

From The Ministers Desk

The Power of a Good Example

“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.” – Philippians 2:12-13

There was a special bond between Paul and the believers in Philippi. They were in great agony over the fact that Paul was in prison and could not be with them. So Paul was saying, “I don’t want you to lower your guard spiritually, even if I am not around. I don’t want you to go into some kind of spiritual cruise control and not continue to move forward.”

Paul wanted the believers to stand on their own two feet spiritually. How were they to do this? We see the answer in verse 12: “Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

This doesn’t say to work *for* your own salvation. It says to work *out* your own salvation. This phrase, “work out,” means, “to carry it to the goal and fully complete it.” In the original language, the phrase also could be translated to mean working a mine, as in mining for gold.

God wants us to carry on to the goal and fully complete our own salvation. In recognition of what God has done for us, we have to realize that He has placed the mother lode of His grace and forgiveness in our lives. We need to mine it. We need to discover it. We need to appropriate it. We need to carry it to the goal.

That may seem like a tall order. It is. But let’s not forget vs. 13: “For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”

Remember, the calling of God is the enabling of God. If God asks you to do something, then He will give you the power to do it.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

Sermon

AM: “How Do We Glorify God?”
John 13:31-32

PM: “Pride”

Luke 18:11

Hispanic Studies:

Class: Porque vas a la Iglesia

Sermon: El Enfoque en Dios—
Hechos 2:46

Song of the Month: “For The Lord is a Righteous God” from the Righteous

AM: “How Do We Glorify God?”

1. When the Bible uses the Greek word for this kind of love (agape), it’s talking about a _____ and _____ pursuit of another’s well-being.
2. We can’t always control our feelings, but we can control our actions. Jesus distinguishes love from an emotional feeling when He actually _____ us to love—Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you.”
3. Jesus ties our _____ to the action of love.
4. God wants every Christian to become a _____ part of the body of Christ and not just a _____ part.

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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

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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 8, 2017

Worship Attendance -AM:	230
Bible Class:	153
Jr/Sr. High School:	27
Auditorium Class (Randy)	62
(25-36 yr. olds)	7
Women's Class (Amy)	3
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	4
Prison Class:	30

Week of January 8, 2017

Contribution	\$5,382
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925
Contribution-YTD	\$12,217
Budget -YTD:	\$15,850
Over/(Under):	(\$3,633)

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, "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 Lopez, John Clark, Jerry Dotson, Arie Luster, Dustin McBeth, Shiela Brown, Sue Horton, Hudson Campbell.

Health: Randi Saling (recover from spine surgery); 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); Lonnie Renick (Recovery from procedure for blockage in his legs); Harold Masterson (Recovering from open heart surgery); Georgia Bible (Upcoming heart surgery); Tina Nolen (Continue recovery/brain injury); 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); 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); Chub (Brain tumor) Dory Fletcher (health); 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).

Miscellaneous: Ronnie Broom (spiritual)

Prisoners: Bill Lagen, Nick Lewis, Joshua Bidwell, Jeff McCarley, Chad Palmer, Carl Fisher, Michael Hobbs, Bruce Allison (peace and God's will)

Update List on Our Sick

- Jim Estes is recovering from a fractured foot. Keep him in your prayers.
- Rona has tumors on her brain. Keep her in your prayers.
- Larry Garrett's brother, Don, is doing much better. He has been moved to a room and is off the ventilator. Keep him in your prayers.
- 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.
- Carroll Pennington, Amber Russell's great uncle, lost his daughter on Tuesday. Pray for the family during their time of bereavement.
- Juanita Brown, Chell's mother will schedule a date with surgeon for the amputation of her big toe.

Education Announcement

A Great Big Thank You to Bev Thomas, Lori Stearman, Rita Broom, Kevin Lashley, Bailey Olive, Dru Martin, Jamie Olive, and Christy Stanfill for teaching or assisting in the Fall trimester classes, cradle roll thru 6th grade. Also **Thanks** to all the substitutes: Sarah Baker, Joe Schweikhard, Nina Bowen, and Becky Baker. You are all lifesavers. We appreciate all the love and time you put into teaching the children at PCOC.

A New Ministry

"Hearts in Harmony"

Starting January 22nd after pm services, we will meet in the auditorium and continue to meet once a month on every fourth Sunday. The only requirement is a heart that loves to praise God.

Things to Remember to Do:

- The nursery is in need of workers for 2017, please signup on the bulletin board.
- The food pantry need workers for the month of February on Tuesdays for 2 hours. Check the bulletin board for sign up.
- **January Nursery duties:** AM—Sue Taylor Dunn ; Helper—Kiley Stanfill; PM—Sue Williams
- Food Pantry Needs: Peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, corn, and cornbread mix.
- If you have not signed up for the church group text message, please do so. You will receive current and valuable communication concerning church activities in a timely fashion.

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

Attention Gardeners

The Garden "Planting" Ministry will meet @ 5pm, Sunday 15th, in the auditorium.

Randy's Shepherd Group

Randy's Shepherd's group will have a progressive dinner on January 28th, 5:00 PM. We will be going from house to house to meet and eat. It will be a great way to get to know one another. Three different houses in one night. WOW! The sign-up sheet for the group is on the bulletin board. Last day to sign-up is January 25th.

1st home: Shirley & Don Martin

2nd home: Bev & Mike Thomas

3rd home: Amy & Don Johnston

Make sure you sign up, it's going to be FUN!

Any questions call Mia @ 918-647-6656

Youth News

- **Pray for the youth group safe journey back from Winterfest. They should arrive about 4 or 4:30 pm today.**
- Church Basketball League sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board.
- **Camp Wyldewood Meeting** 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!**

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