

# From The Ministers Desk

## The Unchanging Power of the Gospel

“Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this; to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” – James 1:27

We are living in a time described as the postmodern generation. And in religious circles today, there is a lot of talk about how to reach postmodern people. But here's what I know: The gospel doesn't change. Whether it's for the ancient culture, the modern culture, or the premodern, postmodern, or post-postmodern culture, the gospel never will change. The same message that Peter gave on the Day of Pentecost to people in the first century is relevant for us today in the twenty-first century.

I hear people saying today, “I want to reach my nonbelieving friends, so I just need to hang with them. I need to kind of be like them and not be too holier-than-thou.”

I am with you on that. I don't think we should ever come off pious or as though we don't care about people, because we should care about them. But sometimes in our attempt to build a bridge, in our attempts to relate, we end up becoming more like them than they end up becoming like us. They are bringing us their way more than we are bringing them our way. So we need to be very careful in this area.

The rationalization is, “Well, Jesus hung around sinners, so I will hang around, so I will hang around sinners.” Jesus didn't really hang around sinners, however. I'm not saying that Jesus had no contact with sinners. He had plenty of contact with them. But he didn't *hang around* them. He hung around His disciples for the most part. When Jesus was around sinners, they were changed.

We must always want to bring unbelievers to faith, not end up being like them. Be careful that you don't over-compromise. Because sometimes we lower our standards in order to extend our reach – and we end up reaching no one.

Donald

### Topics:

**AM Sermon:** “Heaven: Unbroken Fellowship with God”

1 Corinthians 13:12

**PM Sermon:** What You Know..?”  
2 Samuel 12:16-23 - JJ Espinoza

### Hispanic Studies:

**Class:** “Los Hechos”

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

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# Poteau church of Christ

## 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:

Donald Cherry –Pulpit  
J.J. Espinoza –Hispanic  
Paul Fletcher –Youth  
Robert Martin –Prison

### OFFICE:

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Or go to [www.poteaucoc.org](http://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	210
Bible Class	120
Auditorium Class (Don)	59
25-36 yr. olds	0
Women's Class (Shirley)	20
Hispanic Class: ( JJ)	0
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	26
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of July 2, 2017

Contribution	\$6,608.
Budget –Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution–YTD	\$173,410.
Budget –YTD:	\$191,235.
Over/(Under):	(-\$17,825.)

**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, Marilyn Pledger (Leukemia), Angela Collett, Teresa Redwine, Melissa, (Christy S. friend); Diane Tipton.

**Health:** Kim Daniel (back pain); Tony Crittenden (back pain); Pat Price (recovery from cancer surgery); Don Bentley (continue to respond to treatment); Rita Mahoney (surgery recovery); Bob Harris (healing/cancer); Bob Marchant (test results); Russ Campbell (upcoming ultra sound on should); Kim Goletto (car accident); Megan Rogers (MRI/knee); Richard Fitzgerald, Sr, Joni 's dad (hospital/Calif.); Rusty Raines, Rendall's friend (heart issues); Pat Hurlocker (hospital); Jack Niblet, Dean H. friend (stroke); Shawn Little, Marilyn Ashley's friend (kidney stones); 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); 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); Will Reece ( upcoming double knee replacement); 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.

**Update List on Our Sick**

- Liz Hooper had an ultra sound at Mercy, which showed blood clots in both legs. Keep up the prayers for medicine to work.
- Rona, Regina's niece is still in MD Anderson in Houston but is improving. She will have a brain scan on the 20th of July.
- Debbie Little is home, keep her in your prayers.
- Mickey Renick will have knee surgery on July 28th.
- Kendall Jameson (15) has head injury after being thrown from a truck. He is in St Frances.
- Michelle Glassburner, Mary Scott's daughter is having some test run, pray for good results.
- Benny and Nancy's grandson, Jackson Jones is in Tulsa Children's Hospital with blurred vision and numbness on his left side. Prayers for good results on upcoming tests.
- LeeAnn Starts, Loretta's daughter found out that she has high PHS level in her blood from her Thyroid. This is a lot of her health problems. Prayers for fast recovery with new medication.
- Dale Lumon, Sue Dunlap and Judy Robertson cousin is now on hospice care and not expected to live very long. He and his wife Dean attends church at Summerfield. They are requesting prayers for comfort and strength during this time.
- Viola Hooper's daughter Mikki is in need of prayers for her health and legal issues.
- Kathleen Algeyer is having surgery on July 20th to remove a spot on her nose. Prayers are needed.

**Notice**

- Deacon's meeting this evening.
- Food Pantry is in need of pancake syrup, canned meat, spaghetti sauce, and jelly. The next give away will be the 19th of July.
- 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.
- Southern Christian Children's Home will be here to pick up supplies on August 8th. Items they need the most is toilet paper, paper towels, deodorant, cleaning supplies, coffee creamer, coffee filters and trash bags. A more detailed list is on the bulletin board.

**Baptized**

Jerry Lewis was Baptized on Sunday 7-09-2017.

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. **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.
2. **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.

**Randy's Shepherding Group**

Randy's group will have a cookout on Saturday July 29th at 6:30pm at Randy & Mia's house. There will be swimming, games, laughter and lots of eating. Bring your kids and grandkids. Please sign up on the bulletin board for a night of fun and fellowship. Have any questions contact Mia.

**Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Auction**

**For Sheila Wilson**

**Today, 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.**