

From The Ministers Desk

Are We Bringing Our Children Up or Down?

“Bring them UP in the nurture and the admonition of the Lord” – Ephesians 6:4

Rules for Bringing Up a Child:

- Make home the brightest and most attractive place you can.
- Make him responsible for helping in some daily duties at home.
- Never punish in anger nor to relieve your own feelings, but only in love and for disobedience.
- Do not ridicule his ideas; talk frankly on matters in which he is interested.
- Encourage him to invite friends to your home and table.
- Impress on his mind the fact that service and honesty are more important than making money.
- Live Christ before him so you will be able to talk of Christ to him.
- Let him see your enjoyment and profit from Bible reading and prayer.
- Set an example in faithful church attendance and interest in the work.
- Be much in prayer for his salvation and spiritual growth.

Rules for Bringing Down a Child:

- Let him have plenty of money to spend as he likes.
- Permit him to choose his companions without restraint or guidance.
- Let him spend Sunday hours on the street or with companions with low ideals as to the Lord's Day.
- Allow him to go out at night as he pleases and return when he gets ready.
- Make no inquiry as to where and with whom he spends his leisure time.
- Teach him to expect pay for all help at home and for all service to others.
- Allow him to think that good manners are a good substitute for good morals.
- Do not trouble to interest him in the Bible or to win him to Christ.
- Let him see that you think church attendance is not important.
- Never let him hear you pray, especially for his salvation.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

Sermon

AM: “Loving God” Pt. 1
Deut. 6:4-9
PM: “Loving God” Pt. 2
Psalm 37

Hispanic Studies:

Class: “Creer”
Sermon: “Consejos para el Ago Nuevo”
Proverbios 3:1-13

Song of the Month: To Be Announced

AM: “Loving God”

1. When God gives us a command, it's always for our _____, and it's often for our _____.
2. Knowing God and loving God is a _____ pursuit.
3. Let it go. _____ Him. _____ Him. Quit trying to fight back, give the battle to the _____. That's the message of Psalm 31.

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Poteau church of Christ

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for January 2017: Rendall Thompson 918-647-6662



Welcome to the Poteau church of Christ!

If this is your first time to worship with us, please know that we are thrilled to share in your journey of faith. We invite you to join in the singing of praises, praying, studying from God's Word; to enjoy the warmth of just being together with fellow seekers. Our prayer is that you will feel the love & grace of God during your worship experience this morning. We are honored to have you as our guest today and look forward to meeting you after our worship service. May God bless you richly and deeply.

DEACONS:

Danny Baker -Worship
Ben Bentley -Missions
Russ Campbell -Fellowship
Joe Harbuck -Building
Don Johnston -Building/Vans
Phillip Kirkes - Youth
Bob Marchant -Benevolence
Brad McMillin -Missions
Tim Olive -Youth & Budget

ELDERS:

Winfred Ashley
Randy Lum
Dick Moore
Rick Parker
Rendall Thompson

MINISTERS:

Donald Cherry -Pulpit
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Or go to www.poteaucoc.org for prayer requests, our audio & video sermons and classes as well as upcoming events.

You will also find online study tools and other information to help you grow stronger in your faith.

We're also 'Live-Streaming' the 9:30 a.m. Bible Class, our 10:20 a.m. Worship Service and the 6:00 p.m. Evening Service.

By The NUMBERS

Week of December 25, 2016

Worship Attendance -AM:	255
Bible Class:	0
Jr/Sr. High School:	0
Auditorium Class (Randy)	0
(25-36 yr olds)	0
Women's Class (Amy)	0
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	0
Prison Class:	0

Everyone was in the auditorium.

Week of December 25, 2016

Contribution	\$4,486.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution-YTD	\$462,081.
Budget -YTD:	\$390,700.
Over/(Under):	\$61,381.
2016 Year ending	

Monthly Events

First Sunday - Cake & Ice Cream for birthdays & anniversaries after evening worship.

First Sunday - Elders, Deacons and Minister's meeting after evening worship service.

First & Third Sunday - Elder's Meeting after worship service.

Second Sunday - Fellowship Dinner March 12th, 2017, will be the first Fellowship Dinner.

Third Sunday - Deacon's Meeting after evening worship service.

Sunday PM - The Ladies of the Church have a prayer meeting in the auditorium after evening service.

Sunday - Ladies' class taught by Amy Johnston will start a new series "The Mind Connection", Positive Self Talk.

Every Sunday - Young Adults Class - Sunday mornings at 9:30, in the gym.

Wednesdays- Mid-Week Manna - @ 5:15 in the MPB

Wednesdays - Women's Outreach Class @ 6:30 p.m. in the MPB.

Second Thursday Game Night - @ 6:00 p.m. in the MPB.

Elders Prayer List

Note: First of the month; many will be removed from the list to keep it current. Submit new cards for requested prayers.

Cancer: Tonya Crittenden, Larry Didway, Wayne Gist, Willie Phillips, Enequina Loopez, Shirley Cherry, John Clark, Jerry Dotson, Arie Luster, Dusti McBeth, Shiela Brown, Sue Horton, Hudson Campbell.

Health: Tim Cauthen (lung infection); Dory Fletcher (blood test results); Macy Bentley (recovery open heart surgery); Georgia Bible (upcoming open heart surgery); Jim Bible (blood clot); Grant Rawls (hip replacement); Harold Master-son (recovery from open heart surgery); Tina Nolan (continued recovery/brain injury); Shane Ginn (heart tests); Jerry Dugan (health/spiritual); Rita Mahoney (tests/serious health issues); Theresa Redwine (tumor continue to shrink); John Ashley Family (health issues); Melba Horton (heart); Shirley Aimen (heart); Steve Odom (recovery from surgery/heart & aneurysm); Mikki Gravely (waiting on results from tests); Sue Carty (Benny's sister, needs liver transplant); Larry Earls (waiting o test results); Katherine Cherry (continued recovery); Eddie & Frank White (health issues); Arnelious Crenshaw (recovery from brain tumor); Our loved ones in the nursing home (comfort, peace health, happiness); Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers (patience, faith).

Miscellaneous: Susan Fenton (life issues/spiritual); Ronnie Broom (come to Jesus); Domonia & family (away with her father in Indiana until March); Catalina Nieves (Manny's Grandmother, spiritual eves to be opened).

Prisoners: Chris Coats, Tanelle Turner, Dwayne Ford, Bill Largen, Roger Walden, Shane Caltio, Dwight Cross (to have peace and God's Will, relatives, prison staff, inmate conditions, kids).

Update List on Our Sick

- Randi Saling had surgery on her spine on Friday at the Children's Hospital in Little Rock, AR.
- Keep Susan and Steve Odom in your prayers, they are in Houston. Steve had heart surgery on December 22, and Susan has pneumonia, she is having to stay in a hotel room.
- Larry Earls had tests run on December 29th, and waiting on results.
- Herman Billy, Larry Earls' landlord is back in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Georgia Bible, Kenneth's sister-n-law, will have by-pass surgery this Friday, January 6th. Her husband Jim Bible has a blood clot in his leg. Keep both of them in your prayers.
- Fran Lindneau, Ann Marchant's friend, is in ICU at Mercy with lung problems. Keep her in your prayers.
- Grant Rawls is having hip replacement.
- Harold Masterson, the friend of Kevin and Linda Lashley, had open heart surgery. He is home starting his 6 month recovery. Keep him in your prayers.

Baby Baskets

There are two baby baskets in the lobby for our new babies:

Harper Chandler, daughter of Loni & Michael Chandler.

Arizona Perry, daughter of Arielle and Bo Perry, due January 16th.

Things to Remember to Do:

- Cake and Ice Cream after evening service, for celebration of birthdays and anniversaries in January.
- Elders, ministers and Deacons meeting this evening after service.
- If you know of anyone needing a coat, please tell them to come and get one.
- Mid-week manna is needing cooks and dessert makers for the month of January, please sign-up today.
- The Ladies of the church meet in the auditorium after Sunday evening services for a prayer meeting. If you have a prayer request, please give to Anne Marchant or Linda Lashley.



Benevolence Report: The food pantry served 21 families and 94 individuals.

The Clothing Room served 4 families.

A New Ministry

"Hearts in Harmony"

Everyone is invited to come and get involved in a ministry of song that will be used on the radio. Starting January 22nd after pm services we will meet in the auditorium and continue to meet once a month on every fourth Sunday after that. This will require very little practice. The only thing required is a heart who loves to praise God.

Youth News

Church Basketball League sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board.

1. **"Winterfest" Youth Conference** at the Arlington Convention Center Arlington, TX . Dates are January 13-15, 2017.

Cost: is \$75.00 dollars for fees, lodging, meals and T-Shirt. You will need to bring at least an additional \$20 for two meals on your own and snacks/souvenirs.

Commit: Please don't wait to commit. It's a big trip and I need everyone to sign up and commit now so I know exactly how many for transportation and lodging.

Chaperones: We definitely need a lot of adult chaperones who want to serve and have a heart for the students.

Out of School! We ask that **all** going to Winterfest get out of school that Friday so we can **meet no later than 10am** Friday morning January 13th at the Poteau Church of Christ building parking lot.

Departure: Friday morning at 10:30AM from the Poteau Church of Christ Parking Lot! **Meet at 10AM!**

Return: Somewhere between 3-6pm on Sunday afternoon/early evening. Please inform your parents/guardians to keep their phones on and to be ready to pick you up at the church building. We will have everyone call when we know better the estimated time we will make it back to the church building that Sunday.

What to bring:

1. Clothes for Friday, Saturday and Sunday (A Winterfest T-Shirt will be provided to each person who attends)
2. All your bathroom "get ready" items. You will NOT need bedding or towels for this trip unless you want to bring your own pillow or if you would rather sleep on the floor.
3. Some extra spending money for snacks and maybe at least two meals on the road. I recommend at least \$20.
4. Modest swim suit. I ask that all with our group wear a colored t-shirt and pair of shorts if you decide to go down to the hot tub.