

From The Ministers Desk

Not By Works of Righteousness

“But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” – Titus 3:4-7

Imagine turning on your television and seeing a car dealer standing in front of a fleet of Ferraris. He says, Hi, I’m Crazy Eddie, and if you’ll bring in your car and trade it in, I’ll give you a Ferrari. I don’t care what shape your car is in or even if it’s an old piece of junk. No need to put any money down. I’ll give you a Ferrari.

Would you even bother driving over to see Crazy Eddie? Probably not. You wouldn’t believe him, because you don’t get something for nothing.

Yet God Almighty says, “I will give you eternal life. I will give you the forgiveness of sin. I will fill the void in your life.”

You say, “What’s the catch?”

“Give Me your life.”

“Yes, but what else? Surely there’s something I need to do.” It’s hard to accept that God would simply forgive us. Aren’t certain works of righteousness necessary on our part?

God says, “No, you have broken all the laws. There is no way you could earn My grace or forgiveness. I offer it to you freely. But once you have received it, then I expect you in return. I’m giving you everything. Now, give Me your life. I don’t care what kind of shape it’s in.”

You say, “Lord, this is crazy. Talk about a trade-in-deal. It doesn’t even work anymore.”

He says, “That’s alright. I’m in the restoration business. Watch what I can do.” So you bring your life. You bring your problems. You bring yourself to Him.

Jesus said, “If you give up your life for Me, you will find it (Matthew 10:39). This almost sounds contradictory. But He will give you the purpose and life you have been searching for. Don’t be afraid to give

Topics:

AM Sermon: “The Washing of Regeneration”
Titus 3:4-7
PM Sermon: “Don’t Worry: Consider The Birds and the Lilies”
Matthew 6:25-34

Hispanic Studies:

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

Notes: _____

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Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for July 2017: Rick Parker 918-839-1593



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

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Paul Fletcher –Youth
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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 June 28, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	228
Bible Class	157
Auditorium Class (Don)	75
25-36 yr. olds	0
Women's Class (Shirley)	16
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	4
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	27
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of June 28, 2017

Contribution	\$7,192.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$166,802.
Budget -YTD:	\$183,850.
Over/(Under):	(\$17,048.)

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 Shirley Martin, 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: Richard Fitzgerald, Sr, Joni's dad (hospital/Calif.); Debbie Little (speedy recovery); Kathleen Algeyer (waiting on test results); Rusty Raines, Rendall's friend (heart issues); Pat Hurlocker (hospital); Anita Logan, Chell's sister (heart attack recovery); Jack Niblet, Dean H. friend (stroke); Dean Hill's daughter; Shawn Little, Marilyn Ashley's friend (kidney stones); Vickie, Melissa K. friend (sick/fell/hurt shoulder); Liz Hooper (blood pressure); Kara Wright Watts, Stanley & Linda Wright grand daughter (healing/tumor growing); Susan Odom, Mint's daughter (blood pressure problems); Larry Archer (stroke); Carlton Montoya (recover sight); Darleen Seaman (enlarged spleen, spot on liver); 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); Jason Hughes (car accident, unstable); Melissa, Christy friend (recovering from cancer surgery); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement); Teresa Redwine (brain tumor); Winfred & Marilyn (responding to treatment and caregiver); 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).

Prisoners: Michael Manney, Charlie Crow, Joey D. Wolfe, Daniel Grimm, Charles Barbee, Tommy Jay, Dwayne Ford, Shane Calico, Eugene Turner.

Bereavement: Peggy Storer Family; Heather Hart Family.

Update List on Our Sick

- Rita Mahoney's surgery went well, having lots of pain with her recovery, continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Bobby Harris, a friend of Amy, had surgery on Tuesday for cancer in his nose. Prayers for his healing.
- Philip Hamby, prayers for speedy recovery from surgery.
- Bob Marchant had test done Friday. Pray for good results.
- Russ Campbell has a doctor's appointment this Wednesday at the VA hospital in Muskogee for his shoulder. Keep him in your prayers.
- Don Bentley, Benny's bother has cancer on his brain stem.
- Benny Bentley had an ultra sound on his kidneys on Thursday. Pray for good results.
- Marilyn Pledger has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Prayers are needed.
- Kim Goletto, co-worker of Travis Turpen, was in a very bad car wreck. Prayers for strength in recovery.
- Rona, Regina's niece is back in MD Anderson in Houston with pneumonia.
- Joe Stanfill's grandmother has been moved to Golden Living in Greenwood.
- Christy Stanfill's friend Melissa is still continuing her chemo treatments, weekly. Keep her in your prayers.
- Gina and Daril Rogers' grandson had his tonsils and adenoids removed on Thursday. His surgery went very well. Thankful for prayers and support.
- Gina and Daril Rogers' youngest daughter, Megan is going to have a MRI soon on her knee, prayers for no surgery required.
- Mannix Lum had to have stitches, prays for a speedy recovery.
- Mitzy Mathis recovery from spider bite.
- Pat Price, Debbie Little's sister had surgery for her cancer on Friday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Notice

- There will be a Baby Shower for Brandon and Sabrina McDaniel this evening immediately following evening service. They are expecting a boy.
- The Food Pantry served 29 families, 91 individuals for the month of June. There were 8 families that visited the clothing room. Thank you for all your help in supporting these ministries.
- Food Pantry is in need of pancake syrup and jelly.
- Attention Gardeners: Harvesting of crops will be Wednesday after 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.

Wedding Bells are Ringing!

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

On July 23rd, we will be celebrating Donald and Chell's 10th anniversary with the Poteau church of Christ. It will be in the MPB after the morning worship. Bring finger foods for the celebration.



Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

YOUTH NEWS

VBS: A BIG THANK YOU to ALL who so graciously gave, supported, served and helped in any and every way!

We are so blessed with a great church family. All of these good works we constantly do are truly a team effort! And God's Spirit works and is working so powerfully in us all through these good works of service such as investing in our children. It is helping us grow, stay strong and bringing us all closer together. Let's keep encouraging one another!

Thank you youth group! You're the best and you work so hard and are so talented at so many different things and are always willing to serve. "Do not EVER let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set example for the believers in life, love, faith, purity and conduct."

And thanks to all the adults who helped set up and tear down, who brought snacks and drinks and served them each night. Those of you who just love the kids and have such a great attitude about them and toward them. You all are the salt of the earth and you mean a lot to me and this church. I am so thankful for you! Adult help and support in the youth group is an ongoing but important and blessed service.

And thanks to all who attended! We had 70 total children and students over the course of the week. And thanks to the adults who attended. You all are such a huge encouragement and it brings us all closer together! Glory to God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ - Paul

1. Guatemala Mission Trip: A 12 member team from Poteau Church of Christ, including 6 of our high school/college age students, will be leaving Friday July 7th for DFW to take a 1 week mission trip to San Cristobal, Mixco, Guatemala on July 7-15. Please, please, please keep this team and their families in prayer. Thank you church for supporting this great work! It can truly advance the kingdom for all those involved!

2. 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.

3. 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.