

From The Ministers Desk

The Big Issue Is Eternity

“For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God” Acts 20:27

How hard it must be for a doctor to tell a family who is anxiously awaiting news on the condition of a loved one, “I’m sorry. He didn’t make it.” How hard it must be to say to someone who just had a medical test, “I’m sorry, but you have cancer.” Yet a doctor must tell the truth.

In the same way, it is hard at times to deliver the whole message of the gospel. The apostle Paul said he had failed to declare the whole counsel of God. When we share the gospel, we like to say things like, “God loves you. He will give you peace, joy, forgiveness, and the hope of Heaven if you will surrender your life to Jesus Christ.” But we avoid using the words Hell or judgment because we’re afraid people will get offended.

However, the word *gospel* means “good news.” And before I can fully appreciate the good news, I need to fully know the bad news. Jesus did not come to this earth to be an additive in our lives. Jesus did not come just to give us warm, fuzzy emotional feelings. He primarily came to deliver us from an eternal judgment in Hell, and things like happiness, peace, and joy are fringe benefits. The big issue is eternity. We must not be afraid to tell people the truth – the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help us God.

We have a message to share, and it isn’t always an easy one. God loves humanity. He is ready to forgive humanity. But if people reject His loving offer, then they seal their own fate and secure their judgment. And if we’re going to be faithful to declare the whole counsel of God, then we must tell people that.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

Sermon: “Look What God Has Done For Us” Series

AM: “The Seed Promise: The Blessing” Pt. 2
Galatians 3:16

PM: “Wonderful Counselor”
Hebrews 4:14-16

Hispanic Studies:

Class: “El Libro de “
Daniel

Sermon: “El Liamado”
Romanos 8:30

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

AM: The Seed Promise: The Blessing

1. Jesus Christ is the _____ of everything the _____ looked at.
2. The entire Old Testament was about God protecting His _____ so that you and I can get a blessing.
3. The Word “_____” is a legal term that means “to put one in a state of _____”, even though they are guilty.
4. The seed is _____ and the blessing is _____.
5. The law comes with a _____ but God satisfied law and was just in giving us _____.

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Poteau church of Christ

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for March 2017: Rick Parker 918-839-1593



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
Philip 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
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Paul Fletcher –Youth
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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 26, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	256
Bible Class:	157
Jr/Sr. High School:	19
Auditorium Class (Randy)	16
25-36 yr. olds	4
Women's Class (Amy)	16
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	4
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	30

Week of February 26, 2017

Contribution	\$7,393.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution-YTD	\$53,046.
Budget -YTD:	\$63,400 .
Over/(Under):	(\$10,354.)

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 will be the first Fellowship Dinner.

Third Sunday - Deacon's Meeting after evening worship service.

Sunday PM - The ladies will have a prayer meeting in the auditorium after evening service.

Sunday - Women's Outreach Class @ 9:30 am. taught by Marilyn Ashley in the MPB.

Sunday - Young Adults Class - Sunday mornings at 9:30, in the gym.

Wednesdays- Mid-Week Manna - @ 5:15 in the MPB

Wednesday @ 6:30 - Ladies' class taught by Amy Johnston, in the GAB. "The Mind Connection", Positive Self Talk.

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.

Health: LeeAnn Starts, Loretta's daughter (blood disorder); Pam, Marilyn Hughes friend, daughter had neck surgery; Keith Free's (pituitary Gland Collapsed); Bob Allgeryer (failing health); Ruth Morgan (failing health); Mike Ferguson (Sparks, multiple health issues); Bill Mahor (Very Ill); Alford Whorton (upcoming surgery); Bill Reese (health); Jamie Johnston (biopsy); Mannix (collar bone healing); Linda Henson (recovery from stomach surgery); Larry Erhis family (very sick); Will, friend of Fentons (knee surgery, growth issues); Evenly Davies and her boys (hospitalized); 4 month old baby (cancer in eye); Angel Morrison (blood clot in jugular); Ronald Cherry, Don brother (diagnosed with lung cancer); Carl Lockhart (kidney issues); Stephanie Roberson (back pain); Trease Redwine (brain tumor); Karen Simpson (blood disease); Barbara (stroke & seizures); Vicki Locke (recovery from successful surgery); Winfred and Marilyn Ashley family (Winfred undergoing radiation, brain tumor); Chase Brooks (recovering from appendectomy); Ruth Patterson (recovering from stroke); Rona (recovering pneumonia/infection); Juanita Brown (health/low blood count); Tina Nolan (recovery/brain injury); Chub (brain tumor); Jerita Minyard (hospitalized); Dory (health); Sue Carty (needs liver transplant); Eddie & Frank White (health); Our loved ones in the nursing home, Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Cancer: Larry Didway, Wayne Gist (hospice care), Enedina Lopez, John Clark, Jerry Dotson, Hudson Campbell, Arie Luster, Dusti McBeth, Sue Horton, Savannah Knight, I.D. Gist, Jerry & Shirley Holter, Malita Tracy, Mary Tipton.

Health: Miscellaneous: Jamie Baker and Baker family (marriage/overcome addiction & depression); Victor Glenn (struggles in school and relations with father); RJ Davis (serving in Iraq); Kiara Cherry (upcoming wedding).

Prisoners: Lee Minyard, Curtis Rogers, Damone Burse, Tanelle Turner, Daniel Grimm, Shane Calico, Dwayne Ford, Joey Wolfe, Carl Fisher, Colby Lusk, Bobby Davoult, Michael Manning, Sammy Brake Jr, Dwight Cross, Brandon Hartfoud; Truman Petty, Tommy Jay, Bill Reed, Detrick Green.

Update List on Our Sick

- Winfred Ashley will start his treatments on March 8th for 6 weeks, 5 days a week. Prayers for Winfred and Marilyn.
- Ronald Cherry was diagnosed with lung cancer. He had a biopsy and is waiting on results. Please pray for his health.
- Mike Ferguson, former neighbor of Ann and Bob Marchant, is in ICU at Sparks, with multiple problems. He had part of his foot removed.
- Philip Kirkes seeking praying for the healing of his wrist.
- James Morales, Dory's cousin has been missing for a couple of weeks, praying for a safe return.
- Pray for the Carson family as they go thru their personal struggles.
- Pray for the Stripling family during their time of bereavement.
- Larry Earls will see a doctor about his eyes and ankle in Tulsa on March 8th, then on March 20th he will see a eye doctor in Fayetteville.
- John Beasley will have bladder surgery March 8th in Ft Smith.
- Corbin Merklings 2 yr. old needs a heart transplant.
- Mabel McKinney, Rita's niece's grandmother, is going into hospice care.
- Richard Haynes will have a heart procedure next week. He is the Supt. of the Spiro Public School.
- Pray for Lonnie Brooks family during their time of bereavement.

Things to Remember to Do:

- Potluck (meat and potatoes) Fellowship dinner will be March 12th, after morning worship in the MPB building. Encouraging all to stay and fellowship.
- Elders, Deacons and Ministers meeting after evening worship.
- Cake and Ice Cream will be served after evening worship to celebrate anniversaries and birthdays for the month of March.
- There will be a wedding shower for Kiara Cherry and Logan Stinson at 2pm in the MPB.
- **Midweek Manna ministry cooks for March 8th: Stephanie and Todd. Clean up duty: Rendall's group.**
- Food Pantry items needed: instant mashed potatoes and large spaghetti sauce.
- 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.
- **Nursery workers for March:**
AM: Christy Stanfill
Helper: Jamie Olive
PM: Shirley Martin
- **Attention van drivers:** please log mileage when you drive the vans. Be sure and turn in all gas receipts to Sue in the office.

Daniel Stripling passed away on March 1, in Ft. Smith. His funeral service will be Monday, March 6th, at 4 pm at the Poteau Church of Christ. Visitation will be Sunday, March 5th at the Dowden/Roberts Funeral Home in Heavener from

Response

Judy Robertson asking for her faith to be strengthened and for prayers for her family.

YOUTH NEWS

1. This afternoon the Poteau Church of Christ Youth Group will go to Henryetta Church of Christ for an area wide youth event. They will be leaving by 3 pm. They will have activities for the youth that afternoon and a worship assembly that evening. We will be back at the PCC building at 8:30pm so make arrangements to have a ride at that time.
2. 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.

Thank You

I want to thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for your support this past summer. Through your financial partnership and prayers, my team and I were able to share the gospel in Zambia and South Africa from huts in the middle of nowhere, to schools in George, South Africa.

Ryan Johnston