

# From The Ministers Desk

## Be Moved With Compassion

“But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.” – Matthew 9:36

Everywhere Jesus went during His earthly ministry, He was mobbed by people who were pushing and pulling, always wanting something from Him. They wanted healings, like the woman who had spent all her money on doctors and still was sick, or Jairus, who came to the Lord because his daughter had died, and he wanted Jesus to raise her from the dead. So many wanted a touch from the Savior.

Jesus saw their deepest need. He saw where they were hurting the most. He saw behind the defense mechanisms people put up. He saw the real cry of their hearts. He saw them as sheep without a shepherd, as people who were going astray, everyone turning to their own way. And He had compassion on them.

If you want to be used by God in any capacity, then you have to develop something called compassion. We see a pattern of compassion throughout the ministry of Jesus. We see it when He talked with the woman at the well in Samaria. The Bible says that He “needed to go through Samaria” (John 4:4). Normally Jews did not go to Samaria because there was a deep racial prejudice between Samaritans and Jews that was passed from generation to generation. But in spite of His busy schedule and all He had to do, Jesus knew there was a lonely, burned-out, hurting woman who would be waiting at the well.

Sometimes we see nonbelievers as the enemy, but let’s remember something: Behind that sin there is an empty, searching lost person that God loves.

We are called to appeal to these people with the message of the gospel, but we need compassion. Jesus had it overflowing from His life. Do we?

Donald

### Sermon Topics:

AM: “Worshiping In Vain”  
Matthew 15:1-9  
PM: Shepherd’s group meeting

### Hispanic Studies:

Class: “Estar en Presencia de Dios”  
Exodo 33  
Sermon: “Principios para Conquistar”  
Josue 1 y 2

### AM: “Worshiping In Vain”

1. Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_ God, and it’s \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2.
  - Ignorant worship is worship with out proper \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Will Worship is worship that you do that’s based on what you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Vain worship is \_\_\_\_\_ worship.
3. Synoptic means to see \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are synoptic gospels because they look at Jesus from a \_\_\_\_\_ vantage point.
4. Doctrine should never change, but \_\_\_\_\_ will change.
5. You worship in \_\_\_\_\_ when you replace God’s word with \_\_\_\_\_ word.

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# Poteau church of Christ

## Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for March 2017: Randy Lum 918-647-7859



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](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 April 2, 2017

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Worship Attendance-AM       | 232 |
| Bible Class:                | 142 |
| Jr/Sr. High School:         | 20  |
| Auditorium Class (Randy)    | 81  |
| 25-36 yr. olds              | 0   |
| Women's Class (Amy)         | 14  |
| Hispanic Class: (JJ)        | 3   |
| Prison Class:               | 30  |
| NewLife Behavior Ministries | 27  |
| Wednesday Attendance        |     |

### Week of April 2, 2017

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Contribution     | \$8,028.    |
| Budget -Weekly:  | \$7,925.    |
| Contribution-YTD | \$92,574.   |
| Budget -YTD:     | \$103,025.  |
| Over/(Under):    | (\$10,451.) |

## 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

**Wednesdays - Fishers of Men - Class in the Auditorium @ 6:30pm**

**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.

**Thankful:** Rona (successful surgery/thankful prayers).

**Health:** Philip Kirkes (health); Tim Cauthen (health, possible, COPD); Stephanie (back pain, stimulator is needed); Charlene Campbell (staff infection); Brad Seaman (kidney stones); Kara Wright Watt, Linda & Stanley's granddaughter (Aggressive breast cancer); Carl Lockhart, Linda's husband (kidney health); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Dory Fletcher (MRI, April 20th); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (liver transplant); Eddie & Frank White (health); Our loved ones in the nursing homes and our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

**Cancer:** Larry Didway, Enequina Lopez, John Clark, Jerry Dotson, Hudson Campbell, Arie Luster, Dusti McBeth, Sue Horton, Savannah Knight, I.D. Gist, Shirley Holter, Malita Tracy, Mary Tipton, Tonya Crittenden, LeeAnn Starts (blood disorder); Pat Price, Ronald Cherry, Mia Miller.

**Miscellaneous:** Artemisa's friend (health); Artemio (go to work); Todd Robinson (rehab); Bradlee Robinson (closer to God); Nessa Robinson (to put God first); Adonia (legal issues); RJ Davis (serving in Iraq).

**Prisoners:** Lee Minyard, Carl Fisher, Sean Hawks, Jeff McCauley, Colby Lusk, Joey DeWolfe, Tommy Jay, Shane Calico, Dwayne Ford, Daniel Grimm.

**Bereavement:** Gary Owens family; Jerry Holter family; Ronald Cauthen family; Bob Allgeyer family; Don Hickman family.

## Update List on Our Sick

- John Beasley has been transferred to the Oaks Nursing home for rehab.
- Kenneth Bible will at some point have heart surgery to replace 2 valves. He is too weak at this point to have the surgery. Prayers for strength and better health.
- Bo Turpin had an appointment on April 6th for an MRI to see if his cancer is still in remission. Asking for prayers for good results.
- Dory Fletcher will have a MRI on left shoulder on April 20th.
- Jim Wood had a melanoma spot cut off on Thursday, asking for prayers for good results.
- Emeny Williams' grandfather is in Mercy. He has been given a month to live. Prayers for this family.
- Susan's friend's son has been diagnosed with diabetes. Another friend's son had knee surgery on Thursday.
- Will Reece is going to have double knee replacement.
- Brenda Syrus, Donald's cousin is in ICU with two collapsed lungs. Asking for prayers for this family.
- Jerome Bradley, Viola Hooper's children's uncle, passed away.
- Mickey Rennick is still having problems of running a fever, please keep this family in your prayers for better health.
- Rona, Regina's niece, is still in the hospital.

## Things to Remember to Do:

- Shepherd groups will be meeting this evening.
- Game night is this Thursday at 6pm in the MPB. Come for good food and fellowship.
- Midweek Manna cooks for April 12th: Nicki Sullard
- Nursery workers for April:  
AM: Amy Espinoza  
PM: Sue Taylor Dunn
- 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.

The family of Robert Allgeyer want to thank you all for the prayers, phone calls, cards, visits and food that came their way. God is so wonderful. He promises to be by our side to give us strength and comfort, and he was with us all the time. Thank You,

Kathleen Allgeyer and family

B.T. and Carolyn Chandler Cooper has a new address: 317 N. 3rd St., Ozark, AR. 72949.

## Attention All Song Leaders

Effective April 1st thru September 30th all songs used in all Church services must be logged. A log sheet has been placed in the sound room for your convenience. Questions should be directed to Danny Baker.

## YOUTH NEWS

1. "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.
2. 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.

