

From The Ministers Desk

Forget Something?

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." – Romans 1:16

A woman went to the doctor with both ears severely burned.

The doctor said, "In all of my years of practice, I have never seen anything quite like this. How did you burn your ears?"

"Well," she said, "I was ironing and watching television. Suddenly, the telephone rang. I answered the iron instead of the phone and burned my ear.

"That's horrible!" the doctor said. "But how did you burn your other ear?"

"Can you believe it?" she said. "The idiot called back!"

It seems to me that, like this woman, some people in the church today are preoccupied. In many ways, we have lost our focus and have missed what our priorities should be. For one, I think we have lost sight of who our real enemies are. Is it Hollywood? Is it the government? According to the Bible, our enemies are the world, the flesh, and the devil.

I think we also have forgotten the real weapons of our warfare. Are our real weapons boycotts and protesting? No. Primarily, they are prayer and the Word of God.

Lastly, I think we have forgotten what our real message is. Is our primary message that we are against homosexuality or that we are against abortion? No, our **primary** message should not be negative, but positive: It is the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

My fear is that more people know what we as Christians are against than what we are for. **Do they know what we believe? Do they know what we think about Jesus Christ?**

Donald

Sermon Topics:

Sermon

AM: "No Other God"

Proverbs 3:5-6

PM: Shepherd Group meetings

Hispanic Studies:

Class: "Creer"

Sermon:

Song of the Month: "For The Lord is a Righteous God" from the Righteous Lord CD.

AM: "No Other God"

1. "All of our ways" means all our _____ and undertakings.
2. The word "acknowledge" doesn't mean just to "_____" Him by studying about Him, but rather through a _____ relationship with Him.
3. What happens when I do make sure that He is first in my life?
 - A. It changes _____ worry and anxiety patterns in my mind.
 - B. It will make an _____ on the people around me.

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Poteau church of Christ

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

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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:

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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 January 01, 2017

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

Everyone was in the auditorium.

Week of January 01, 2017

Contribution	\$6,835.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution-YTD	\$6,835.
Budget -YTD:	\$7,925.
Over/(Under):	(\$1,090.)

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, John Clark, Jerry Dotson, Arie Luster, Dusti McBeth, Shiela Brown, Sue Horton, Hudson Campbell.

Health: Randi Saling (recover from spine surgery); Donald Cherry (health); Susan and Steve Odom (Susan:pneumonia; Steve: recovery, heart surgery); Grant Ralls (hip replacement); Herman Billy (pneumonia); Fran Lindneau (Lung problems); Brian Wilson (lymphoma); Don Garrett (problems recovering from surgery); Tim Cauthen (lung infection); Macy Bentley (thankful for recovery from surgery); Jim Bible (blood clot in leg); Autumn Orzol (swollen liver; low platelets); Harold Masterson (recovery from open heart surgery); Nancy Bentley (tests); Tina Nolan (continue recovery/brain injury); Robert Martin (Illness); Ouida Moore (back pain); Jerry Dugan (health/spiritual); Rita Mahoney (tests/serious health issues); Theresa Redwine (tumor continue to shrink); John Ashley family (health issues); Marilyn Ashley (tests); Randy Lum (sick/back pain); Chell Cherry (sick); Dory Fletcher (Dr. appt, Wed.); Jose Hernandez (recover from prostate surgery); Sue Carty (needs liver transplant); Eddie & Frank White (health issues). Our loved ones in the nursing home (comfort, peace, health, happiness); Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers (patience, faith).

Bereavement: Wayne Cole family & friends.

Prisoners: Bill Largen, Nick Lewis, Joshua Bidwell, Jeff McCarley, Chad Palmer, Carl Fisher, Michael Hobbs, Bruce Allison (peace and God's will, relatives, prison staff, inmate conditions, kids).

Update List on Our Sick

- Lonnie Renick had a procedure on Friday for a blockage in his leg.
- Lonnie's cousin Chub, has a brain tumor. Keep him in your prayers.
- Harold Masterson, friend of Kevin and Linda Lashley, had open heart surgery. He is home recovering.
- Steve Odom is recovering from his surgery. Continue to pray for his complete recovery.
- Susan Odom is still weak from her battle with pneumonia. Keep Susan in your prayers.

Responses

- Will Dobson: Help will life.
- Linda Murray: Asking for prayers for herself and her grandmother to have a better relationship and to make 2017 a better year.

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.

Things to Remember to Do:

- If you know of anyone needing a coat, please tell them to come and get one.
- The nursery is in need of workers for 2017, please signup on the bulletin board. ASAP.
- The food pantry need workers for the month of February, on Tuesdays for 2 hours. Check the bulletin board to sign up.
- Dick Moore's Shepherds group will have Mid-Week Manna clean up duty this Wednesday.
- 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.
- Contribution letters for income tax are in the office, ready to be picked up.

To Receive messages from the church: Open up a new message screen: Send To: 81010 , text a message: @Poteau.

Winfred's Shepherd Group will be having Taco Soup this Sunday night. Come with a good appetite.

Attention Gardeners: The Garden "Planting" Ministry will be meeting @ 5pm, Sunday 15th, in the auditorium.

Camp Wyldewood

Very important meeting for all our youth, children, families and sponsors!!!!

Assistant Director, Chad Hudelson, from Camp Wyldewood will be here Wednesday night January 25th for a big meeting about Camp Wyldewood this coming summer! Everybody needs to be there so we can prepare now for one of the best weeks and events of the year!!!

Be here Wednesday night January 25th! The meeting starts at 6:30pm and we will meet in the gym like last year. You'll get all the information you need regarding camp! Thank you, Paul

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.