

# From The Ministers Desk

## Marriage and Family

“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” – Hebrews 13:4

It is time we stop letting culture dictate what the Bible teaches. Either we’re going to accept that the Bible is the source of truth on marriage, family, and every other topic, or we’re not.

You can’t pick and choose what parts of the Bible you agree with, or what fits with current culture. If you follow cultural clues, your marriage may be doomed. Instead, you have to come back to the Word of God, and develop a biblical worldview – see things through a scriptural lens.

And to have a successful marriage, you must be filled with the Holy Spirit. We have the power given to us from God to do what He has called us to do. Ephesians 5:18-19 says, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms, and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” In the Greek, it is implied that it’s done over and over again. In other words, be constantly filled with the Holy Spirit – again and again. When you get up every morning you might say, Lord, fill me with the Holy Spirit. Help me to be the husband, the wife, the parent you have called me to be.”

I will be honest with you. There is no way that I can do what the Bible tells me to do without the power of the Holy Spirit. There is no way a husband can love his wife as Christ loves the church without the power of the Spirit. And there is no way a wife can submit to the leadership of her husband without the power of the Spirit. We need this power. Keep asking for this power. And remember, the only authoritative source on any topic is the Word of God.

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### Sermon Topics:

#### Sermon

AM: “Marriage Breakdown”

Hebrews 13:4

PM: Shepherd Group Meetings

2 Tim. 3:1-4

#### Hispanic Studies:

Class & Sermon: “Rey de Reyes Y Senor de Senores”

El Libro de Apocalipsis

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

### AM: Marriage Breakdown Notes:

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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 February 5, 2017

Worship Attendance -AM:	207
Bible Class:	126
Jr/Sr. High School:	21
Auditorium Class (Randy) (25-36 yr. olds)	66
Women's Class (Amy)	4
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	5
Prison Class:	4
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Week of February 5, 2017

Contribution	\$6,429.
Budget –Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution–YTD	\$32,275.
Budget –YTD:	\$39,625.
Over/(Under):	(\$7,360.)

**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 (hospice care); Willie Phillips, Enedina 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 (blood pressure); 4 mo.old baby (Janice, cancer in eye); Angel Morrison (Becky B. friend, blood clot in jugular); Rick Parker (upcoming procedures); Sue Taylor Dunn (recovery from surgery); Tara Kilgore (Benny Bentley's niece, broken rib, seizures); Sue Carty (Benny's sister); Hudson Campbell (4 yr old, recovery from surgery); Barbara Wells (Stephanie's friend, health issues); Stephanie Robertson (drs find & heal throat problem); Juanita Brown (Chell's mother); Our loved ones in the nursing homes. Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

**Miscellaneous:** Adonia (court, job, family); Victor and Martin Glenn (Roy & Judy's grandson); 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 grandson-n-law, Army, going to Kuwait).

**Prisoners:** Bill Largen, Apollo Johnson, Dwight Ross, Bobby Davoult, Carl Fisher, Bruce Allison, Detrick Green, Damon Burrs, Joey Wolfe, Am-ben 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, Barry Burt, Roger Walden, David Weaver, .

**Thankful:** Ouida Moore (successful surgery); Cameron Sullard (health).

**Update List on Our Sick**

- T.K. Gamble is home , prayers are needed for her to overcome her addiction and depression.
- Sue Williams broke her hand, will have a soft cast for the next 4 weeks.
- Linda Henson had surgery on Tuesday for a stomach infection at Mercy. Pray for her speedy recovery.
- Milissa Killgo is having blood pressure problems, keep her in your prayers. She has a friend that is sick, who is in need of prayers.
- Kaylin McCormick is in a Tulsa hospital with blood clots. They have put her on life support.
- Malita Tracy's cancer has returned. Keep her in your prayers.
- 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.
- Ouida Moore is home from knee replacement rehab and doing good.
- Winfred Ashley is having some health issues, please keep him in your prayers.
- Frank White has blood clots in legs and lungs. He is at Vienna Hills Nursing Home.
- Dori Fletcher will have a consultation with the surgeon on February 21st.
- Vicki Locke had a stroke from a tumor in her brain, upcoming surgery. Keep her in your prayers.
- Becky Baker's cousin's son, Chase Brooks had an emergency appendectomy Friday, please pray for a speedy recovery.
- Ruth Patterson recovering from a stroke.
- Keep Adonia in your prayers concerning her legal issues. Pray she will be able to go back to work soon.

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**Things to Remember to Do:**

- Fishers of Men will meet February 14th at 6 pm. Bring lesson #3.
- Chili Cook Off will be this next Saturday, February 18th, in the MPB, between 2pm to 8pm. Bring your best recipe and enjoy the fellowship.
- Poteau Church of Christ will be singing at the Oaks Healthcare Center on the following dates: **February 19th**, May 28th, Sept. 3rd. And December 10. Please mark your calendar. It is posted 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, corn, tuna, and canned chicken.
- Sallisaw Church of Christ will have a Singing Workshop and Congregational singing, March 4th & 5th, led by Tim Lowry. More information on the bulletin board.
- The Office would like to thank all the volunteers that work in the food pantry for all their hard work. The Food Pantry passed inspection with flying colors.

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

**Continued Sick List:**

- Caleb Fletcher has the flu.
- Gabe Sullard has the flu.
- Sherry Hamby is under the weather.
- Viola Hooper's nephew's wife, Kaylin has been put on a respirator.
- Maverick received a great report. He is NED. (No Evidence of Disease).
- Marilyn Hughes is asking prayers for the following: Anita Morrison's sister, Pam, her daughter had neck surgery. Keith Free's son's pituitary gland has collapsed.

**YOUTH NEWS**

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

**Camp Wyldewood Registration**

Update on Camp Wyldewood Sign-Up: Sign up for Camp Wyldewood by signing your name on the sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board. Do NOT worry about signing up online. Originally signing up online was the plan but Chad Hudelson, the assistant director, contacted me and said it would be better if we just created a list and then fill out the medical forms separately and mail them in.

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: By signing up on the bulletin board.

The Cost: is \$120.00. You can mail a check to Camp Wyldewood. Deadline to pay is Sunday April 30th.

Please sign up and 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.

**Randy Lum's Shepherding group will meet in the foyer of the main building for their meeting. Please bring your favorite baked potatoe toppings and desserts. The baked potatoes will be furnished.**

**Thank You Card**

**What a great thing to be part of this family. Thanks so much for all the visits, food and all the prayers that have gone up on my behalf. Dick is making an amazing care giver. I love you all. Ouida Moore**

**Reponses'**

- Rick Griffin asking for prayers and strength to control and conquer his anger.
- Charlie Coleman asked for forgiveness due to his anger. Asking for prayers and strength to overcome.