

# From The Ministers Desk

## If He Wills

“You ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.” – James 4:15

The Book of Acts tells the story of Philip and how the Lord was blessing him in Samaria as he preached the gospel. Everything was going well. People were coming to faith. Miracles were taking place.

Then God told him to go to the desert. And not only did God tell him to go to the desert, but He told him to go to Gaza, to a desolate road that was rarely used. And not only did He tell him to go to this rarely used road, but He told him to go at the hottest time of the day. Essentially God said, “Go out to the middle of the desert to a deserted road in the middle of the afternoon, and I will show you what to do next.”

Sometimes the will of God doesn't make sense. We may plan to do a certain thing, but God may intervene. He might have another plan. The idea is that we should remember God in our plans, and we should remember He may change our plans.

Often in his writings, the apostle Paul would refer to the will of God for his life. He told the believers at Ephesus he would return to them for renewed ministry if God willed. And he wrote to the Corinthians that he planned to visit them if the Lord willed. That is important for us to factor into our plans as well. We always should remember, “If the Lord wills.”

Sometimes the Lord will lead us to a different place than where we would like to go. But what we must come to recognize is that the will of God is perfect, and we should never be afraid of it. Sometimes the Lord will lead us to a different place than where we would like to go.

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### Sermon Topics:

#### Sermon

AM: “Confront, Control, and Conquer the Enemy”, Joshua 10:8-13

PM: “The Exorcist”

Mark 1:21-28

#### Hispanic Studies:

Class: “Creer”

Mateo 5-7

Sermon: “Vo Voya Dar Generosamente” Mateo 6:21

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

### **AM: “Confront, Control, and Conquer the Enemy”**

- There are three important factors in overcoming Satan's decisions for our lives:

1. We have to \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.
2. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.
3. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy.

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# Poteau church of Christ

## Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for February 2017: Winfred Ashley 918-776-4034



## 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  
J.J. Espinoza –Hispanic  
Paul Fletcher –Youth  
Robert Martin –Prison  
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Or go to [www.poteaucoc.org](http://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 22, 2017

Worship Attendance -AM:	0
Bible Class:	145
Jr/Sr. High School:	26
Auditorium Class (Randy (25-36 yr. olds)	76
Women's Class (Amy)	4
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	0
Prison Class:	6
	30

Week of January 22, 2017

Contribution	\$6,593.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution-YTD	\$25,844.
Budget -YTD:	\$31,700.
Over/(Under):	(\$5,856.)

## 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.

**Fourth Sunday - "Hearts in Harmony"** come and sing, come with a heart that loves to praise God.

## 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:** John Beasley (upcoming surgery); Pat Couri (possible stroke); Ruth Ann Davidson (Philip Kirkes' grandmother, Hospice Care); Kane (15 yr. old, enlarge heart); Liz Hooper (heart problems); 4 mo. old baby (Janice, cancer in eye); Angel Morrison (Becky B. friend, blood clot in jugular); Rick Parker (upcoming procedure); Sue Taylor Dunn (recovery from surgery); Tara Kilgore (Benny Bentley's niece, broken rib, seizures); Beau Olive (atv accident/broke bone in back/pain; Bennye (back pain); Hudson Campbell (4 yr old, recovery from surgery); Barbara Wells (Stephanie's friend, health issues); Stephanie Robertson (drs find & heal throat problem); Our loved ones in the nursing homes. Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

**Miscellaneous:** Tara Carson McGee (prayers for family); Ronnie Broom (spiritual); Kayle Martin (spiritual help with life issues); Todd R. (find work soon); Bradley (put God first); Nessa (Todd & Steph; make good choices); Jordan Green (Faylin's nephew, Army, going to Kuwait).

**Prisoners:** Bill Largen, Apollo Johnson, Dwight Ross, Bobby Davoult, Carl Fisher, Bruce Allison, Detrick Green, Damon Burrs, Joey Wolfe, Amben Ocampo, Daniel Grimm, David Weaver, Tanelle Turner, Detrick Green, Truman Petty, Sean Hawks, Clenton McDaniel, Russell Negele, John Michael, Jeff McCarley, Tommy Jay, Shane Calico, Daniel Inman, Cody Everett, Curtis Rogers, Dwayne Ford.

## Update List on Our Sick

- Cameron Sullard was taken to ER on Thursday night with breathing problems, he is home with steroid prescription and breathing treatments.
- Nicki Sullard has the flu.
- Tony Nixon has the flu.
- Kix Fenton has an ear infection.
- T.K. Gamble was admitted to a Muskogee hospital. Keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.
- Sue Williams broke her hand, will have cast put on Monday.
- Kaylin McCormick is in a Tulsa hospital with blood clots. They have put her on life support.
- Rona (Regina's niece) is doing a new procedure which is working with her cancer.
- Lonnie's cousin, Chub has a brain tumor; and Chub's mother Jerita Minyard is in the Maryette hospital.
- Carl Lockhart is having issues with his kidneys.
- Shiloh Fletcher is recovering from the flu.
- Ouida Moore is home from knee replacement rehab and doing good.
- Stephanie Robertson is having trouble with her back and is in a lot of pain.
- Frank White is recovering from a broken hip and is in Vianna Hills Rehab and Nursing Home.
- Dori Fletcher will have a consultation with the surgeon on February 21st.
- Ruth Ann Davidson, Phillip Kirkes grandmother is in hospice care.
- Wayne Gist has been put in hospice care.
- Keep Dub Rose's family in your prayers during their time of bereavement.
- Keep Margaret Gamble's family in your prayers during their time of bereavement.
- Vicki Locke had a stroke from a tumor in her brain, upcoming surgery. Keep her in your prayers.

## Things to Remember to Do:

- Elders, Deacons and Ministers meeting after evening worship.
- Cake and Ice cream for anniversaries and birthdays for the month of February, will be served in the MPB.
- Game night is Thursday, February 9, in the MPB at 6 pm. Bring finger foods.
- The nursery is in need of workers for 2017, please signup on the bulletin board.
- **February Nursery duties:** AM—Bennye Thompson; Helpers: 5th - Ashley Cauthen; 12th - Kinsey Adams; 19th - Dakota Lashley; 26th - Linda Lashley.
- **February Food Pantry volunteers:** Tuesday - Faylin LaSalle & Natalie Carson; Wednesday - Laveda Turpen and Nora Fay Lum.
- Food Pantry is very low this month, here are a few things we need: cornbread mix, green beans, tuna, and canned chicken.
- If you have not signed up for the church group text message, please do so in order to receive messages concerning church activities and alerts: Open up a new message screen on your cell phone: Send To: 81010, text the message: @Poteau.

Rendall's Shepherd group is asked to bring Heart shaped cookies for their Feb. 12th Shepherd group meeting. Also your favorite advice for a happy marriage or relationship. These will be read during the meeting.

## YOUTH NEWS

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

### Camp Wyldewood Registration

The Dates: Poteau Church of Christ will attend Session #1 at Camp Wyldewood June 4-10. We will leave that Sunday June 4th after church and return Saturday June 10th.

Register: Now you need to go to [campwyldewood.org](http://campwyldewood.org)

Go to the upper right hand corner and select the menu bars. Select "Summer Camp" and then select "Camper Application." The select "here."

Then you must enter the correct username and password in order to register to attend Camp Wyldewood with the Poteau Church of Christ.

Username: [pbfletcher@msn.com](mailto:pbfletcher@msn.com)

Password: Poteau

If you attended in previous years you simply need to select your name and then select "reservations" and then select "make a reservation" for this coming summer.

Complete everything they ask you for and then submit.

The Cost: is \$120.00. You can mail a check to Camp Wyldewood or pay online through their website.

Please register as early as possible so we can know how many are going this summer.

Volunteers: Parents and youth workers are encouraged to attend as volunteers. You will need to register also. More info. on that to come. There is no cost for volunteers. Background checks are required for all staff and volunteers at Camp Wyldewood.

- The Winterfest T-shirts have arrived for all those who attended and didn't get your t-shirt there at Winterfest. You will need to see Paul to give him your correct size and get your t-shirt