

# From The Ministers Desk

## A Father's Role

**"Father's, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged." – Colossians 3:21**

Ephesians 6:24 says, "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." But, unfortunately, a lot of fathers are missing in action these days. It was unheard of in first-century for a father to abandon his responsibilities in his home. Nowadays, it seems to be almost the norm. We are losing fathers at an unprecedented rate in our culture. One expert said we are in danger of becoming a fatherless society.

Why are fathers so important? To a large degree, a child's view of God is based on their view of their father. You will see a lot of times that people compare their relationship with their earthly father to the one with their heavenly Father. I know this puts a lot of pressure on men, but it's the truth: dads are earthly representatives of God. And God is loving. God is caring. God is nurturing. At the same time, God is just, righteous, and holy.

So what are we to do? We are not to provoke them. In fact, the word *provoke* speaks of a repeated pattern of treatment that causes the child to have anger and resentment that boils over to outright hostility. Instead of provoking them, we are to bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. This could also be translated "to nourish and feed." Another translation says, "Let them be kindly cherished."

So help your children come to Jesus and develop their own relationship with God. And remember that fathers are representatives of God to their kids – that is why their role is so vital in the home.

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<b>Topics:</b>	Notes: _____
AM Sermon: Character of the New Man: Fathers/Husbands Colossians 3:17-24	_____
PM Sermon: "For This Reason" Ephesians 3:1	_____
<b>Hispanic Studies:</b>	_____
Class: Los Hechos	_____
Sermon: "El Movimiento Cristiano" Hechos 1:1-26	_____

# Poteau church of Christ

## Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for June 2017: Rendall Thompson, 918-647-6662



*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

### OFFICE:

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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 June 11, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	237
Bible Class	147
Auditorium Class (Don)	122
25-36 yr. olds	0
Women's Class (Amy)	0
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	0
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	27
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of June 11, 2017

Contribution	\$6,638.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$153,775.
Budget -YTD:	\$169,855.
Over/(Under):	(\$16,080.)

## 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.

**Second Sunday - Shepherd group meetings** after evening 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 Evening** - The ladies meet for prayer meeting in the auditorium after evening service.

**Wednesday Nights - Mid-Week Manna** - closed 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

**Cancer:** Larry Didway, Malita Tracy, Nancy Frier, Cindy Wallace, Mia Miller, Ronald Cherry, Sandra Lum, LeeAnn Starts, Pat Price, Shirley Holter.

**Health:** Carlton Montoya (recover sight); Darleen Seaman (enlarged spleen, spot on liver); Joe Stanfill's grandmother (hospitalized, Alzheimer's); Angela Collett, Mandy's friend (aggressive breast cancer); Shellie Ashley (recovering from back surgery); Rickie McKinney, Rita's friend (illness); Tom Hughes, Marilyn's husband (knee replacement, July 25th); Rita Mahoney, Becky Baker's friend (neck fusion surgery soon); Jason Hughes (car accident, unstable); Melissa, Kristi's friend (recovering from cancer surgery); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Winfred & Marilyn (responding to treatment and caregiver); Dory Fletcher (frozen shoulder/therapy); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant). Our loved ones in the nursing home (comfort, peace, health, happiness); Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers).

**Miscellaneous:** Tom & Marilyn Hughes (right decisions, work, hail damage); Ryan Johnston (Tanzania, Africa, Mission Trip); Viola's kids (Philippines for 2 months); Todd Robinson (pray he is done with alcohol with this rehab).

**Prisoners:** Charlie Crow, Jeff McCarly, Barbee, Nick Lewis, Jesse Hiltzman, Tanelle Turner, Tammy Jay, Richard Stevens, Lee Minyard, Jon-Michael Manney, Frederick, Bill Largen, Joe Wolfe, Dwayne Ford, Colby Lusk, Kendall Teague, Jason Hughes, Charles Crow Richard Thompson, Danny Grimm.

## Update List on Our Sick

- Jim Emerson, Kristi and Mandy's dad, had a stress test on Thursday. Pray that results will identify the problems.
- Carolyn Crossland, Melissa Killgo's aunt, will have a hip replacement next week in Ft. Smith.
- Junior Relford is having knee problems.
- Anita Logan, Chell's sister, is in the hospital in Muskogee. She had a heart attack on Tuesday. She had two stints put in. Keep her in your prayers.
- Stanley and Linda Wright's grand daughter, Kara Wright Watts' tumor has grown. Doctors will be making a decision on what treatments to do next. Pray for her healing.
- Rona, Regina's niece is back in Mercy with pneumonia.
- Liz Hooper is having blood pressure problems.
- Debbie Little will have surgery this Thursday, June 22nd.
- Jason Hughes, brother of inmate Brandon Hartsfield was in a auto accident. He is on life support, has collapsed lungs and additional serious injuries. He has 3 children. Pray for healing.
- Michael Manning's friends have asked for prayers on his behalf. Michael is discouraged due to his early release being denied. Has been excellent student, but has stopped coming to NewLife Behavior classes.
- Willie Grant - continued spiritual growth.

## Notice

- There will be a Wedding Shower for Heath Himes and Shauna Hancock today, immediately following evening services. They are registered at Wal-Mart.
- There will be a Baby Shower for Brandon and Sabrina McDaniel on July 2nd, immediately following Sunday evening services. They are expecting a boy.
- Nursery workers for June 2017:  
AM: Sue Williams  
Helpers:  
June 4th: Emery  
June 11th: volunteer needed  
June 18th: Vickie Moyer  
June 25th: volunteer needed  
PM: Sally and Rita

## Attention Senior Saints

June 24th, you will be traveling to the Tulsa Botanical Gardens. The bus will leave the church at 7 am, breakfast on the way. Lunch will be at Freddie's Steak & Bar-B-Que in Tulsa. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Sign up today!

## Attention Gardeners

You will be harvesting crops after Wednesday Bible study and then on Saturdays @ 7pm each week out of the garden. Come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship. Anyone that is a member of the church is welcome to harvest the garden at any time during the week.

## Here We Grow Again!

Carlee Langdell was Baptized on 6-6-17 at Camp Wyldewood.

## YOUTH NEWS

**1. Vacation Bible School is almost here!!!!!!** 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. VBS is all about boosting our Bible School to share Jesus with others so everybody bring a friend!

### What we need for VBS:

1. Cookies and Drinks for...  
Sunday Night June 25 (Starts at 6pm)  
Monday Night June 26 (Starts at 6:30pm)  
Tuesday Night June 27 (Starts at 6:30pm)  
Wednesday Night June 28 (Starts at 6:30pm)
2. Actors for the play (Rehearsal each VBS day 3pm)
3. Servants to help do the puppets for the Puppet Show. (Rehearsal each VBS day at 3pm)
4. Servants to help children with crafts each night.
5. Servants to come to the work days this week and help set up the decorations and props.

Monday Work Day from 10am-2pm  
Wednesday Work Day from 10am-2pm  
Thursday Work Day from 10am-2pm

\* Check with Paul each day to confirm the times.

**2. 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.

**3. Contact Summer Mission Trip:** July 16-20. We will be serving at "Camp Contact." Each student will be assigned to a camper 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.

**4. Jumpstart Weekend Youth Rally** in Neosho, MO will be August 25-27. We will leave on that Friday after school and return that Sunday by the time worship assembly gets out at Poteau Church of Christ. Cost will be \$35 per student.