

From The Ministers Desk

Facing Our Gethsemanes

“Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus”. – John 18:10

In the flurry of activity in the Garden of Gethsemane, very few noticed the last miracle in the earthly ministry of Jesus. He healed the ear of Malchus, which Peter had cut off with a sword.

We don’t know whether Jesus touched Malchus and a new ear grew or whether Jesus reached down and picked it up and reattached the ear to Malchus’s head. Whatever the case, the high priest’s servant got his ear back.

We don’t read in any of the Gospels, however, that Malchus thanked the Lord. But it’s interesting to note that the last miracle of Jesus was healing someone who had come to arrest Him. Jesus was still caring for individuals.

In the book of Philippians, we are told that Jesus emptied Himself. He “made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant” (2:7). But what did He empty Himself of? He certainly didn’t lay aside His deity, but He did lay aside some of its privileges. And one of the privileges that would have been afforded Him would have been angelic deliverance. But Jesus would not take hold of that because of the necessity of paying the price for our sin.

We may all come to face Gethsemanes in our lives, if you will. For Jesus, Gethsemane was a time of difficulty, of hardship. It was a time when He had to surrender to the will of the Father, knowing that was the right thing to do. You may come to experiences in life that are similar, when you don’t understand why God is allowing a certain thing. You don’t know what’s ahead. But you can trust your unknown future in the hands of a known God.

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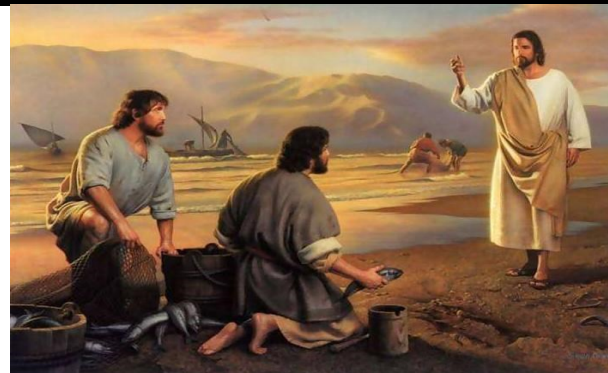
Sermon Topics:

Sermon:

AM: “What Do You Know”
Daniel 1:17 JJ Espinoza

PM: Robert Martin

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



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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
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Dick Moore
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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 19, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	210
Bible Class:	136
Jr/Sr. High School:	19
Auditorium Class (Randy)	66
25-36 yr. olds	5
Women's Class (Amy)	12
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	2
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	30
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of March 19, 2017

Contribution	\$8,733.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution-YTD	\$76,345.
Budget -YTD:	\$87,175.
Over/(Under):	(\$10,830.)

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: John McCormick, Viola's brother (hospitalized for tests); Christine Smith, Kendall Lomon's grandmother (Pocola Nursing Home/kidney failure); Larry Hamilton, John's father (stage 4 cancer); Liz Hopper (upcoming tests on heart); Joe Hooper (back pain); Kenneth Bible (pneumonia/hospital); Ralph LaRosa and family (recovery after heart procedure); Christine Smith, Kendall Lomon's grandmother (kidney failure); 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); Roberto Velazquez Arellano, Araceli's uncle (leukemia); Luisa Arellano, Araceli's grandmother (health); Lilia Torres Garcia, Araceli's aunt (health); Ana Maria Garcia, Araceli's mother (health); Bob Algeyer (failing health); Ruth Morgan (failing health); Mike Ferguson (multiple health issues); Corbin Merkling family (child needs liver transplant); Ronald Cherry, Don's brother (terminal cancer); Carl Lockhart (kidney issues); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Windred & Marilyn and family (Winfred undergoing radiation, brain tumor); Dory (health); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant); Eddie & Frank White (nursing home, Pocola); Mabel McKinney, Rita's friend (hospice care); Our loved ones in the nursing home and 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, 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 Caliué, D. Cross, Dwayne Ford.

Bereavement: Behr Place Family; Haskin Family; Freddy Gra-

Update List on Our Sick

- John Beasley is in the Talihi-na Hospital with several medical issues. Keep him in your prayers.
- LeeAnn Starts, Loretta Sisco's daughter had a good report on blood work, her blood platelets have decreased from over 600 to 495. Still needing prayers for better health.
- Kenneth Bible has pneumonia, he is asking for prayers. He is in Sparks.
- Joni Fitzgerald is requesting prayers for the Bob Garrett family, he passed away. Also Tommy Armstrong's family, he passed away. They both are members of the Fuquay-Varina Church of Christ in Fuquay-Varina, N. C. Keep these families in your prayers.
- Bo Turpin has an appointment on April 6th for an MRI to see if his cancer is still in remission. Asking for prayers for good results.
- Chell's brother, Freddy Graham's funeral will be Monday at 11am, at the St. Mark Baptist Church in Muskogee.
- Pray for Louise Shrimsher, he suffered a very serious gunshot wound. He is in the hospital in Little Rock, AR.

Responses'

- Bruce & Vicki Moyer placed membership on 3/5/2017.
- Damian Duncan was baptized on 3/17/2017.

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

Things to Remember to Do:

- **Midweek Manna cooks for March 22nd: We need a cook**
Cleanup: Dick Moore's group
We need cooks for the 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.**

Choose being kind
over being right,

and you'll be right every time.

We Cannot know the grief that men may borrow;
We cannot see the souls storm-swept by sorrow;
But love can shine upon the way, today, tomorrow;
Let us be kind.
Upon the wheel of pain so many lives are broken
We live in vain who give no tender token.
Let us be kind.

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.

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 planning to attend please sign up on the bulletin board.