

From The Ministers Desk

The Value of a Godly Mother

“Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her; Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.” – Proverbs 31:28-31

Think of the things we’ve learned from Mom over the years. For instance, our mothers taught us about anticipation when they said to us, “Just wait until your father gets home!” Our moms taught us about logic when they said, “Because I said so. That’s why.” Moms also taught us about prayer when they said, “You better pray this will come out of the carpet.”

Seriously though, mothers play such a vital role in our society. Mothers not only impact their children – they impact their grandchildren and maybe their great-grandchildren. Some impact generations even after they have gone on to be with the Lord because of the truths they passed on.

Paul wrote about the impact Timothy’s mother and grandmother had on his life. In *2 Timothy 1:5*, he said, “When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also.” It shows us the importance of a godly heritage.

Sometimes as moms you might feel like you didn’t do your job all that well. In fact, you may have young children today and they’re... a project. They are a work in progress. Just understand, you need to keep praying and never give up because your impact is greater than you may realize.

Our first president, George Washington, said, “The greatest teacher I ever had was my mother.” And President Ronald Reagan said, “From my mother I learned the value of prayer, how to have dreams and believe I could make them come true.”

If you have been a godly mother and you have done your part to raise your children in the way of the Lord, you are a treasure and a blessing. Your value is “above rubies,” as Scripture would say.

Donald

| Sermon Topics: | Notes: |
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| AM: “The Pain and Celebration of a Mother” Genesis 29 | |
| PM: Shepherd Groups meeting | |
| Hispanic Studies: | |
| Class: “El Bueno Es Nehemiah 9:17 | |
| Sermon: “Una Buena Madre” Proverbios 31:10-28 | |

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Poteau church of Christ

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for May 2017: Dick Moore 405-513-3844



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 May 7, 2017

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| Worship Attendance-AM | 252 |
| Bible Class | |
| Auditorium Class (Don) | |
| 25-36 yr. olds | |
| Women's Class (Amy) | |
| Hispanic Class: (JJ) | |
| Prison Class: | 30 |
| NewLife Behavior Ministries | 27 |
| Wednesday Attendance | 157 |

Week of May 7, 2017

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| Contribution | \$7,523. |
| Budget -Weekly: | \$7,385. |
| Contribution-YT | \$125,701. |
| Budget -YTD: | \$140,315. |
| Over/(Under): | (\$14,614.) |

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: Bethany (health/pregnancy); Amber Marchant (health problems); Jimmy Oliver (health problems); Sherry Martinez (cancer returned); Charlie & Sue Coleman (pneumonia); Brea Gamel (Pancreatic/health); Viola Hooper (health); Jesse Hurlocker (lung cancer); Paul Cirtes, Guatemala Missionary (recovering); Hayden White (UTI/pray healing); Lori Stearman (back surgery/recovery); Austin Morton (blood pressure); Kim Daniels (health); James Wright (surgical complications); Renick family (health); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement); Rona (Mayo clinic in Huston); Charlene Campbell (staff infection); Darleen Seaman (various health issues); Kara Wright Watt, g'dtr of Linda & Stanley Wright (aggressive breast cancer/starting chemo); Kenneth Bible (recovering from heart valve surgery); John Beasley (Oaks Nursing home); Carl Lockhart (kidney issues); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Winfred & Marilyn Ashley (Winfred 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.

Prisoners: Truman Petty; Willie D. Grant, Jr.; Manney Mitchell; Bill Largen; Danny Grimm; David Weaver; Charles Barbee; Truman Petty; Tommy Jay; Joey D. Wolfe; Brandon Hartsfield Brandon; Jessie Hiltzman; Charlie Crow; Marcus Davis; Tanelle Turner; Shane Calico; Jeffery McCarley.

Bereavement: Betrice Welch Family; Irvin Armstrong Family; Striplin Family.

Gospel Meeting

Summerfield Church of Christ, May 21-24. Drew Nelson of Bay City, TX., will be speaking. Meeting times are Sunday 9:30am & 7 pm. Monday thru Wednesday, 7 pm.

Update List on Our Sick

- Howard Ishee, Martha Bell's friend, is going to have to have a liver and kidney transplant. ASAP.
- Faylin LaSalle's daughter, Liz and husband Scott Ibison, going thru a lot of hardship with the death of his brother and Liz's health. Pray for healing.
- Rita Broom's friend's Alford Whorton is having colon surgery; and Ocie Hale has cancer.
- Rona, Regina's niece is going to Houston for therapy and see a specialist.
- Loretta Hiltibidal broke her pelvic in a fall. She is home recuperating
- Kenneth Bible is progressing slowly from his heart valve surgery. He is home recovering. Please call before you go to visit to make sure he will be home.
- LeeAnn Starts had thyroid surgery on May 8th, she is doing good, she is home resting. Thank you for your prayers.
- Jennifer Griffin received good results from her biopsy, she doesn't have breast cancer. She is waiting for the results of another test.
- There will be a memorial service for Irvin Armstrong at the Broadway CoC on May 20th
- Bea Gamel has pancreatic problems, waiting on decisions on treatments, keep her in your prayers.
- Tony & Sallie Nixon's granddaughter, Reese Wilson is anemic. She is having a problem with her hemoglobin count. Her blood will not clot. Her ultra sound looked good.
- Tim Smith, minister at the Stigler CoC, passed away on Tuesday evening. Please pray for his family and the congregation. There will not be a funeral service.
- Ouida Moore has been sick this week, keep her in your prayers.
- Melissa Clark has been sick. Keep her in your prayers.



Notice

- Shepherd Groups** are meeting tonight.
- "Kids First"** committee meeting today at 5pm in the elders conference room. We need your input to match mentors with students. Thank you!
- Needing volunteers** to clean up communion trays after morning worship.
- Food Pantry** items needed: pancake mix, rice, syrup and jelly. Thank you.
- 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.

Area Wide Men's Prayer Breakfast

Valley View Church of Christ is having an Area Wide Men's Prayer Breakfast on June 10, 7:30 am. More Information on the bulletin board.

Guest Speaker

Delton McGuire will be our guest speaker on June 11th. His topic is: "Parenting in a Media Filled World." Delton will teach a combined Bible class on Sunday morning, AM sermon and PM sermon. Encouraging all parents and children to be in attendance.

Spiro Church of Christ

Monthly 3rd Sunday Singing at 1pm. Everyone is invited to their 3rd Sunday congregational singing. Spiro Church of Christ, 221 N. E. 2nd, Sprio, Ok.

YOUTH NEWS

Senior Updates: Bailey Olive will be leaving in about a week and a half to do a 3 month internship at the Contact Church of Christ in Tulsa. We are so proud of her. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she pursues this mission work for the kingdom.

Stevee McMillin was chosen to All State slow pitch softball.

Please keep **Jacob Dickison** in your prayers also as he will be leaving for the military very soon.

1. **Camp Wyldewood:** The Dates are **June 4-10**. We will leave that Sunday June 4th after church and return Saturday June 10th.

The Cost: is \$120.00. Please get your money in asap. Make a check out to Camp Wyldewood. **Deadline to pay is Sunday morning May 21st.** There is no cost for volunteers. Background checks are required for all staff and volunteers at Camp Wyldewood.

What to Bring: Please get a Camp Wyldewood Packet from Paul. The packet has a what to bring list. Please be making preparations now so you have everything you need for camp.

2. **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.

3. **Guatemala Mission Trip:** A 12 member team from Poteau Church of Christ, including 6 of our high school/college age students, will be taking a 1 week mission trip to San Cristobal, Guatemala on July 7-15. Please keep this team and their families in prayer.

Thank You Note

A big thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls, and encouragement. I need all the prayers I can get. I miss all of you and will be glad to et back to church. Love to all, Thank You..... Loretta Hiltibidal