

From The Ministers Desk

Never Give Up on Your Children

“And He arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.”
Luke 15:20

Even when raised in godly homes, kids sometimes rebel. Sometimes children go astray – and parents feel like they somehow failed. You may have a child or children that stray from their faith for a time. But you should never give up on them.

Jesus told a story of a prodigal son. There was a dad who had two sons. The youngest son came to him and asked for his portion of the inheritance. It wasn't long until that boy had blown the family fortune on prodigal living. One day, the son – starving to death, miserable, and broke – makes his way home. Jesus says the father saw the son and began to run toward him and threw his arms around him, saying, “For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. (Luke 15:11-24).

Here is the point I want to bring up: this boy was raised in a loving home but he still rebelled. This can happen. If you have a child that goes prodigal, stay true to your beliefs. Hold your course.

Maybe it is a hard day for you today. Maybe you haven't heard from your kids lately. Maybe you haven't talked to them for a while. They don't call. They don't want your faith and they don't want your life. But don't give up – we should never give up on our kids. Keep praying.

Listen to this: your children can escape your presence but they can never escape your prayers. Keep praying for them.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

AM: “Guard What Was Committed to Your Trust”

1 Timothy 6:20-21

PM: “Our Father”

Matthew 6:5-9

Hispanic Studies:

Class: “Jonadab”

2 Samuel 13

Sermon: “Saber Quen es tu Amigo”

Proverbios 18:24

Notes:

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Poteau church of Christ

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

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



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 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 30, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	235
Bible Class:	129
Jr/Sr. High School:	20
Auditorium Class (Don)	67
25-36 yr. olds	0
Women's Class (Amy)	16
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	2
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	27
Wednesday Attendance	122

Week of April 30, 2017

Contribution	\$5,880.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,925.
Contribution-YT	\$118,178.
Budget -YTD:	\$134,725.
Over/(Under):	(\$16,550.)

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: Sherry Martinez (cancer returned); Gracyn Lum (emergency appendectomy); LeeAnn Starts (upcoming surgery 5/8); Annette Morrison (health); Annette's nephew (losing spinal fluid); Charlie & Sue Coleman (illness); Irvin Armstrong (stroke/Tulsa hospital); Viola Hooper (illness); Jesse Hurlocker (lung cancer); Paul Cirtes, Guatemala Missionary (recovering); Hayden White (UTI/pray healing); Lori Stearman (dr. appt/protruding disc); Melissa, Kristi's friend (recovery from cancer surgery); Louisie Karn (hives/quick recovery); Mason Mitchell, Gina Roger's nephew (recover from surgery on leg); Austin Morton (blood pressure); Kim Daniels (health); James Wright (surgical complications); Renick family (health); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement); Jim Wood (melanoma removed); Philip Kirkes (health); Ronna (Mayo clinic in Houston); Stephanie (back pain); Charlene Campbell (staff infection); Brad Seaman (kidney stone issue); Darleen Seaman (various health issues); Kara Right Watt, g'dtr of Linda & Stanley Wright (aggressive breast cancer/starting chemo); Liz Hooper (blood pressure/heart testing); Kenneth Bible and Judy (recovering from heart valve surgery); John Beasley (Oaks Nursing home); Carl Lockhart (kidney issues); Linda Lockhart (lump/pray no cancer); Sue Taylor-Dunn (prolonged illness); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Winfred & Marilyn Ashley (Winfred's responding to treatment); Dory (frozen shoulder/therapy); Our loved ones in the nursing home (comfort, peace, health, happiness); Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregiver (patience/faith).

Cancer: Larry Didway, Enedina Lopez, John Clark, Jerry Dotson, Hudson Campbell, Arie Luster, Dusti McBeth, Sue Horton, I.D. Gist, Mary Tipton, Tonya Crittenden, Pat Price, Ronald Cherry, Mia Miller, Larry Hamilton; Alan Levine, Nancy Frier, LeeAnn Starts.

Miscellaneous: Wilma Cauthen (seeking employment); Artemio and Adonia (seeking employment/legal issues); JJ Espinoza (prayer for his ministry).

Prisoners: Bruce Allison, Jessie Hiltzman, David Weaver, Charlie Crow, Lee Minyard, Carl Fisher, Jeff McCarley, Joey DeWolfe, Richard Thompson, James Young, Tommy Jay, Mark Presgrove, Nick Lewis, Charles Barbee, Shane Calico Dwayne Ford, Daniel Grimm, Marcus Davis, Shane McCurly, Richard Stevens.

Bereavement: Joe Avery Family; Nor-malea Funkhouser Family; Joan Breeding Family; Jane Taylor Family; Jerome Bradley Family; Amber Russell's Family.



Update List on Our Sick

- Dakota Lashley is asking for prayers for his sister Bethany during her pregnancy.
- The Don Johnston's family has been very sick.
- Rona, Regina's niece is going to Houston for therapy.
- One of the bus drivers at the Poteau school fell and hurt his back, keep him in your prayers.
- Charlie and Sue Coleman are having health issues.
- Tim Olive's uncle, Jimmy Oliver, is having health problems.
- Amber Marchant is having health issues, keep her in your prayers.
- Loretta Hiltibidal broke her pelvic in a fall. She was hospitalized in Tulsa. She is home recovering.
- Kenneth Bible is progressing slowly from his heart valve surgery last week. He is home recovering.
- Patricia Striplin's sister, Betrice Welch passed away last Monday. Her funeral was Wednesday in Alban.
- LeeAnn Starts will have thyroid surgery on Monday, May 8th at Sparks. Keep her and her family in your prayers.
- The Billy Family's uncle, Glen, passed away on Tuesday due to a heart attack.
- Brea Gammell has pancreatic problems, waiting on decisions on treatment.
- Jennifer Griffin has a lump in her breast, waiting on an appointment to see a specialist. Also her foot surgery went well but needing prayers for healing.

Notice

- **Wedding shower** this afternoon at 2pm for Toby Garner & Kelsey Mathews.
- **Elders, Deacons, and Ministers** will meet after evening service.
- **Cake and ice cream** after evening worship to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for the month of May.
- **Game night** this Thursday in the MPB at 6 pm.
- **Needing volunteers** to clean up communion trays after morning worship.
- **Food Pantry** items needed: pancake mix, rice, syrup and jelly. Thank you.

Nursery Coordinator

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

- **Nursery workers for May 2017:**
AM: Amy Espinoza
Helpers: Anna Marchant and Vicki Moyer
PM: Jan Wood
- **Needing Nursery worker volunteers** for May 21st and May 28th.

YOUTH NEWS

1. "Graduation Sunday" - Today, we will honor our high school graduating seniors. We are very proud of our Seniors!
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.

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