

News for your week:



- Sunday services will continue to be online through **the rest of the month**, and we plan to resume live worship together in a carefully planned, safe way on June 7th. We will also continue to broadcast our online service each Sunday at 10AM. We encourage anyone at risk, especially those of you 65 or older, or anyone with on-going health issues to continue joining us online. And, of course, if you have any Covid-like symptoms, please worship online until you know you are healthy. Watch for more details about what to expect on June 7 coming to you the week of June 1!
- Jerred's online Wednesday Bible study each week has been so encouraging! Join us this week on Wednesday at 4:30 PM on our public Facebook page.
- The church office will be open with limited staff this week Tuesday through Thursday by appointment only. Call 405-672-1311 to schedule an appointment if we can help. We will begin taking reservations for the church calendar on June 1.

News for DCYG and DCKids :

- We are looking for volunteers for Camp DC, our two week summer day camp. This year's (tentative) dates are July 13-16 and 20-23 with a special day on the 24th for 3rd-6th grade only. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Shannon at sdavis@delcitychurch.org to receive a volunteer packet.
- The **DCYG Social Media** schedule this week is:
Instagram Live: Mon-Thurs, various times
ZOOM: Monday, 3-5PM (come and go)
ZOOM: Wednesday, 7PM (devotional)

Giving

THANK YOU brothers and sisters for continuing to give faithfully. Your generosity helps us continue our mission of showing Jesus to the world.

These contributions have helped feed hungry people, pay for utilities for struggling families, support missionaries around the world, build online connections with each other and our larger community and provide hope for a world in crisis.

Thank you!

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day. Pray for those for whom this day means remembering the loss of loved ones who died while serving in the military.

MESSAGE NOTES: When defeat closes in.

Matthew 3:4 *Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather girdle around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.*

1. John the Baptist clothing pointed to Israel's greatest prophet, Elijah.

2nd Kings 1:8 *They replied, "He had a garment of hair and had a leather belt around his waist."*

The king said, "That was Elijah the Tishbite."

2. Elijah was identified by his clothing.

Malachi 4:5 *"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."*

3. Israel was waiting for a second appearance of Elijah which would usher in the Messiah.

John 1:29 *The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'*

4. John's ministry pointed his followers to Jesus.

Matthew 11:1-2 *After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. 2 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"*

5. John asks a question, but we don't know his motivation. Scholars have considered: 1) He was pointing his followers to Jesus, 2) he was coming to faith or 3) leaving his faith 4) discouraged, 5) impatient, or 6) puzzled.

Matthew 11:4-6 *Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 6 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."*

6. Jesus asked them to alluded to Isaiah 35 & Isaiah 61 while asking John's followers to watch and report to John.

Matthew 10:7-11 *As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written:*

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you.'

11 *Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.*

7. Jesus did not want John's confusion and discouragement to defeat his faith.

1st Peter 5:10 *And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

8. Our trials will only be temporary and God will restore us and make us strong, firm and steadfast.

9. Satan wants our disappointment to destroy our faith.

10. Jesus wants our disappointment to develop our faith.

Questions:

How have you been disappointed in the last few months?

Does God know about your hurt and disappointment? Have you shared it with Him?

How has your faith been strengthened in the past through trials and difficulty?

What can you do, even when life is hard, to use trials to deepen your faith?

Is there anyone you need to call to encourage as they go through a difficulty or trial?