

From The Ministers Desk

A Wholehearted Devotion

“Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene.” – Mark 16:9

Of all the people Jesus could have appeared to first after His Resurrection, He appeared to Mary Magdalene. It is interesting to think about, because among the Jews of the day, the testimony of a woman was not held in high regard. In fact, some of the rabbis falsely taught that it was better for the words of the Law to be burned than to be delivered by a woman. Yet Jesus chose a woman to be the first herald of His Resurrection.

It is also worth noting that women were the last at the cross and the first at the tomb. Mary had courage that many of the men did not have when Jesus was crucified. She stood by Him through it all. In fact, the Bible tells us that after He was crucified, Mary “observed where He was laid” (Mark 15:47). She watched as they took His crucified body from the cross and wrapped it and placed it in a tomb that belonged to Joseph of Arimathea. And Mary, along with the other women, was at the tomb very early on Sunday morning to demonstrate her love for Jesus by anointing His body with spices (Mark 16:1-2).

And her love was rewarded. God said, “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13). God rewards the person who is diligent. And for those who will take time in their day to seek the Lord, for those who will take time to read His Word, for those who will take time to wait upon Him, He will reveal His truths to them.

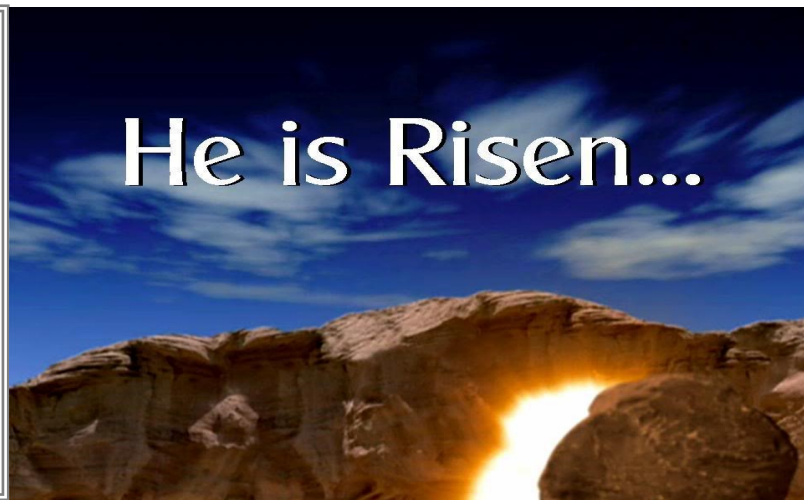
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Sermon Topics:

AM: “I Thirst”
John 19:28-30
PM: “Down in the Dumps: How To Overcome Depression”
John 16:33

Hispanic Studies:

Class: “Que Necesita todo Hombre”
Ezekiel 36
Sermon: “Para ser Feliz”
“1 Juan 3:4



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Poteau church of Christ

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

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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

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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 April 9, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	250
Bible Class:	128
Jr/Sr. High School:	19
Auditorium Class (Don)	64
25-36 yr. olds	0
Women's Class (Amy)	18
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	2
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	27
Wednesday Attendance	161

Week of April 9, 2017

Contribution	\$6,604.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution-YTD	\$99,178.
Budget -YTD:	\$110,950.
Over/(Under):	(11,772.)

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.

Health: Kim Daniels (health); James Wright (surgical Complications, Sparks ICU); Renick Family (better health); Will Reese (upcoming double knee replacement); Susan Fenton's friends son (knee surgery/recovering); Susan Fenton's friends son (diabetes); Emeny William's grandfather (in Mercy/failing health); Jim Wood (melanoma removed); Junior (health); Philip Kirkes (health); Rona (recovering in hospital); Stephanie Robinson (back pain/ pray for her to receive Charlene Campbell (staff infection); Brad Seaman (kidney stones); Kara Wright Watts, granddaughter of Linda & Stanley (aggressive breast cancer/chemo next week); Liz Hooper (high blood pressure, test on heart); John Beasley (Oaks Nursing for rehab); Carl Lockhart (kidney issues); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Winfred & Marilyn Ashley family (Winfred undergoing radiation, brain tumor); Dory Fletcher (MRI on shoulder); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant); Eddie & Frank White (nursing home, Pocola); Our loved ones in the nursing home and our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

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

Miscellaneous: 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 McCarley, Colby Lusk, Joey DeWolfe, Tommy Jay, Shane Calico, Dwayne Ford, Daniel Grimm.

Bereavement: Gary Owens family; Jerry Holter family; Ronald Caution family; Bob Algeyer family; Don Hickman family.

Update List on Our Sick

- Kenneth Bible has been transported to Little Rock. He will have open heart surgery on Monday. Prayers are requested.
- Bo Turpin received good results, he is in total remission. God is Good !
- Mia Miller will be having breast cancer surgery this Wednesday, she is the daughter of Carolyn Cooper. She also have heart problems and a stomach tumor.
- Dory Fletcher will have a MRI on left shoulder on April 20th.
- Jim Wood is waiting on results from having a melanoma spot cut off on Thursday, asking for prayers for good results.
- Mickey Renick is still having problems of running a fever, please keep this family in your prayers for better health.
- Gina Rogers' nephew, Mason Mitchell had surgery Monday and Wednesday on his leg. Prayers needed for a speedy recovery.
- John Colbert, Donald's cousin was air lifted to a Tulsa hospital with bleeding on the brain.
- Jane Taylor, Amber Russell's grandmother is in a rehab center in Tulsa. She has cancer.
- Alan Levine who works in the Wal-Mart jewelry dept. has brain cancer. He is asking for prayers.
- Rona, Regina's niece is in rehab in Little Rock. Prayers needed.

Things to Remember to Do

Attention: There are many coats hanging in the front lobby, please check to see if one of them is yours. They will be taken to the clothing room if no one claims them.

- The Food Pantry will be open this Wednesday 19th, from 10 am to 2 pm.
- Midweek Manna cooks for April 19th, W.O.C. Clean-up crew:
- Nursery workers for April:
AM: Amy Espinoza
PM: Sue Taylor Dunn
- Rendall's shepherd group will meet April 22nd for a hamburger cookout at the Garden Pavillion @ 10:00 am. Wear your scruffy clothes to work in the garden.
- 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.

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.

If you have a used, large print bible that you are not using, please contact Jan Wood, she is doing a bible study class with an elderly person that needs a large print bible.

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. High School Graduates: Our graduating high school seniors for this year are Sarah Baker, Izaak Dickey, Jacob Dickison, Janelle Edwards, Andre Ferreira, Haylie Langworthy, Stevee McMillin, Bailey Olive, Beau Olive, Amber Smith and Esther Smith.

A table has been set up in the hallway with a folder for each graduate. If you would like to give them a card or gift at this time.

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.