

From The Ministers Desk

A Righteous Judge

“The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.” – Psalm 19:9

When it comes to God’s judgment, sometimes people will say they believe in a God who is not judgmental. That sounds good, but here is what they are really saying: “I believe in a God who doesn’t care about right and wrong.” To put it more bluntly, they are saying they believe in a God they just made up in their heads.

If God really is loving, then God also will be just. That is what the Bible tells us. The love of God makes Him a righteous judge. Know this: No one will be in heaven who deserves to be there. Nor will there be anyone in hell who does not deserve to be there. No one will be in heaven who went there unwillingly. And no one will be in hell who didn’t go there willingly.

God won’t force anyone to go to heaven. He won’t say, “Get up to heaven right now!” You don’t have to go if you don’t want to. On the other hand, no one will be in hell who did not go there willingly.

How could a God of love send people to hell? He doesn’t. He won’t. If you end up in hell, then you went there willingly because you rejected His offer of forgiveness. You rejected Jesus Christ and all that He did for you.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

AM: Paul Fletcher

PM: “Who is Your Friend”
Proverbs 18:24
JJ Espinoza

Hispanic Studies:

Sermon: “Recuerda a Dios”
Deutoronomio 6:5-19

Notes:

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Poteau church of Christ

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

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



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 14, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	261
Bible Class	140
Auditorium Class (Don)	58
25-36 yr. olds	2
Women's Class (Amy)	17
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	5
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	27
Wednesday Attendance	137

Week of May 14, 2017

Contribution	\$5,937.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YT	\$131,638.
Budget -YTD:	\$147,700.
Over/(Under):	(\$16,012.)

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 - close till the fall.

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

Thankful: Jennifer Griffin (biopsy shows "No Cancer")

Cancer: Tony Crittenden; Larry Didway; Larry Hamilton (John's father); Enedina Lopez; John Clark; Hudson Campbell; Ivan; Arie Luster, Dusti McBeth; Sue Horton; Malita Tracy; Nancy Frier; Savannah Knight; ID Gist; Mary Tipton; Alan Levine; John Colbert; Pat Price; Mia Miller; Ronald Cherry; Shirley Holter; Pat Price; Sherry Martinez.

Health: Melissa Clark (illness); Reese Wilson, Tony & Sally Nixon's granddaughter (anemic, blood will not clot); Bea Gamel (pancreatic problems); Loretta Hiltibidal (recovering from broken pelvic); Ocie Hale, Rita's friend (cancer); Alford Whorton, Rita's friend (upcoming colon surgery); Liz & Scott Ibson, Faylin's daughter (Liz's health & death of Scott's brother); Howard Ishee, Martha Bell's friend (needs liver & kidney transplant); Christine Smith, Kendall Lomon's grandmother (Pocola nursing home, failing health); Sherry Martinez (cancer returned); Sue Coleman (illness); Lori Stearman (recovering from back surgery); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement); Rona (anticipating Mayo's in Houston); Kenneth Bible (recovering from heart valve surgery); John Beasley currently at Oaks nursing home); Carl Lockhart, Linda's husband (kidney issues); Linda Lockhart (health); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Winfred & Marilyn Ashley (health/responding to treatment); Dory Fletcher (frozen shoulder/therapy); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant. Our loved ones in the Nursing Home; Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Bereavement: Tim Smith's family and Stigler CoC members.

Miscellaneous: Estaphania, Fabio, Gabriel Ferreira, Andre's family (safe travels, Brazil to Oklahoma); Todd Robinson (pray he is done with alcohol with this rehab.

Prisoners: Tanelle Turner, Charlie Crow, Daniel Grimm, Tommy Jay, Lisa Allen, Lee Minyard, Manney, Joey Wolfe, Colby Lusk, Cecil Woodward, Nick Lewis, Richard Stevens.

Update List on Our Sick

- Coach Brian Sims has TIN Syndrome and is in the Tulsa burn unit in very critical condition. He is a football coach in Greenwood.
- Steve Sumptner has pneumonia and is having test for possible cancer. He is a co-worker of Manny's.
- Lori Stearman did not have the patch, because her headaches stopped. Thank you for your prayers.
- Kenneth Bible is healing slowly. He is looking for comedy DVD movies, if anyone has any for him to borrow, please contact Kenneth.
- Sue Dunlap is requesting prayer for her great-niece, Erin Morgan. She is seeing a doctor in Cleveland, Ohio. She has several medical problems.
- Pray for Viola's kids as they travel to the Philippines for 2 months.

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.

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, Spiro, Ok.

Notice

- **Needing volunteers** to clean up communion trays after morning worship.
- **Nursery workers for May 2017:**
AM: Amy Espinoza
Helpers: Anne 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.

Potluck Dinner!

Potluck dinner, June 11th. Phillip and Sherry Hamby will furnish smoked brisket. Rendall Thompson's Shepherd group will supply the vegetables. Everyone else is being asked to bring dessert.

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.

There will be no Shepherd group meetings on June 11th due to all other activities on that date. The Shepherd group meetings will resume in July.

YOUTH NEWS

- **Home Devo Tonight:** At the Fletcher's house immediately after evening worship assembly. We will start at 7:15 and be done by 8:45pm. We will have hot dogs, drinks and snacks, singing and a short message. Youth and their families are invited.

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.

4. Contact Summer Mission Trip: July 16-20. We will be serving at "Camp Contact." Each student will have a buddy for the week. It is a 3 day VBS style camp. Our church is responsible for the teaching, skit, game and craft one day that week. One day our church will be responsible for serving the meal. We will leave Sunday morning after church and return Thursday evening. \$30 per person. Covers your food and lodging. Bring extra spending money for snacks. We will be staying at one of the church buildings in the Tulsa area.