membership. Meals-on-Wheels is thriving. Wednesday night meals and Funeral meals make a huge impact for Christ. Other service includes: Football Team Supper, Whiz Kids, Back to School Bash, Trunk or Treat, Widows, Widowers & Singles Holiday Party, Community Cupboard, Community Cup, Fifth Sunday Contributions to fund extra ministries, Community Garden, Summer Nights of Service, Campus Improvements, Transportation Maintenance and Funding, Camp Rock Creek Funding, and this list could go on and on. Most recently, as of this printing, you have donated \$12,700 for disaster relief in the wake of the recent tornados in the East. I never cease to be amazed at the servant spirit and generous hearts in this church family.

With the additional men added to our Shepherds this year, our current staff and your commitment to Jesus, I am confident that God will bless 2022 beyond our greatest expectations. Let’s all pray for just that and that God will use us all for His fame!

—Jeff Gardner

Honor To Whom Honor Is Due

Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 5:00 PM there was an amazing Holiday Dinner hosted in our family life center specifically for our Widows, Widowers and Adult Singles. This night of festive fun was the result of one member of our congregation having an idea for service to a segment of our congregation for whom holidays can sometimes be hard. The menu was delicious with baked chicken, meatloaf, plenty of sides and salads along with hot bread and delectable desserts. The Fellowship Room was decorated with plenty of Christmas cheer including a tree with presents for everyone and table settings that would rival the Ritz. There was even a live band to entertain attendees with some great country music classics.

Sonya Weaver and her team of volunteers knocked this event out of the park, and we cannot say thank you enough. To all who made this event possible, you literally made many of our members feel super special. Thank you so much for your service. Here are some of their own words of appreciation:

“Thanks to everyone for the Widow dinner. The gift rug is at my door now. Sonya and crew did a fantastic job and the food was great. Thanks to one and all! Jean Dyche”

“Thank you to all who made the Holiday Dinner Party possible. Everyone did a great job. Good food, great help and outstanding entertainment. Thank you to all involved. Love you in Christian love, Jean Manns”

“Many thanks to the elders [and all others involved] for the wonderful Widows, Widowers & Single Seniors Christmas dinner last Thursday evening. In my many years as a Del City member, never have I been a part of such a lovely, well-planned event that made a certain segment of our congregation feel truly special. Thanks for a very enjoyable evening. Jo Livesay”

Taking care of one another in the body of Christ is one of our highest privileges and greatest responsibilities. To the group who hosted this event, thank you for such a loving example of Romans 12:9-13, *“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”*

Sermon Notes

Discipleship-Living: Failure Assurance

Matthew 14:28-33; 16:21-23; 17:1; Luke 22:54-62

While striving for Discipleship-Living, what happens when we stumble, fumble and sometimes crumble? How do we live with ourselves and our mistakes? Where can I find failure assurance? Consider three failure events in Peter’s life where Jesus gave him failure assurance.

I. F _____ F _____ (Matthew 14:28-33)

A. Peter had a great S _____ but a poor F _____.

B. Jesus I _____ reached out before He ever

C _____ Peter’s lack of faith.

C. Jesus is your F _____ N _____ O _____ friend.

II. F _____ U _____ (Matthew 16:21-23; 17:1)

A. Peter didn’t really U _____ what he was

C _____.

B. Jesus R _____ him with the H _____

rebuke He ever spoke.

C. But after the R _____, E _____ is as it was.

III. F _____ C _____ (Luke 22:54-62)

A. How often have you said, “I _____ N _____.”

B. No matter how many times we F _____ and F _____,

God still wants us.

Announcements

- ➔ *****OPPORTUNITY TO HELP***** At least 30 tornados recently ripped across six states: Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi and Tennessee. More than 50 people have been killed and property damage is incalculable. The elders have designated **\$2,000** to be sent to the Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team from our regular budget. So far as of this printing, you have donated an additional **\$12,700**. We plan to send this money to the relief fund by the end of this week. In the meantime, if you would like to contribute additional monies to this effort, you can hand it to one of the staff or elders, place a check in the money box or use our online giving portal through the app. If you write a check, write "Disaster Relief" in the memo; if you use the app, select "Disaster Relief" as the destination of the gift. As always, thank you for your generosity!
- ➔ The **Women of Joy Conference** is coming up April 8-10, 2022 in Branson, MO. The cost to attend is \$199, which includes lodging, breakfast at the hotel and the conference fee. Transportation will be provided by the church. Please contact Liz in the office to reserve your spot. Financial assistance is available if needed.
- ➔ **End of Year Combined Worship** with Choctaw, Eastside, Ridgcrest and Del City will be at Choctaw this year on December 29. *If you would like transportation, please contact the church office to make arrangements.*

Dates To Remember:

- December 28 @ 7-9 AM Community Cup in the Coffee Shop
- December 29 @ 8 AM Men's Breakfast @ Madison's
- December 29 @ 7 PM Area-Wide Night of Worship Hosted by Choctaw church of Christ—NO meal or adult classes at Del City Campus. Please make plans to attend at Choctaw, 14998 E Reno Avenue, Choctaw, OK 73020, as we unite in worship together!
- December 29 DCYG "Goodbye 2021" Lock-In
- December 31 Office is Closed for the New Year Holiday
- January 14-16 DCYG Winter Fest 2022

Thank You Note:

"Thank you my friends at Del City Church for all the birthday and holiday wishes and love. I miss Del City. Love, Prayers and Blessing, Margurette Ginn"

Response Form

If you would like to respond to the invitation, please fill out this form and hand it to the minister when the invitation song is being sung.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date ____/____/____

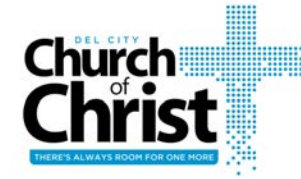
I come in response to the invitation of Christ...

- To confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized for the forgiveness of my sins.
- To be restored and ask for prayers.
- To transfer my church membership from another church.
- To ask for specific prayers for myself or someone else.

Comments: _____

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Welcome To Our
**Sunday Morning
Family Worship**
December 26, 2021

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our Guests; White for Members.

Order of Worship

WelcomeSam Day
 Song #390, *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*Tim Holt
 Song #57, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*.....Tim Holt
 Song #77, *Glorify Thy Name*Tim Holt
 PrayerEnrique Martinez
 Song, *Lord I Lift Your Name On High*.....Tim Holt
 Communion.....Rob Weaver
 Song #221, *Jesus Name Above All Names*.....Tim Holt
 Offering.....Rob Weaver
 Scripture Reading, *Hebrews 10:35-39*Nathan Dillinger
 Song #480, *Blessed Assurance*Tim Holt
 Message, *Discipleship-Living: Failure Assurance*Jeff Gardner
 Song, *My Only Hope Is You*Tim Holt
 Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
 Prayer.....Melvin Thompson
 Song #864, *Where The Gates Swing Outward Never* .Darrel Sullivan

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Early Class	4:30 PM
Mid-Week Classes	7:00 PM
Hispanic Class	7:00 PM

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday.
 For transportation to Worship and Other Assemblies Call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.