

# From The Ministers Desk

## A Hindrance to Prayer

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” – Isaiah 59:2

The promise of answered prayer isn't given to every human being. Rather, it is a unique promise for those who have a relationship with God.

In fact, the very reason that Jesus Christ came to earth and died on the cross is so that we might come into a relationship and a friendship with our Creator. But we all have a disease called sin that we can't get rid of. Thus, when Christ died on the cross, He took our sins upon Himself.

Until you come into a relationship with God, you cannot really see your prayers answered. As Isaiah 59:2 says, “Your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”

We have often heard it said that we are all the children of God, that we are all brothers and sisters. In reality, we aren't all brothers and sisters. In reality, we aren't all God's children. The Bible says that we are God's offspring, meaning that we are humans who were created in His image. (That isn't true, of course, of the animal kingdom.) We were made in God's image, but we are not automatically the children of God. That only takes place when we come to Him, turn from our sin, and put Him on in baptism.

The Bible says, “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12). God must adopt you. You cannot automatically be His child. There has to come a moment in your life when you ask Him for His forgiveness, and He will adopt you as His son or daughter. And because of what Jesus did, you can have access to the throne of God.

Donald

### Sermon Topics:

AM: “When the Winds are Against You”  
Mark 6:38-52

PM: “Three Dimensional Worship:  
A Worshiping Life”  
John 4:23-24

### 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

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



*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 16, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	308
Bible Class:	114
Jr/Sr. High School:	21
Auditorium Class (Don)	71
25-36 yr. olds	5
Women's Class (Amy)	16
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	0
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	27
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of April 16, 2017

Contribution	\$6,932.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution-YT	\$106,110.
Budget -YTD:	\$118,875.
Over/(Under):	(12,765.)

## 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

**Responses:** Rebecca Slater (Baptized).

**Health:** Alan Levine, (brain cancer); Jane Taylor, Amber's G/mother (cancer/Tulsa Rehab); John Colbert, Donald's cousin (bleeding on brain/Tulsa); Mason Mitchell, Gina Roger's Nephew (recovery from surgery on leg); Mia Miller (breast cancer surgery); Abby Covey (dog bite, Tulsa hospital); Robly D'Allsanetro, De Rowan (health); Joey Beger, Bethany Whitaker friend (stroke, ICU Tulsa St. Johns); Austin Morton, Rita's friend (blood pressure); Kim Daniels (health); James Wright (surgical complications/Sparks ICU); Renick Family (better health); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement); Emney Williams' grandfather (failing health); Jim Wood (melanoma removed); Junior (health/new living accommodations); Philip Kirkes (health); Rona (home recovering); Stephanie R. (back pain); Charlene Campbell (staff infection); Brad Seaman (kidney stone issue); Carleen Seaman (various health issues); Kara Wright Watt, granddaughter of Linda and Stanley Wright (aggressive breast cancer); Liz Hooper (high blood pressure/heart test/pain); Kenneth Bible (heart surgery postponed); John Beasley (rehab/Oaks Nursing Home); Carl Lockhart (kidney issues); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Sue Carty Benny B. sister (needs liver transplant); Eddie & Frank White (nursing home/Pocola); Our loved ones in the nursing home; Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

**Cancer:** Larry Didway, Enequina 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, LeeAnn Starts (blood disorder); Pat Price, Ronald Cherry, Mia Miller, Shirley Holter.

**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); Carlos Carson Family (health/personal struggles).

**Prisoners:** Bill Largen, Cecil Woodward, Sammy Brake Jr., Willie Grant, Tanelle, Bruce Allison, William Reed, Michael's family, 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 Cauthen family; Bob Algeyer family; Don Hickman family.

## Update List on Our Sick

- Kenneth Bible will be released from the hospital soon. He will return in about 3 weeks for an evaluation to determine when he will undergo his heart valve surgery.
- Joe Avery of Bokoshe passed away last Sunday. Keep his family in your prayers.
- Gabe Sullard's grandmother, Normalea Funkhouser passed away Wednesday evening, keep this family in your prayers.
- Rona, Regina's niece is coming home, will be seeing a doctor at Sparks. Keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Larry Earls friend, Lousie Karn broke out with hives, pray for a quick recovery.
- Kim Daniels had a heart attack. Keep her in your prayers.
- Darlene Seaman has a tumor on her pituitary gland, also has skin cancer on her arm. Trying to get into Mayo Clinic. Keep this family in your prayers.
- Lori Stearman will see a neuro surgeon on Tuesday for protruding disc.
- Melissa, Kristi Stanfill's friend had breast cancer surgery on Thursday. Pray for comfort and peace as she recovers.
- JJ is asking for prayers for his ministry.
- Shiloh Fletcher sprained her ankle. Prayers for speedy recovery.

## 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.**

- If you have bought something from Price Cutter, and have a receipt, please turn it in to Sue in the office, so it can be paid.
- Midweek Manna cook for April 26th, **Amy Johnston cooking.**
- Needing Cooks for May 3rd. Men and women are encouraged to sign up and serve.
- Nursery workers for April:  
AM: Amy Espinoza  
PM: Sue Taylor Dunn

## Wedding Shower

**Sunday May 7th, there will be a wedding shower for Toby Garner & Kelsey Mathews, in the MPB at 2pm. They are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.**

## Randy's Shepherd Group

Our group get together is next Saturday, April 29th.

Be at the church building by 9:00 AM. No need to cook lunch, Don and Cody have us covered, we just need to pitch in \$5 per family and \$2 dollars for singles. There will be projects to work on for all ages. No one will be excluded except maybe baby Arizona! If you want to work on the road side cleanup crew, please wear a bright colored T-shirt. Please sign up on the bulletin board so Don knows how much brisket to buy. See you next Saturday. Randy

## Teachers Meeting

This meeting is for the summer trimester teachers, cradle roll through 6th grade. Sunday April 30th at 4:30 in the MPB in the 3rd/4th grade class room. It's very important that we spend time together getting ready for the new trimester. Please plan to attend. Thank You

## 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 Hannah Million, Jake Sconyers, Sarah Baker, Izaak Dickey, Jacob Dickison, Jonelle Edwards, Andre Ferreira, Haylie Langworthy, Stevee McMillin, Bailey Olive, Beau Olive, Amber Smith and Esther Smith.

A table is set up in the hallway with a folder for each graduate. If you would like to give them a card or gift you can do that at this time. Graduates make sure you check your folder weekly. We will leave the folder out till the end of May.

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.