



December 3, 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, *This Is The Day*Ivan Gonzalez
- Welcome.....Ivan Gonzalez
- Song, *Shout Hallelujah*Tim Holt
- Song, *Blessed Be Your Name*Tim Holt
- Song, *Goodness Of God*Tim Holt
- PrayerDavid Schmitt
- Song #337, *Hallelujah What A Savior*Ivan Gonzalez
- Communion.....Justin Ogletree
- OfferingJustin Ogletree
- Scripture Reading, *Deuteronomy 32:44-47*Garrison Martin
- Song #449, *Thy Word*.....Ivan Gonzalez
- Message, *If This Was My Last Sermon*.....Jeff Gardner
- Song #624, *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*.....Darrell Sullivan
- Closing AnnouncementsJeff Gardner
- PrayerMelvin Thompson
- Song #853, *When We All Get To Heaven*.....Tim Holt

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Happy Peacemakers

The greatest preacher who ever preached began the greatest sermon ever delivered by telling folks how to find happiness. The pursuit of happiness is core to the American dream. It was also the dream of the first-century Jews.

So the Master shares the keys of happiness (Matthew 5). Poorness of spirit. Godly mourning. Meekness. Insatiable appetite for right. Mercifulness. Purity of heart. Maker of peace. Persecuted for rightness. Insulted for Christ. That is hardly the list compiled by the god of this world, but what does *he* know about happiness?! The Creator knows how His creation can be happy. *Truly* happy. All of these keys are important and necessary as we grow in Christ. Volumes could be written about each, but the scope of this article will simply focus on one: *"Blessed [a holy way of saying happy] are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God"* (Matthew 5:8). I like the way *Simple English Bible* reads: *"People who make peace will be happy, because they will be called sons of God."* Have you ever wondered why there are not more happy Christians? Perhaps it is because there are not more makers and keepers of peace.

We need men and women who will pursue true happiness by being peacemakers. The reason Jesus said peacemakers will become sons of God is because His primary mission as the Son of God on Earth was to be a peacemaker between God and us. For me to be a peacemaker means I take on one of the primary characteristics of Christ-likeness.

From humanity's first brush with the devil, there was a dividing barrier between us and our God. It is called sin. *"Your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you"* (Isaiah 59:2). We were God's enemies! Jesus came to change all that by bringing peace. *"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 5:1). Read that again. Because of Jesus we now have peace with God! *"At just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly...When we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son"* (Romans 5: 6, 10). This is why Jesus came, to restore peace to our relationship with God. *"He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near"* (Ephesians 2:17).

Think of your own sins before God. What all have YOU done to push Him away? What have YOU said that offended Him? Yet YOU have peace with Him because of the Prince of Peace. If we can live at peace with God with all of our faults, shouldn't we be able to live at peace with one another?

I believe we can. But YOU are going to have to be a peacemaker. It will take work. Selflessness. Laying down your life for the sake of another. Killing your pride, plans and preconceived ideas. That's the way Jesus did it. And it hurt. But the end result was worth it to Him. At times, being a peacemaker will hurt you, too. But it will be so worth it! You will be truly happy. You will be called a prince (or princess) of peace. You will be called a son (or daughter) of God. Be a happy peacemaker! *"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone"* (Romans 12:18).

—Jeff Gardner

Excerpt from *"The Heart of Unity"* pages 32-35

SERMON NOTES

If This Was My Last Sermon Deuteronomy 32:44—33:1

The cold, hard truth is that we all will depart this earth with little or no warning. Are you ready? Do you have all your affairs in order? Is there anything left unsaid that you should say? As I near retirement, these are questions I am also contemplating. I hope that sometime in the future I will be invited back to preach again. But if I am not, or should I die in the meantime, what are some truths I need to make sure I have given you? There are three truths I want to share which are paramount to your spiritual walk.

I. Rediscover the **W**_____ of **G**_____.

- A. By looking at C_____.
- B. By looking at the C_____.

II. Rekindle Your **L**_____ for **O**_____ **A**_____.

- A. What the world needs now is L_____, sweet L_____.
- B. Love is a C_____ that puts someone else's needs A_____ my own.
- C. You will never regret L_____ words being your L_____ words.
- D. With unity in your church DNA, you can C_____ and O_____ anything (1 Peter 4:8).

III. Reassure Your **S**_____.

- A. Be S_____ you are S_____.
- B. Salvation is by grace through faith, but O_____ is not W_____.
- C. "Be D_____ to make your calling and election S_____ (2 Peter 1:10).
- D. Make S_____ you are I_____ Christ.
- E. Make S_____ you are L_____ in Christ.



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

FEATURED EVENTS



The Westview Boys' Home provides a safe, Christian home for young men with hard backgrounds. As a mission partner, we help supply provisions for their ministry. Their truck will be here the week of December 4th to pick up any donated items. **Donate supplies by Sunday, December 3rd to the Church Lobby.**

Beef Jerky
Sweet Cereal
Tropical Fruit
100% Assorted Juice
Powdered Gatorade
Chocolate Chips

Summer Sausage
Candy Bars
Chewing Gum
Mixed Nuts
Caskews
Honey Roasted Nuts



Clorox Wipes
Sorry-I-Wash
29 Gallon Trash Bags

Dishwasher Pods
Deodorant



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



Cocoa & Carols

December 20th

@ 7 PM | Youth Center

"Sing Joyfully to the Lord"

Psalm 33

Bring the whole family and join us for one of our favorite annual traditions. We will sing our favorite holiday Praises to the Lord and enjoy Cocoa and Cookies afterward.

EN ESPAÑOL

NOTAS DEL SERMON - La fría y dura verdad es que todos abandonaremos esta tierra con poca o ninguna advertencia. ¿Estás listo? ¿Tienes todos tus asuntos en orden? ¿Queda algo sin decir que deberías decir? A medida que me acerco a la jubilación, estas son preguntas que también estoy contemplando. Espero que en algún momento en el futuro me inviten nuevamente a predicar. Pero si no lo soy, o debería morir mientras tanto, ¿cuáles son algunas verdades que debo asegurarme de haberles dado? Hay tres verdades que quiero compartir y que son fundamentales para tu caminar espiritual.

DID YOU KNOW?



Our Christmas Store provided gifts for **106 kids from 28 families** in our area.

Thank you for supporting this annual Ministry that helps provide Christmas for families in need!

GET CONNECTED

secret sister 2024

Interested in being a Secret Sister?

Open to all ladies of the church!
Being a Secret Sister means praying for them and sending notes or small gifts throughout the year with a final reveal party toward the end of the year.
Stop at Connection Point or contact Barb Crane at: 405-938-8998. You can also call the office at 405-672-1311 for more details. Hope you can join us!



Our **MEALS ON WHEELS** Ministry is looking for a driver to make deliveries on Wednesdays and Fridays. Contact Sonya Weaver at 405-249-2225 if you can help.

MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

11/26 Worship Attendance.....	237
11/26 Bible Class Attendance.....	161
11/26 Contribution.....	\$8,165.78
YTD Regular Contribution.....	\$741,806.01
Weekly Average.....	\$15,454.29
Weekly Budget.....	\$14,866.74

FAMILY UPDATES

CELEBRATION SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH



*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.*

**BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH
NEXT SUNDAY!**

BIRTHDAYS

Bill Rhinehart | Dec. 4

Twila Hempel | Dec. 6

Tracy Karniewicz | Dec. 7

Tim Hempel | Dec. 7

Lindsay Haivala | Dec. 8

Carol Martin | Dec. 8

DIRECTORY UPDATES

We are prepping for a new Directory to be released in January. If you have any address or phone number updates, let us know!

UPCOMING DATES

- **TODAY Jeff Gardner Retirement Luncheon after Bible Classes**
- **Dec. 3** Singing with Wellington Parke Residents, 2 PM
- **Dec. 4** Westview Boys' Home Truck
- **Dec. 7** Widows, Widowers & Adult Singles Dinner, 5 PM, FLC
- **Dec. 10 Bring a Friend | Celebration Sunday & Fellowship Luncheon**
- **Dec. 13** Children's Christmas Party
- **Dec. 15 - 17** Young Adult's Winter Retreat, Broken Bow
- **Dec. 17** DCYG Christmas Party
- **Dec. 17** NO THIRD SUNDAY POTLUCK
- **Dec. 20 Cocoa and Carols in the Youth Center, 7 PM**
- **Dec. 21** Ladies Birthday Lunch Group, Golden Corral, 11 AM
- **Dec. 22-25** Church Office Closed, Christmas Break
- **Dec. 27** Area-Wide Evening Service at Eastside Church of Christ
- **Jan. 1** Church Office Closed, New Year's Day
- **Jan. 12-14** DCYG Winterfest, Fort Worth, TX