

DEL CITY Church of Christ



July 21, 2024

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday

Classes 9:30 AM
Worship 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Summer of Service 6:30 PM

Childcare for age newborn to 3-years-old is available during Worship on Sundays & on Wednesday nights during the 6:30 PM Summer of Service. For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311, M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.

WORSHIP ORDER

Song, <i>I Will Call Upon The Lord</i>	Tim Holt
Welcome	Tim Holt
Song, <i>I Stand Amazed</i>	Tim Holt
Song, <i>I Stand In Awe</i>	Tim Holt
Song, <i>Speak, O Lord</i>	Tim Holt
Prayer	David Schmitt
Song, <i>There Is A Fountain</i>	Tim Holt
Communion.....	Jeff Gardner
Song, <i>I Still Have Joy</i>	Ivan Gonzalez
Offering	Jeff Gardner
Scripture Reading, <i>Luke 10:21-23</i>	James Broadie
Song, <i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	Tim Holt
Message, <i>Why Pray?</i>	Garrett Marshall
Song, <i>In Need</i>	Ivan Gonzalez
Closing Announcements	Garrett Marshall
Prayer	Mark Carr
Song, <i>Sing Wherever I GO</i>	Tim Holt

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“Bird Fight in the Church Parking Lot at Dawn!”

Wednesday morning, as I drove in, I noticed dark feathers flopping around on the parking lot. It looked like a bird had a broken wing and was trying to right himself. The wings kept fluttering, but the bird silhouette that is normal for a bird never emerged. I immediately wondered what happened. Was it a baby who had fallen out of the nest? Was it a bird who had a spinal injury by flying into a glass door?

As I approached, I noticed it was not one bird but two. Both were on the ground, one bird had the other pinned and was pecking mercilessly at the other. As much as the other wanted to get up and get away, the feet were locked and he was not strong enough. Meanwhile, birds everywhere were watching this struggle and chirping their approval or disapproval at this scene. I approached and immediately the birds flew off in different directions, presumably disturbed that their fight had been interrupted by this towering interloper.

As I contemplated the birds, I thought of our heavenly Father. I wonder if He looks from afar, aghast at the way His creation often prances, pecks, chases, claws, and pins others when there is conflict. I wonder if He cries seeing the spectators cheering on their side. I wonder if He shakes His head on the throne knowing it's not supposed to be this way. I'm not talking about birds.

The promises of our Father, the knowledge to be able to contemplate how we are different than the birds, and the will to be able to change ought to distinguish us as a special creation by God (Genesis 1:26-28). Whether aggressor, antagonist, spectator or other, our God gives us wisdom to change our behavior towards one another for His glory. The answer is love—the highest good for you at the expense of me (John 13:33-34; 1 Corinthians 13).

The truth is that the birds will continue to fight, probably in the church parking lot. People see them and don't think anything of it... because they're birds. Yet, when Christians fight (sometimes in the church parking lot), with the spectators and others that see, they know something about our commitment to discipleship...or lack of it. Lord teach Your children to stop the fighting, start uniting, all as one.

Andy Baker
Graeber Road church of Christ
Rosenberg, TX

SERMON NOTES

Why Pray?

I've made it a habit to walk around our beautiful park often. I've found that it helps me think about the upcoming sermon, including what I want to say, a possible illustration, or even a cheesy joke. This often results in me essentially preaching to myself in the park, with those working in the garden looking at me like I'm the weirdest person they know (which may very well be true).



Unfortunately, sometimes this can mirror how we view prayer. When I pray, I sometimes feel like I'm talking to myself and wonder if my prayers have any impact. Does it really matter whether I talk to God or not? What is the real purpose of prayer? This morning, we will explore the mystery of prayer and wrestle with this most unique and holy conversation.

I. _____ **intercedes for** _____ **and** _____.

A. This conversation was a _____.

B. God and _____ relationship was clearly a _____.

C. This is also a _____.

II. _____ **intercedes for** _____.

A. Notice how the arguments are not based on the merit of the _____, but on the merit of _____.

III. **Does** _____ **change His** _____ **?**

A. Numbers 23:19

B. Jeremiah 18:7-10

C. Keep in mind, the Bible is written in a way for _____ to _____. Sometimes using _____ descriptions for _____ things.

IV. **Don't lose** _____ **of the main** _____.

A. God _____ those that _____ for others.

B. God wants us to _____, even _____

C. God ordains the _____ and the _____.

V. **Does God** _____ **his** _____ **? No. Does** _____ **change things?** _____

EN ESPAÑOL

Notas Del Sermon - ¿Por qué orar?

Lo hecho, como un hábito de ir a caminar al rededor del parque hermoso que tenemos aquí y lo hago muy seguido. He aprendido que me ayuda a pensar con posibilidades de próximo sermón que haga; lo que quiero decir, tal vez una buena ilustración o una broma chistosa. Muchas de las veces resulta algo esencialmente para predicar, en el parque y algunas veces a mí mismo, y los que están trabajando en el jardín me miran como si fuera la persona más extraña que conocen (lo que muy bien puede ser cierto). Desafortunadamente, a veces creo que así puede ser como vemos la oración. Cuando estoy orando, a veces puedo sentir que estoy hablando conmigo mismo, y me pregunto, ¿Mis oraciones tienen algún impacto? ¿Realmente importa si hablo con Dios o no? ¿Cuál es el verdadero propósito de la oración? Esta mañana, estaremos mirando el misterio de la oración y lucharemos con algo muy especial y conversación espirituales.

GET CONNECTED



July 24 | Community Garden and Church Clean-Up

Help us get the kitchen, tables and chairs and other areas of the church fresh and clean! There will also be work needed in the Community Garden area | Main Building | 6:30 PM

July 31 | Prep for Back 2 School Bash

We will set up up the Family Life Center for our annual Back to School Bash for our community.

Did You Know?

- We served 107 families in our **Community Cupboard** this past Thursday, providing essential food and household supplies to our neighbors in need.
- During **VBS / Day Camp**, we served 83 students per day. A special shout out to Whiz Kids, Feed the Children and Hal Smith Restaurant Group for their partnership in providing resources and food for our campers! What a great week!

MINISTRY AND MAINTENANCE STATISTICS

07/14 Worship Attendance	288
07/14 Bible Class Attendance	179
07/14 Contribution	\$8,277
2024 YTD Regular Contribution.....	\$419,892.87
2024 Weekly Average	\$14,479.03
2024 Weekly Budget	\$16,209.00

FEATURED EVENTS

August 2

KEENAGER

Game Night

BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOARD GAME AND DISH TO SHARE
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME

1st Friday of each MONTH
6:00 - 9:00 PM in FLC



BACK TO SCHOOL

Bash

Saturday, Aug. 3rd

FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES & HAIRCUTS
9 AM - 12 NOON

Please bring your school supply list and we will help fill it until supplies run out.

1901 Vickie Drive | Del City  Questions? Call 405-672-1311




KEITH & ANTHONY LANCASTER

PRAISE & HARMONY SONGFEST

Del City Church of Christ
1901 Vickie Dr, Del City, OK 73115

- August 16 - 6:30 p.m.
- August 17 - 2:00 p.m.
- August 18 - 9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Whiz Kids provides literacy tutoring and mentoring for students from Del City Elementary on Tuesdays after school.

Contact us for more info on how to volunteer:
405-672-1311 or email office@delcitychurch.org



FAMILY UPDATES

BIRTHDAYS

Janice Poteet | Jul 22

Maverick Staats | Jul 22

Jeff Althoff | Jul 22

Jim Hale | Jul 23

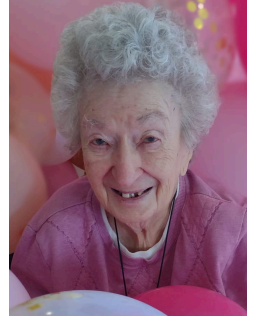
Matthew Jackson | Jul 23

Kenny Vinson | Jul 24

Sharon Stithem | Jul 26

CONDOLENCES

Our Sister, **Lola Mae Spriggs**, passed away on July 16th. A funeral service was held on Friday, July 19th at the church building and she was laid to rest at Wellston Cemetery. Lola was the mother of our church sister, **Rene Brandert** and grandmother to **Clarissa Smith**. Please keep their family in your prayers.



DONATIONS NEEDED

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. Donate supplies by **Sunday, August 4th** to the Church Lobby.



Food Items

Capri Sun
100% Juice
Sport Drinks
Assorted Chips
Spaghetti
Sauce
Beef Broth
Spaghetti O's

Canned Soda
Bottled Water
Breakfast Bars

Assorted Seasonings
Basil, Paprika,
Red Pepper

Non-Food Items

Scotch Pads
Laundry Soap

School Supplies
2" Binders

August Community Cupboard Needs

Laundry Detergent Pods
Dryer Sheets
Bleach
Dish Soap

Dishwasher Pods
Toilet Bowl Cleaners
Disinfecting Wipes
Multi-Purpose Cleaner

UPCOMING DATES

COMMUNITY CUP - every Tuesday in the Coffee Shop, 7 AM - 9 AM

- **July 21** Third Sunday Potluck after Worship | FLC
- **July 30-31** DCYG Float Trip
- **Aug. 1** Thursday Night Singing in the Lobby | 6:30 PM
- **Aug. 2** Keenager's Game Night | Coffee Shop | 6 PM
- **Aug. 3** Back to School Bash, FLC | 9 AM - 12 NOON
- **Aug. 4** Westview Boy's Home Truck (Drop off supplies in lobby)
- **Aug. 14** Back 2 School Cookout | Family Life Center @ 6:30 PM
- **Aug. 9-17** Camp UNO Montana, Single Adults (See Liz Zamudio)
- **Aug. 16-18** Praise & Harmony Songfest at Del City (see ad for details)
- **Sept. 4** Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal | 5:30 PM, Fried Chicken
- **Sept. 4** Wed. 6:30 PM & Thurs. 10 AM Ladies Class will resume