

From The Ministers Desk

Part of the Family

“For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.” – Romans 12:4-5

Sometimes people treat churches like restaurants – with a consumer mentality. I want to go to this restaurant. Oh, we went there two weeks ago. Let’s go to this other one...But the church is not a restaurant. The church is a family, and you need to be part of the family.

You also need to engage. Maybe one of the reasons some people feel as though they aren’t getting enough out of church is because they attend intermittently and don’t commit themselves. But if they would settle in and become a part of what God is doing, it would change for them.

If you have been attending church for more than a couple of years, then you ought to be involved in a ministry of some kind. You may not be called to preach, but there are lots of other things to do. There is something for everyone. The bible tells us, “So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them” (Romans 12:5-6).

It’s fine to come and be served in the church. But there has to come a point when you start growing up and decide to start serving. And then you will find that everything changes for you.

So let’s stop thinking of the church as them and start thinking of the church as us. Be a part of the family. Take the gifts that God has given you, develop them, and use them for His glory. I suggest that church would completely change for us if we stop coming as spectators and instead join the team.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

AM: “Satan Has Asked For You”
Luke 22: 31-32

PM: Guest Speaker:
Michael Cox

Hispanic Studies:

Class: Salmos 27:28

Sermon: Consejo del Padre
1 Cronicas 28:1-21

Notes: _____

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Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for May 2017: Dick Moore 405-513-9134



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 April 23, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	230
Bible Class:	158
Jr/Sr. High School:	37
Auditorium Class (Don)	64
25-36 yr. olds	6
Women's Class (Amy)	13
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	4
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	27
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of April 23, 2017

Contribution	\$6,188.
Budget –Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution–YT	\$112,298.
Budget –YTD:	\$126,800.
Over/(Under):	(14,502.)

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 Morning–Women's Outreach Class @ 9:30 am. taught by Marilyn Ashley in the MPB.

Sunday Morning - Young Adults Class - Sunday mornings at 9:30, in the gym.

Sunday Evening - The ladies meet for prayer meeting in the auditorium after evening service.

Wednesday Nights - Mid-Week Manna – @ 5:15 in the MPB.

Wednesday Nights - Fishers of Men - Class in the Auditorium @ 6:30pm.

Wednesday @ 6:30 - Ladies' class taught by Amy Johnston, in the GAP classroom.

Second Thursday Game Night – @ 6:00 p.m. in the MPB.

Elders Prayer List

Health: Sarah & Manny (Sarah/medical issues); Paul Crites , Guatamala Missionary (upcoming stomach surgery); Hayden White (UTI/pray for healing); Randy (headache); Joe Harbuck (skin biopsy/pray no cancer); Sue Coleman (illness); Lori Stearman (protruding disc.); Melissa, Kristi Stanfill's friend (recovery from cancer surgery); Louise Karn (hives, quick recovery); Jane Taylor, Amber's g'mother (cancer/Tulsa rehab); Mason Mitchell, Gina Roger's Nephew (recovery from surgery on leg); Mia Miller (breast cancer surgery on leg); Abby Covey (dog bite/Tulsa hospital); Joey Beger (rapidly failing health); Austin Morton (blood pressure); Kim Daniels (health); James Wright (surgical complications); Rennick Family (health); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement); Emeny Williams' g'father (failing health); Jim Wood (melanoma removed); Junior (health/new living accommodations); Rona (recovering); Stephanie Robinson (back pain); Charlene Campbell (health/staff infection); Darleen Seaman (health/cancer); Kara Wright Watt (aggressive breast cancer); Kenneth and Judy Bible (heart surgery/recovery); John Beasley (health/Oaks Nursing home); Carl Lockart (Kidney issues); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Winfred & Marilyn (health); John Colbert (bleeding on the brain); Sue Carty (needs liver transplant); Eddie & Frank White (nursing home); Our loved ones in the nursing home; Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

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

Miscellaneous: Wilma Cauthen (seeking employment); Artemio (seeking employment); JJ Espinoza (prayer for his ministry);

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: Joe Avery Family; Normalea Funkhouser family; Gabe Sullard's grandmother passed away; Joan Breeding passed away on Monday.

Thankful: Manny (thankful for comfort, mercy, and forgiveness).

Update List on Our Sick

- Sherry Martinez, Stephanie Bennett's cousin, her cancer has returned. It is now in her liver and bones. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kenneth Bible is recovering from his heart valve surgery on Tuesday. He is in Baptist Medical in Little Rock.
- Jesse Hurlocker, Sybil's brother has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Keep this family in your prayers
- Viola Hooper had an EGD test, (scope test on the throat and stomach) done on Thursday. Pray for good results.
- Nancy Frier has been diagnosed with very aggressive breast cancer. Having more test run and considering other opinions of treatments. Pray for God's healing.
- Gracyn Lum had an emergency appendectomy on Thursday. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- Dory Fletcher has a frozen shoulder and will be doing therapy.
- LeeAnn Starts will have thyroid surgery on Monday, May 8th at Sparks. Keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Amber Russell's grandmother passed away on Thursday. Keep this family in your prayers .

Responses:

- Rebecca Slater (Baptized).
- Viola Hooper (seek God first).
- Nicki Sullard (allowing Jesus to guide her).
- Paul Fletcher for Alan Daniels (critical after auto accident);
- Larry Earls (rededicated his life to God);
- Tim Olive (prayers for Beau & Bailey, Seniors, life with Jesus);
- Adonia (depression, being a better Christian).

Teachers Meeting Today

The summer Trimester teachers for 2017 are: for cradle roll through 6th grade: Bev Thomas, Amy Johnston, Crystal Lum, Sally & Tony Nixon, Jennifer Strozier, Dory & Shiloh Fletcher, MiaLum and Linda Lashley. We will meet in the Multi-purpose building in the 3rd & 4th grade classroom at 4:30 pm. Please plan to attend.

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.

Nursery Coordinator

Bennye Thompson is the new Nursery Coordinator. If you are a volunteer, please give Bennye your email address and phone number.

Notice!

- A reminder: Anything going into the storage room needs to go thru the office, needs a tag on it, telling what department it belongs to and who is responsible for it. Anything with out a note will eventually be thrown away.
- Needing Cooks for May 3rd. Men and women are encouraged to sign up and serve.
- Nursery workers for May:
AM: Amy Espinoza
Helpers: Anna Marchant and Vicki Moyer
PM: Jan Wood

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. Vacation Bible School will be June 25-28. The times will be Sunday night June 25th from 6-7pm. And Monday-Wednesday night June 26th-28th from 6:30-7:30pm. The theme this year is "Jesus is our Rock," stories from the book of Daniel.

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.