

From The Ministers Desk

God on Our Terms

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.” – Lamentations 3:22

In ancient Rome when a conquering hero returned from war, he would be riding a donkey. So when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and the multitude cried out, “Hosanna!” the significance of this was not missed by the Romans or the Jews.

The Romans thought Jesus was acting as though He were a returning war hero. But the Jews saw a different meaning. The prophet Zechariah had said of the Messiah, “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9).

For the Jews, Jesus was saying, “I am your Messiah.” And for the Romans, He was saying, “I am your king.” But Jesus did not come to conquer Rome. He came to conquer sin and death.

The crowd said, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The king of Israel!” (John 12:13). These people wanted to see Jesus, but they wanted Him on their own terms: *Lord, we want You to be our conquering King.*

There are some people who say they want God in their lives, but they want Him on their terms. They essentially would say to God, “Look, God, you can come into my life. But don’t tell me what to do. I’m going to do it my way. But by the way, Lord, I could use Your help in this one situation.”

It doesn’t work that way. Who are we to stand and dictate terms to God Almighty? The Bible says, “Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not” (Lamentations 3:22). We all deserve His judgment, yet He is loving and tolerant with us.

Donald

Topics:

AM Sermon: “The Great Flood”
Genesis 7:1-24

PM: VBS

Hispanic Studies:

Class: “Los Hechos”

Sermon: “La Primer Iglesia”
Hechos 2:1-47

Notes: _____

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:

- Sue Taylor-Dunn - Secretary
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By The NUMBERS

Week of June 28, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	217
Bible Class	116
Auditorium Class (Don)	57
25-36 yr. olds	0
Women's Class (Amy)	13
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	2
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	27
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of June 28, 2017

Contribution	\$5,815.
Budget –Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution–YTD	\$159,610.
Budget –YTD:	\$176,465.
Over/(Under):	(\$16,855.)

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: Rusty Raines, Rendall's friend (heart issues); Pat Hurlocker (hospital); Peggy Johnson, Joe @ JE-HCC (Alzheimer's incident); Anita Logan, Chell's sister (heart attack/2 stints); Jack Niblet, Dean H. friend (stroke); Dean Hill's daughter; Shawn Little, Maryilyn Ashley's friend (kidney stones); Vickie, Milissa K. friend (sick/fell/hurt shoulder); Don Bentley, Benny's brother (two tumors in head); Liz Hooper (blood pressure); Kara Wright Watts, Stanley & Linda Wright grand daughter (healing/tumor growing); Susan Odom, Mint's daughter (blood Pressure problems, 285/190); Larry Archer (stroke); 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: 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 McCarty, Barbee, Jesse Hiltzman, Michael Moblis Tanelle Turner, Tommy Jay, David Weaver, Joe Wolfe, Bill Largen, Lee Minyard, Jon-Michael Manney, Richard Thompson, Danny Grimm, Michael Manning, Willie Grant, Dwayne Ford, Daniel Inman, Chris, Steve Randall, David Woods, Lucas Simmons.

Update List on Our Sick

- Jim Emberson, Christy and Mandy's dad is waiting on an appointment for a stress test. Pray that results will identify the problem.
- Rona, Regina's niece is back in MD Anderson in Houston with pneumonia.
- Debbie Little's surgery went well. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- Jonie Fitzgerald's dad, Richard Fitzgerald, Sr., is in the hospital in California. Keep him in your prayers.
- Russ Campbell had s-rays MRI of a knot on his back and shoulder at the VA hospital in Muskogee.
- Kathleen Algeyer had a scan and x-ray on Friday at Mercy.
- Gina and Daril Rogers' grandson will have his tonsils and adenoids taken out on the 27th of June. Keep him in your prayers.

Responses

- Linda Lockhart wanting to be a better Godly wife, sister, and friend.
- Junior Relford asking for prayers to deal with pressures of life. Praying for strength.

Notice

- 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 25th: volunteer needed
PM: Sally and Rita
- Attention Gardeners: Harvesting of crops will be Wednesday Bible Study and then on Saturdays @ 7pm each week. 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.

On July 23rd, we will be celebrating Donald and Chell's 10th anniversary with Poteau church of Christ. It will be in the MPB after the evening service. Mark your calendars. More information to following.

Wedding Bells are Ringing!

Heath Himes and Shauna Hancock will be joined in holy matrimony on July 15th.

VBS



YOUTH NEWS

1. Vacation Bible School starts this evening. 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 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.