

From The Ministers Desk

Jesus Knows

“And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.” – Matthew 26:37

Have you ever been extremely lonely? Have you ever had your friends abandon you? Have you ever been misunderstood? If so, then you have a faint idea of what Jesus went through as He agonized in the Garden of Gethsemane.

It has been said that what you don't know won't hurt you. I think there is some truth to that statement. If I had the opportunity to know my entire future from this day forward, I think would rather not know.

But Jesus, being God, knew everything about His future, down to the finest detail. And He knew He was going to go to a Roman cross to be crucified. He knew that He would be humiliated. He would be beaten. He would go through a horrendous whipping. He knew the great anguish that was ahead.

The Bible says that Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. In the Garden of Gethsemane, we see the great sorrow and grief Jesus went through as He faced death. I don't think we can even begin to grasp the anguish that Jesus was experiencing at that moment.

We need to remember that, as Hebrews 4:15 says, “We do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

In other words, you are not alone. God knows what you are going through. You don't have a High Priest, speaking of Jesus, who has not faced the challenges you face. The next time you are facing difficulty, the next time you are facing hardship, the next time you feel misunderstood and abandoned, you can know that Jesus has been through it. You have someone who understands you, sympathizes with you, and is there to strengthen you.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

Sermon

AM: “The Helmet of Salvation”
Ephesians 6:17

PM: Paul Fletcher

Hispanic Studies:

Class: “El Libro de”

Daniel

Sermon: “Stand Out”

Daniel 1:8, 18-21, 2:
46-48

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

The Helmet of Salvation

1. **Justification** is the removal of the _____ of sin along with a declaration of legal righteousness.
2. **Sanctification** is the removal of the _____ of sin.
3. **Glorification** is the removal of the _____ of sin.
4. **Salvation** is by _____, through _____ and for good _____.

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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 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 12, 2017

Worship Attendance -AM:	218
Bible Class:	140
Jr/Sr. High School:	22
Auditorium Class (Randy)	77
(25-36 yr. olds)	5
Women's Class (Amy)	3
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	1
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	27

Week of February 12, 2017

Contribution	\$6,203.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution-YTD	\$38,478.
Budget -YTD:	\$47,550.
Over/(Under):	(\$9,702.)

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

Health: Janey Johnston (Martha Bell (biopsy); Bill Reese (health); Mary Tipton (health); Bill Mahor ((very ill); Linda Lockhart (stint, heart problems); Ruth Morgan (failing health); Bob Allgeryer (failing health); Keith Free's son (pituitary Gland Collapsed); Anita Morrison's sister, Pam (neck surgery); Sherry Hamby (flu); Caleb Fletcher and Gabe Sullard (flu); Linda Henson (recovery, stomach surgery); Milissa Kilgo (blood pressure); Kaylin McCormick (Viola's daughter-n-law, blood clots; on life support); 4 month old baby (cancer in eye); Angel Morrison (blood clot in jugular); Rick Parker (upcoming procedures); Carl Lockhart (kidney issues); Stephanie Robinson (back pain); Vicki Locke (stroke, upcoming surgery); Kaylin McCormick (hospitalized in Tulsa, blood clots, life support); Malita Tracy (cancer has returned); Chase Brooks, Becky's cousin (recover from emergency appendectomy); Ruth Patterson (recovering from stroke); Rona (brain tumor, new procedure working); Juanita Brown, Chell's mom (in hospital, low blood count); Tina Nola (continue recovery/brain injury); Chub, Lonnie's cousin (brain tumor); Dory Fletcher (health, consultation 2/21); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant); Eddie & Frank White (health issues); Our loved ones in the nursing home and our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Miscellaneous: T.K. (overcome addiction & depression); Adonia (legal issues, return to work); Jamie Baker and Baker family (marriage/overcome addiction & depression);

Prisoners: Lee Minyard, Curtis Rogers, Damone B., Tanelle Turner, Sean Hawks, David Weaver, Daniel Grimm, Truman Perry, Tommy Jay, Shane Calive, Dwayne Ford, Barry Burt, Daniel Inman, Joey Wolfe, Carl Fisher, Colby Lusk, Jeff McCawley, Bobby Davouh, Bill Largen, Dominic Cook.

Thankful: Ouida Moore (for prayers, visits, food); Maverick (no evidence of disease).

Update List on Our Sick

- Linda Henson had surgery on Tuesday for a stomach infection at Mercy. Pray for her speedy recovery.
- Mary Tipton has breast cancer.
- Laveda Turpin has the flu.
- Regina & Jerry both have the flu.
- Mary Layman is in Hospice care.
- Bill Maynor is in Hospice care.
- Phil Reece needing prayers.
- Mannix broke his collar bone. Will be seeing an orthopedic doctor on Tuesday.
- Carl Lockhart is having issues with his kidneys.
- Ouida Moore is home from knee replacement rehab and doing good.
- Winfred Ashley will start his treatments the 8th of March for 6 weeks, 5 days a week. Prayers for Winfred and Marilyn.
- A friend of the Fenton's, Will, a 6th grader, will have both knees operated on.
- Frank White has blood clots in legs and lungs. He is at Vienna Hills Nursing Home.
- Vicki Locke had a stroke from a tumor in her brain, had surgery on Friday. Keep her in your prayers.
- Ruth Patterson recovering from a stroke.
- Chell's mother, Juanite Brown, is in the hospital with low blood count. It was a 7 and should have been a 12.
- Ronald Cherry, Don's brother, is in the hospital with low blood count.
- 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).
- Loretta Sisco's daughter, Lee-Ann, has a blood disorder, MPD. A mutation of the bone marrow. The blood is making too many platelets. This is in Stage 3. Treatments will start soon

Things to Remember to Do:

- Fellowship dinner will be March 12, after morning worship in the MPB building. Mark your calendars.
- February Nursery duties:** 19th - Dakota Lashley; 26th - Linda Lashley.
- February Food Pantry volunteers:** Tuesday - Faylin LaSalle & Natalie Carson; Wednesday - Laveda Turpen and Nora Fay Lum.
- Food Pantry items needed: 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.

Your Invited

A wedding shower for Kiara Cherry and Logan Stinson, March 5th, in the MPB at 2pm. They are registered at Dillard's, Wal-Mart and Target.

Responses:

- Will Dobson asking for prayers for his sister.
- Jerry Lewis is having problems at work, asking for strength.

The Helmet of Salvation



And take the helmet of salvation ~ Ephesians 6:17

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.

Kiara Paige Cherry

And

Logan Ray Stinson

Request your presence at their marriage

Saturday, March 25th, 2017

At Twelve O'Clock in the Afternoon

Westside Church of Christ

2434 W. Okmulgee St., Muskogee, Ok 74401

Reception to follow at the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame

401 S. 3rd St., Muskogee, Ok 74401

RSVP by March 1st.