

From The Ministers Desk

God's Plan from the Beginning

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." – Ephesians 1:3-4

Some think the crucifixion of Jesus was a rude interruption of what appeared to be the ministry of a great humanitarian and moral teacher. But the Bible tells us something different: the cross was the goal of Jesus from the very beginning.

The wise men brought Him unusual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They brought Him gold because He was to be a king, frankincense because He would stand as a high priest between us and the Father, and myrrh, an embalming element, because He would go to the cross.

Even before His birth in Bethlehem, a decision was made in heaven that God would have to come to this earth and take drastic measures because of the dilemma humanity had gotten themselves into in the Garden of Eden. The decision was made that Jesus would come to earth and go to a cross. Revelation 13:8 says He is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

And in gripping Old Testament account of Abraham and his beloved son, Isaac, we have a classic picture of what took place at the cross from God's perspective. Isaac's name actually means "laughter," and that is what he brought into the home of the aged Abraham and Sarah. So imagine what a shock it must have been when God came to Abraham one day and told him to take his beloved son and go offer him a sacrifice.

There was nothing greater God could have asked from Abraham. And as Abraham took Isaac to that place of sacrifice, he prophetically said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb" (Genesis 22:8).

That is exactly what happened at the cross. God provided for Himself the Lamb when He gave His Son – His only Son, whom He loved – for us.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

Series: "Look What God Has Done For Us"

Sermon:

AM: "I Will Make a New Covenant" Pt.2
1 Peter 2:9

PM: "I Will Make a New Covenant" Pt. 3
Jeremiah 31: 34

Hispanic Studies:

Class: "El Libro de" Daniel

Sermon: "El Reino Que No Sera Destruido"
Mateo 3:1-2

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

AM: "I Will Make A New Covenant" Pt. 2

1. What _____ was in the Old Testament is what the _____ is in the New Testament.
2. In the _____ covenant a Jew was born into covenant with God based on _____.
3. In the _____ covenant you cannot be in covenant and _____ God.
4. A man cannot enter into covenant with God until he has a _____ with God.

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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



Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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 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 12, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	252
Bible Class:	149
Jr/Sr. High School:	23
Auditorium Class (Randy)	73
25-36 yr. olds	5
Women's Class (Amy)	17
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	4
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	30
Wednesday Attendance	111

Week of March 12, 2017

Contribution	\$7,351.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution-YTD	\$67,612.
Budget -YTD:	\$79,250.
Over/(Under):	(\$11,738.)

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.

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

Sunday PM - The ladies meet for 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 GAP classroom. "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: Gina Rogers' dad (recovery after heart procedure; Loretta Sisco (gall bladder test; recover from cataract surgery); Christine Smith, Kendall Lomon's grandmother, (kidney failure); John Beasley (recovery from bladder surgery); Richard Haynes, Spiro School Supt. (extensive heart procedure); Harold Masterson, Lashley's friend (recovery, 3 stints); Rona, Regina's niece (additional tumors in her head); Denise Holland, Linda Henson's daughter (cancer on nose, upcoming surgery); Nathan Jump (depression); Roberta Velazquez Arellano, Araceli's uncle (leukemia); Luisa Arellano, Araceli's grandmother (health); Lilia Torres Garcia, Araceli's aunt (health); Ana Maria Mireles Garcia, Araceli's mother (health and well-being); Bob Allgeyer (falling); Ruth Morgan (falling); Mike Ferguson (sparks, multiple health issues); Corbin Merklung family (2yr old child needs heart transplant); Ronald Cherry, Don's twin (diagnosed with lung cancer); Carl Lockhart (kidney issues); TeresaRedwine (brain tumor); Winfred & Marilyn Ashley family (Winfred undergoing radiation, brain tumor); Dory (health); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant); Frank White (rehab); Eddie White (nursing home, Pocola); Mabel McKinney (hospice care). Our loved ones in the nursing home (comfort, peace, health, happiness); Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers (patience, faith).

Thankful: Heather/Misty (thankful for care at Dub's passing).

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 (blood disorder); Tony Crittenden.

Miscellaneous: Carlos Carson Family (personal struggles); Adonia (Legal issues, return to work); RJ Davis (serving in Iraq); Kiara & Logan (upcoming wedding).

Prisoners: Lee Minyard, Curtis Rodgers, Tanelle Turner, Carl Fisher, Bob, Rob in Hartsfield, Barry Burt, Sean Hawks, Jeff McCarley, Detrick Green, Tommy Jay, Mike Hobbs, Joey Wolfe, Emery Loman, Ricky McQueen, Shane Caliuue, D. Cross, Dwayne Ford.

Bereavement: Keith Daniels' family; Stripling family; Arielle Perry's Family (Arielle's grandmother passed); Danny Armstrong's family.

Update List on Our Sick

- Pray for Liz Hooper, she will be undergoing test on her heart in the very near future.
- Pray for Joe Hooper for his back. He is currently taking shots in his back for the pain.
- John Beasley is home recovering from his bladder surgery.
- Gina Rogers's dad, Ralph Lavose, keep him and his family in your prayers as he recovers. Procedure went well, heart beat normal, still having problems.
- LeeAnn Starts, Loretta Sisco's daughter had an Ultrasound done Tuesday to check a lump that came up in her throat. Waiting on results.
- Behr Place passed away on Sunday after an ATV accident. Keep this family in your prayers.
- Haskin family, their daughter passed away.
- Cecil Williamson had knee surgery Wednesday in Ft Smith, Surgery went well.
- Amy, Sue Williamson daughter, had surgery on Tuesday to remove a tumor, surgery went good.
- Ronald Cherry was diagnosed with terminal cancer over his entire body & brain.
- Freddy Graham, in the hospital, possible nursing Home soon.
- Kenneth Bible has pneumonia, he is asking for prayers. He is home recovering.

Responses

Jerry Lewis recovering from foot condition. Asking for prayers

Natalie Carson asking for forgiveness of sins; strength.

Carlos Carson asking for forgiveness of sins; diagnosis & treatment of his back.

Jennifer Griffin asking for prayers for speedy recovery after undergoing foot surgery last week.

Things to Remember to Do:

- Deacons meeting after evening worship.
- **Midweek Manna cooks for March 22nd: We need a cook**

Cleanup: Dick Moore's group

We need cooks for 22nd and 29th.

- Food Pantry items needed: Spaghetti, large spaghetti sauce, pinto beans and peanut butter. Thank you very much for your help.
- **Nursery workers for March:**
AM: Christy Stanfill
Helper: Jamie Olive
PM: Shirley Martin
- Don Johnston is asking for volunteers for "Grounds Maintenance" for the church. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Contact Don Johnston if you have any questions.
- **Fisher's of Men Class beginning Wednesday, April 5th, in the auditorium. This will be our new Wednesday adult Bible Class.**

Linda Murray is requesting cards or contact of some sort from the church. Her address is Linda Murray, 1510 Five Acre Rd, Birmingham, Al. 35061. She is also requesting prayers and visitation for her grandmother, Linda Luitze, P.O. Box 474, 1101 S. Railroad St., Poteau, Ok. 74953

Ladies Day 2017

Saturday, April 8th

Registration @ 9 am

Lunch at 12 noon

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 questions.

If you are plan 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. "Graduation Sunday" - Sunday morning May 7th we will honor our high school graduating seniors. Please make plans with family members for all to be here that day to support and honor these outstanding students who we are all so proud of.
 3. Guatemala 2017: Mandatory meeting for Guatemala Mission team March 26th at 5pm in the elders conference room.
 4. 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