

## EN ESPAÑOL

- **ACTUALIZAR NUESTRO DIRECTORIO** - Por favor traiga a su familia para una foto familiar gratis. Esta foto se utilizará en nuestro Directorio de miembros de 2023 y se le proporcionará digitalmente. Si prefiere enviar una foto familiar, envíe un correo electrónico a [abruce@delcitychurch.org](mailto:abruce@delcitychurch.org). Las fechas serán los **domingos 18 de diciembre y 8 de enero**.
- **CANTO DE FIN DE AÑO** - Disfrute de una noche de canto y compañerismo en **Ridgecrest Church of Christ** el **28 de diciembre**. Los servicios comenzarán a las **7 PM**.
- **NOTAS DEL SERMON** - Caleb fue uno de los grandes hombres de Dios. Valientemente, a la edad de 85 años, le dijo a Josué: "¡Dame esta montaña que Moisés me prometió!" Los obstáculos no asustaron a Caleb y tampoco deberían asustarnos a nosotros. Necesitamos canalizar el espíritu y el entusiasmo por la vida de Caleb si queremos disfrutar de una vida victoriosa. Hay cuatro grandes características en la vida de Caleb que también debemos poseer.
- **TRIM THE TREE** - Ayúdenos a podar el árbol que se encuentra en nuestro lobby principal con alimentos no perecederos. Todas las donaciones se utilizarán para abastecer nuestro armario comunitario.
- **WINTERFEST** - Los adolescentes asistirán a Winterfest en Arlington, Tx del 13 al 15 de enero. El costo es de \$110 si se paga antes del 25 de diciembre. Regístrate e información adicional en el mostrador del punto de conexión en el vestíbulo.
- **¿SABÍA USTED?** - Esta temporada alimentamos a un grupo de alrededor de 50 jugadores y entrenadores de fútbol americano de la escuela secundaria Del City antes de cada partido. Disfrutamos formando relaciones con estos niños y brindándoles una experiencia positiva con la iglesia para recordar cada semana. Muchos de estos niños no tienen la oportunidad de recibir una comida completa en casa, por lo que esta es una gran oportunidad para servir a nuestra comunidad. El equipo llegó a las semifinales del campeonato estatal este año antes de ser eliminado. ¡Gracias a todos nuestros ayudantes y apoyo esta temporada!

## DID YOU KNOW?

This fall, our church fed a group of around 50 hungry football players and coaches from Del City High School before every game. We enjoyed forming relationships with the players and giving them a positive experience to remember. Many of these kids do not get the chance to get a full meal for dinner at home so this is a great opportunity to serve our community. DCHS advanced to the state semifinals this year. Thank you to all who volunteered to help and support this outreach.

## MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

12/11 Worship Attendance.....	211
12/11 Bible Class Attendance.....	178
12/11 Contribution.....	\$9,621.58
YTD Regular Contribution.....	\$684,736.27
Weekly Average.....	\$13,974.21
Weekly Budget.....	\$14,703.58

## FEATURED EVENTS



## Reminder

Christmas Worship is at 10 AM on Sunday, December 25th. There will be no Bible classes following service.

## Merry Christmas



## SERMON NOTES

### Victorious Living: Take Your Mountain! Joshua 14, 15

Caleb was one of God's great men. Courageously at the age of 85 he said to Joshua, "Give me this mountain Moses promised to me!" Obstacles didn't scare Caleb and they shouldn't scare us either. We need to channel Caleb's spirit and zest for life if we want to enjoy victorious living. There are four great characteristics in Caleb's life we must also possess.

#### I. C\_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 14:8-9, 14).

- Every ounce, every inch, every nerve and every F\_\_\_\_\_ of Caleb B\_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- "You are not your own, for you were B\_\_\_\_\_ with a P\_\_\_\_\_." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

#### II. C\_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 14:6, 10, 12).

- Caleb's C\_\_\_\_\_ was in what God had already S\_\_\_\_\_.
- Caleb's battle-axe was the W\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. C\_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 14:12).

- With every O\_\_\_\_\_ there is O\_\_\_\_\_.
- Caleb's opposition:
  - G\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 14:7; Numbers 13:33).
  - G\_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 14:12).
  - G\_\_\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 14:10-11).

#### IV. C\_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 14:13-14; 15:14).

- Hebron means F\_\_\_\_\_ and is known for F\_\_\_\_\_ and F\_\_\_\_\_.
- The names of the three giants mentioned in the text have significant meaning:
  - Shashai means "W\_\_\_\_\_ am I?"
  - Ahiman menas "W\_\_\_\_\_ am I?"
  - Talmi means "W\_\_\_\_\_ can I do?"
- If you are going to take your mountain you need to kill the same three giants:
  - The giant of E\_\_\_\_\_ speaks of who I am.
  - The giant of P\_\_\_\_\_ speaks of what I am.
  - The giant of S\_\_\_\_\_ -R\_\_\_\_\_ speaks of what I can do.



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

ARLINGTON, TX

## Winter Fest

JANUARY 13 - 15  
2023

COST: \$110 IF PAID BEFORE  
DECEMBER 25TH

SIGNUP AND ADDITIONAL INFO  
AT THE CONNECTION POINT IN THE  
FOYER

## EDITORIAL

### Just Another Fairy Tale?

It seems to be the American way to cloud reality with fairy tales. And, to a degree, I suppose that is okay. Fairy tales are fun. They are entertaining. They spark the imaginations of the young and the young at heart. They make fascinating movies. But they are still fairy tales.

There is a danger in *Fairy Tale Land*: NOT BEING ABLE TO DISCERN FAIRY TALES FROM REALITY. This was first brought to my attention a number of years ago by a child who had just discovered the fairy tale nature of many of the holiday characters such as Frosty and Rudolph. He was trying to get it all sorted out. He finally asked, "Well, is Jesus just another fairy tale?" Now that's a question that will make your heart stop! You see, the characters of fairy tales are the subjects of many amazing stories. They are portrayed in pictures, immortalized in movies. They are imitated by people dressed in costumes, but you never really see the real thing. So when this young man discovered the fairy tale nature of his favorite holiday characters, it was natural for him to assume that Jesus was just another fairy tale, too.

I wonder how many people in our society have grown up with a fairy tale image of Jesus? In just a few days our society is going to stop and celebrate a holiday called *Christmas*. To most people, the main characters of this holiday will be fairy tales. And somehow *they* are given equal emphasis with *Jesus Christ*. I want us to realize, especially our children, that Jesus Christ is not just another fairy tale. He is for real!

I fully realize that because there is no command in the Bible stating we should celebrate the birth of Jesus, typically many of us do not usually choose to emphasize His birth at this time of year. In fact, it is very likely He was born sometime in the Spring. The Bible clearly ignores the actual date of His birth. Historically, churches of Christ have even been judgmental toward other religious groups for celebrating Christmas as the birth of Christ, viewing it as something not authorized by the Scriptures. Personally, I believe that point of view is a bit reactionary and unnecessary. Why would anyone have heartburn over acknowledging the birth of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? The Scriptures clearly teach that if someone wants to consider one day more sacred than another in honor of the Lord, then let him do it without condemnation (Romans 14:5-8). This is one of those areas of personal freedom a disciple has the right to exercise.

Here is my point: rather than condemning and correcting folks for thinking December 25 is Christ's birthday, wouldn't it be more productive to take advantage of the possibility that they may be thinking about Christ at all? Dispel the myths for sure. Make sure Jesus does not get confused with "just another fairy tale." Then help folks understand why Jesus was born in the first place.

—Jeff Gardner

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## FAMILY UPDATES

### BIRTHDAYS

**Logan Althoff** | Dec. 18  
**Melissa Phillips** | Dec. 19  
**Renee Guthery** | Dec. 20  
**Zadie LaValley** | Dec. 21

**Krystal LaValley** | Dec. 22  
**Marla Casteel** | Dec. 22  
**Justin Parker** | Dec. 23

### GRATITUDE

Thank you everyone for the great Widows meal, which was delicious. The men do such a job at entertaining us with music. The gift was beautiful and very useful. In Christian Love  
 ~ Jean Manns

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome **Dale and Cindy Walker** to our church family along with their grandchildren, **Skyler and Savanna Walker**. Their address is 4408 SE 38th Street, OKC, OK 73115. They may be reached at 405-974-8739 or walkercindy613@gmail.com.

## UPCOMING DATES

- **TONIGHT** DCYG Christmas Party, Youth Center, 5 PM
- **Dec. 21** No activities or meal at the building
- **Dec. 25** Christmas Worship Service, 10 AM
- **Dec. 23 - 26** Christmas Holiday, Offices Closed
- **Dec. 28** End of Year Singing, Ridgecrest Church of Christ, 7 PM
- **Dec. 28** No activities or meal at the building
- **Dec. 28 - 29** DCYG Lock-In
- **Jan. 2** New Year Holiday, Offices Closed
- **Jan. 8** Secret Sister Kickoff (Details Coming Soon)
- **Jan. 13-15** DCYG - Winterfest, Arlington, TX
- **Jan. 29** Del City Ministry Fair
- **Jan. 29** OSBI Blood Drive, FLC
- **Feb. 12** Sweetheart Banquet
- **Feb. 25** Acappella in Concert at Del City (Ticket Purchase Required)

SMILE. JESUS LOVES YOU!

## IT'S TIME TO UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY



Please bring your family for a FREE family photo. This photo will be used in our 2023 Membership Directory and provided to you digitally.

If you prefer to submit a family photo, please email to [abruce@delcitychurch.org](mailto:abruce@delcitychurch.org) by January 8th.

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

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

Sundays:  
December 4th, 11th, 18th and January 8th

**Before & After Wednesday Meal Starting at 5 PM**

Wednesday Nights:  
December 7th & 14th  
*(in main building lobby)*



December 18, 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

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 #1001, *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*.....Tim Holt  
 Welcome .....Jeff Gardner  
 Song #167, *Hosanna*.....Tim Holt  
 Song, *How Great Is Our God* .....Tim Holt  
 Song, *Glorify Thy Name* .....Tim Holt  
 Prayer .....Colin Russell  
 Song, *Oft We Come Together*.....Tim Holt  
 Communion .....James Phillips  
 Song #118, *God Has Smiled On Me*.....Tim Holt  
 Offering.....James Phillips  
 Scripture Reading, *Joshua 14:6-12* .....James Phillips, Jr.  
 Song #63, *I Will Call Upon The Lord*.....Tim Holt  
 Message, *Take Your Mountain* .....Jeff Gardner  
 Song #947, *Jesus Is Tenderly Calling* .....Darrel Sullivan  
 Closing Announcements .....Jeff Gardner  
 Prayer.....Chris Dillinger  
 Song #957, *This World Is Not My Home*.....Tim Holt

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