

# From The Ministers Desk

## “Think Heaven”

“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.” – Colossians 3:2

You may have heard the expression. “Don’t be so heavenly minded that you’re of no earthly good.” However, I know a lot of people who are so earthly minded, they’re of no heavenly good. The fact is, we need to be heavenly minded.

Those who think the most about the next life do the most in this one. To be heavenly minded doesn’t mean being disconnected with reality. It’s simply recognizing that life on earth has a beginning, a middle, and an end.

The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Colosse, “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2).

The phrase “set your mind” speaks of a diligent act of single-minded investigation. A simple way to translate it is, “Think about Heaven,” or more simply, “Think Heaven.” I like that. The verb is in the present tense, which means, “Keep thinking about and keep seeking Heaven.” Our feet must be on the earth, but our minds should be in Heaven. Yet many of us will go through a day, sometimes a week, and perhaps even a month, without a single thought about Heaven.

We don’t know when this life will end. We recognize there is an afterlife. There is future reward for Christians and a future judgment for those who do not believe. That affects us in the way we live now. If you really believe there is a future judgment, you’re not going to do whatever you want. It will motivate you to do good things and godly things if you believe there are future rewards. Thinking about Heaven should affect us in the way we live today.

Donald

### Sermon Topics:

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

### Sermon:

AM: “I Will Make a New Covenant” - Pt. 1  
Jeremiah 31:31-34

PM: Shepherd Group Meetings

### Hispanic Studies:

Class:  
Sermon:

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

AM: “I Will Make a New Covenant”

1. The word “\_\_\_\_\_” means “an agreement between two parties.”
2. An unilateral covenant means that God blesses and God fulfills a promise \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A bilateral covenant means that the covenant is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What \_\_\_\_\_ was in the Old Testament is what the \_\_\_\_\_ is in the New Testament.
5. When you get in covenant with God you become \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, a kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_, and a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The word “\_\_\_\_\_” literally means a “race”.

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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  
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 March 5, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	270
Bible Class:	138
Jr/Sr. High School:	16
Auditorium Class (Randy)	73
25-36 yr. olds	7
Women's Class (Amy)	15
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	4
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	30

Week of March 5, 2017

Contribution	\$7,215.
Budget –Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution–YTD	\$60,261.
Budget –YTD:	\$71,325.
Over/(Under):	(\$11,064.)

**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); Nathan Jump (depression); Jean Shelton (health); Pat Cox, Arielle's grandmother (stroke); Jerry Lewis (Gout); Richard Haynes (heart procedure, recovery); Philip Kirkes (healing of wrist); Larry Earls (3/8 ankle; 3/20 eyes); John Beasley (gall bladder surgery, 3/8); Bob Allgeyer (failing health); Ruth Morgan (failing health); Mike Ferguson (Sparks/multiple health issues); Corbin Merklng family (2-year old needs heart transplant); Ronald Cherry, Don's twin (diagnosed with lung cancer); Carl Lockhart, Linda's husband (kidney issues); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Winfred & Marilyn Ashley & Ashley family (Winfred will undergo radiation, brain tumor); Dory (health); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant; Eddie & Frank White (Health, rehab, nursing home); Mabel McKinney, Rita (hospice care). Our loved ones in the nursing home (comfort, peace, health, happiness);

**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, Tonya Crittenden, LeeAnn Starts.

**Miscellaneous:** Bo Perry (strength while Arielle is away), Carlos Carson Family (personal struggles); James Morales, Dory's cousin (missing for 2 weeks, pray for safe return); Adonia (Legal issues, return to work); Jeremy Baker & Baker family (marriage/overcome addiction & depression); RJ Davis (serving in Iraq); Kiara & Logan (upcoming wedding).

**Prisoners:** Lee Minyard, Curtis Rogers, Tanelle Turner, Carl Fisher, Tommy Jay, Mike Hobbs, Robin Hartsfield, Berry Burt, Sean Hawks, Jeff McCarley, Detrick Green.

**Thankful:** Angel Morrison, blood clot in jugular is gone. Thankful for prayers.

**Bereavement:** Daniel Striping's Family; Lonnie Brooks' Family; Danny Armstrong's Family; Mary Layman's Family; Keith & Kim Daniels (Keith's mother passed).

**Update List on Our Sick**

- Winfred Ashley has started his treatments which will last for 6 weeks, 5 days a week. Prayers for Winfred and Marilyn.
- John Beasley had bladder surgery March 8th in Ft Smith. He is home recovering.
- Keith Daniel's mother, Jean Daniels' funeral was Wednesday @ 2 pm at Evans Miller Funeral Home.
- Gina Rogers's dad had a heart procedure on March 10th. Pray for a successful procedure and speedy recovery.
- Rona, Regina's niece, is being transferred to a Little Rock hospital after another tumor was found in her head.
- Jerry Lewis has been in the hospital with Gout, he is now home recovering.
- Frank White is still in rehab, and Eddie has been admitted to Pocola Health and Rehab. Keep them in your prayers for comfort and peace.
- Linda Henson's daughter, Denise Holland has cancer on her nose, will have surgery soon. Keep her in your prayers.
- Kendall Loman's grandmother, Christine Smith, 98, is in EOMC with kidney failure.

**Things to Remember to Do:**

- **Potluck Fellowship dinner is today following morning worship. Please plan to stay and enjoy the fellowship.**
- **Midweek Manna ministry cooks for March 15th: W.O.C.**  
**Cleanup: Randy Lum's group**
- Food Pantry items needed: instant mashed potatoes and large spaghetti sauce.
- **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.

**Ladies Day 2017**

Saturday, September 8th.

Registration @ 9 am

Lunch at 12 pm

There will be a fashion Show again this year during lunch. Parents that would like for their children to be in the fashion show, please sign up on the bulletin board. You can contact Nina Bowen or Heather Garner if you have any question.

If you are planned on attending please sign up on the bulletin board.

YOUTH NEWS

1. Parents/Grandparents of graduating high school seniors please submit a total of 20 pictures on a CD or flash drive to Paul by Sunday April 2nd. These will be used for our "High School Graduate Senior Sunday."
  2. Guatemala 2017: Mandatory meeting for Guatemala Mission team March 26th at 5pm in the elders conference room.
  3. 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 wedding on Saturday, March 25th at 12 o'clock noon at the Westside Church of Christ 2434 W. Okmulgee St., Muskogee, Ok Reception to follow at the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame 401 S. 3rd St., Muskogee, Ok 74401