Hypocrisy among Us

“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” – Matthew 16:18

I know it is very easy to be critical of the church today, and granted, there are a lot of things wrong with it. But don’t forget this: When Jesus Christ walked this earth, He started only one organization, and it is called the church. And He said, “The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

Some might say, “Yeah, but there are a lot of hypocrites in the church.”

Guess what? That isn’t new. There were hypocrites in the first century church as well. In fact, one of our Lord’s handpicked disciples turned out to be a hypocrite. So yes, hypocrites and hypocrisy are nothing new. That is not to even mention that in the early church, there were rivalries, heresies, and some flat-out immorality.

Jesus told an interesting parable that we call the parable of the wheat and tares. In this story, He talks about a farmer who goes and sows wheat in his field, and at night his enemy comes and sows tares, or weeds, among the wheat. Now the tares Jesus was describing are also known as darnel seeds, which look exactly like wheat initially and even through the growth process. But in the end, the darnel, or the tare, uproots the wheat. Jesus was saying, “You’re going to have the fake right next to the real, the counterfeit right next to the genuine.” The tares and the wheat will grow together, and we won’t necessarily know who is who and what is what until that final day.

Yes, there will be hypocrites among us. Only God knows who they are. But let’s also remember that every one of us has moments of hypocrisy. What we need to concern ourselves with is whether we are hypocrites and whether we are living godly lives.

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Class: “Los Hechos”

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From The Ministers Desk

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/Youth
- Philip Kirkus – Youth
- Bob Marchant – Benevolence
- Brad McMillin – Missions
- Tim Olive – Youth & Budget

ELDERS:
- Welfred Ashley
- Randy Lum
- Dick Moore
- Rick Parker
- Randell Thompson

MINISTERS:
- Donald Cherry – Pulpit
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- Paul Fletcher – Youth
- Robert Martin – Prison

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Dr. 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.

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.
By The NUMBERS

Week of May 21, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM 217
Bible Class 129
Auditorium Class (Don) 57
25-36 yr. olds 5
Women’s Class (Amy) 14
Hispanic Class:  (JJ) 30
Prison Class:  30
NewLife Behavior Ministries 27

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Contribution

NewLife Behavior Ministries 27
Prison Class:                                  30
Hispanic Class:                              (41)
Women’s Class  (Amy)                 14
25
Auditorium Class (Don)              57
Bible Class                                     129
Worship Attendance
Second Thursday Game Night
Wednesday @ 6:30
Men
Wednesday Nights
Manna
Wednesday Nights
Sunday Evening
the gym.
Marilyn Ashley in the MPB.
reach Class
Sunday Morning
ing
Third Sunday
Meeting
and Minister’s
istry); Guatemala Mission  Trip.
la’s Kids (traveling to Philippines for 2
months); JJ Espinoza (pray for his min-
istry); Steve McDonald (back pain); Calico.
Nurse’s Kids (traveling to Guatemala); Steve McManus, Cecil Woodward, Richard
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surgery); Howard Ishee, Martha Bell’s
friend (needs liver transplant); Christine Smith, Kendall Lomon’s grandmother (Pocoa nursing home, fail-
ing health); Sherry Martinez (cancer re-
turned); Lori Stearman (recovering from back surgery); Will Reece (upcoming
double knee replacement); Kenneth Bi-
ble (recovering from heart valve sur-
gery); John Beasley currently at Oaks
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husband (kidney issues); Linda Lockhart
(health); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor);
Winfred & Marilyn Ashley (health/ res-
ponding to treatment); Sue Carty, Benny’s sister (needs liver transplant.
Our loved ones in the Nursing Home;
Our Alzheimer’s patients and their can-
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Miscellaneous: Todd Robinson; Vio-
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istry); Guatemala Mission Trip.
Prisoners: Tanelle Turner, Daniel
Grimm, Tommy Jay, Lee Minyard, Mi-
chael Manney, Cecil Woodward, Richard
Stevens, Jeff McCarly, Barbee, Shawn
Callow.

Elders Prayer List
Cancer: Tony Crittenten; Larry Did-
way; Larry Hamilton (John’s father); Enedila Lopez; John Clark; Hudson
Campbell; Ivan; Arie Luster, Dusti
McBeth; Sue Horton; Malita Tradt; Nan-
cy Frier; Savannah Knight; ID Gist; Mary
Tipton; Alan Levine; Pat Price; Mia Mil-
er; Ronald Cherry; Shirley Holt; Sher-
ry Martinez.
Health: Tim Caithen (back pain); Dona
Fisk’s sister (recovering massive
veart attack); Emily, Casey Smith-
tie’s daughter (health issues); Mike
Solomon (back pain); Rusty Raines
(upcoming heat surgery); Erin Morgan;
Sue Dunlap’s great niece (medical
issues); Steve Sumpter, Manny’s con-
worker (pneumonia, testing for can-
cer); Coach Brian Sims, Greenwood
(TIN Snode, Tulsa burn unit); Jim
Stillwell (triple bi-pass on Thursday);
Amy Espinoza (illness); Jason Few
(electrocuted working Hi-lines burns); Sharie Reagon (several injuries,
thrown from horse); Melissa Clark
(illness); Reese Wilson, Tony & Sally
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Update List on Our Sick
- Rona, Regina’s niece is home now, still in need of prayers for recovery.
- Goldie Baker, Viola’s sister, fell and broke her
arm. Prayers are needed for a speedy recovery.
- Carlton Montoya had eye surgery on Thursday for a detached retina.
- Ryan Johnston left Saturday for Tanzania, Africa.
- Keep him in your prayers for a safe and rewarding mission trip.

Thank You to all our service men and women:
- Jordan Green is in Iraq, Faylin’s
- Josh Gary is in Afghanistan, Fay-
- Jordan Dickison will be leaving for the National Guard this month.

Monthly Events
First Sunday - Cake & Ice Cream for birthdays & anniversaries after evening worship.
First Sunday - Elders, Deacons and Minister’s meeting after evening worship.
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 Ashby 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 at 6:30 - Ladies’ class taught by Amy Johnston, in the GAP classroom.
Second Thursday Game Night @ 6:00 p.m. in the MPB.

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 meat. Randall Thompson’s Shepherd
group will supply the side dishes. Everyone else is 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 FM sermon. Encouraging
all parents and children to be in attendance.

YOUTH NEWS

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

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.