

From The Ministers Desk

The Heart of God

“Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, “If you had known, even you especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.” – Luke 19:41-42

As Jesus made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the crowds were celebrating. They were laughing. They were cheering. They were laughing. They were cheering. They were having a great time. And what was Jesus doing? He saw the city, and He wept over it. Here was the crowd, whipped into a frenzy, and Jesus was weeping. The crowd was rejoicing, and Christ was sobbing.

Why did Jesus weep when He saw Jerusalem? Being God and having omniscience, Jesus knew these fickle people who were crying out, “Hosanna!” would soon be shouting, “Crucify Him!” He knew that one of His handpicked disciples, Judas, would betray Him. He knew that another disciple, Peter, would deny Him. He knew that Caiaphas, the high priest, would conspire with Pilate, the Roman governor, to bring about His death. And, He knew the future of Jerusalem. Looking ahead 40 years, He saw the destruction that would come upon the city at the hands of the Emperor Titus and his Roman legions.

Jesus also wept because His ministry was almost over. Time was short. He had healed the sick. He had raised the dead. He had cleansed their lepers. He had fed their hungry. He had forgiven their sins. Yet for the most part, He had been rejected. John 1:11 says, “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.” And so He wept. This broke His heart, and it still does.

Unbelief and rejection breaks God’s heart, because He knows the consequences. But when the door of the human heart (mind) is shut, He refuses to enter forcibly. He will only knock, wanting to gain admittance. He has given to us the ability to choose. But when we choose the wrong thing, He knows the repercussions that will follow – in this life and the one to come. And His heart is broken.

Donald

Topics:

AM Sermon: Paul Crouch

PM Sermon: Shepherd Meetings

Hispanic Studies:

Class: “Los Hechos”

**Sermon: “El Poder de la Unidad”
Hechos 3:1-11**

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

MINISTERS:

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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 July 2, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	225
Bible Class	131
Auditorium Class (Don)	59
25-36 yr. olds	0
Women's Class (Shirley)	15
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	3
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	26
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of July 2, 2017

Contribution	\$7,394.
Budget –Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution–YTD	\$166,802.
Budget –YTD:	\$183,850.
Over/(Under):	(\$17,039.)

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: Rita Mahoney (surgery recovery); Bob Harris (healing/cancer); Bob Marchant (test results); Russ Campbell (upcoming ultra sound on should); Marilyn Pledger (Leukemia); Kim Goletto (car accident); Megan Rogers' (MRI/knee); Richard Fitzgerald, Sr, Joni 's dad (hospital/Calif.); 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); 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's 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: Tommy Jay, Charles Barbee, Nick Lewis, Daniel Grimm, Daniel King, Shane Calico, David Weaver.

Bereavement: Peggy Storer Family; Heather Hart Family.

Update List on Our Sick

- Don Bentley, Benny's bother has cancer on his brain stem. He had a second MRI which shows that the tumor has shrunk.
- Rona, Regina's niece is back in MD Anderson in Houston with pneumonia.
- Christy Stanfill's friend Melissa is still continuing her chemo treatments, weekly. Keep her in your prayers.
- Pat Price, Debbie Little's sister had surgery for her cancer on Friday. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Debbie Little went back into hospital with blood clots in her legs, she is recovering.
- Mickey Renick will have knee surgery on July 28th.
- Tony Crittenden has major lower back pain, doctors found 3 lesions on her liver. Keep her in your prayers.
- Kim Daniel is having lots of pain in her lower back. Prayers are needed for relief and healing.
- Kendall Jameson (15) has head injury after being thrown from a truck. He is in St Frances.
- Diane Tipton, Rita Broom's friend has stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- Michelle Glassburner, Mary Scott's daughter is having some test run, pray for good results.

Notice

- There will be singing at the Oaks Nursing Home at 2 pm today, come out and enjoy the fellowship.
- The Shepherd group meetings will meet this evening.
- Game night will be this Thursday night in the MPB at 6 pm.
- Food Pantry is in need of pancake syrup and jelly.
- Please, use your security code to enter the church building or MPB when there is no one else here. The alarm will go off and the authorities will be called and one of our members will need to come to the building. Please come to the office to get clearance and a security code to enter the building. If you only have a key, it will not turn off the alarm.
- 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.

YOUTH NEWS

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 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.

Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Auction

For Sheila Wilson

Sunday, July 16 at 11am-2pm

Monroe School Cafeteria

Spaghetti and all the fixings \$5.00 per plate and any donations welcome.

Pie Action to start at 2 pm

Sheila was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. All proceeds will go toward the medical and travel expenses she will incur in the coming months of treatment. Come enjoy good food, fellowship and friends for a great cause.