

From The Ministers Desk

Groaning In His spirit

“Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled.” (John 11:33)

At the tomb of Lazarus, Jesus surveyed the scene. Mary, Martha, and the others were all weeping and mourning. And Jesus wept. Tears rolled down His cheeks.

Jesus wept tears of sympathy for Mary and Martha and for all of the sorrow caused by sin and death through all the long centuries of human existence. The Bible says that He was “a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3). When you have lost someone you love, He knows and understands the pain and hurt deep inside your soul. Maybe other people never will completely understand, but Jesus has wept with you.

His tears also were tears of sorrow for Lazarus. Those tears were for one who had known the bliss of heaven and now would have to return to a wicked earth where he would have to die all over again.

Jesus also wept tears for the unbelief of the people: “Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled” (John 11:33). Jesus was troubled. And He was angry.

The ravages of sin in the world He had created stirred deep emotions in His heart. His wonderful, original plan, His perfect creation, had been deeply marred by sin. Death was a part of the curse, and it angered Jesus to see the devastating effect sin had on humanity.

Some may wonder, *Well, why doesn't He do something about it?* He has. He went to the cross of Calvary and died for our sins so that death doesn't have to be the end. There is life beyond the grave for the Christian. There is something beyond... something we can look forward to. And it's all because He laid down His life to rescue us.

Donald

Auditorium: **Topics:**

AM Sermon: “Keep Moving Forward”
Exodus 4:13-15

PM Sermon: “Living by Faith”
1 Thess. 3:1-2, 5-7,10

Hispanic Studies:

Class: Los Hechos
Sermon: Transformacion
Hechos 9:1-18

Notes: _____

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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



Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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

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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 16, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	260
Bible Class	157
Auditorium Class (Don)	91
25-36 yr. olds	0
Women's Class (Shirley)	17
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	6
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	26
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of July 16, 2017

Contribution	\$6,141.
Budget - Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution - YTD	\$179,551.
Budget - YTD:	\$198,620.
Over/(Under):	(-\$19,069.)

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, Pat Price, Shirley Holter, Marilyn Pledger, Jerita Minyard, Angela Collett, Teresa Redwine, Melissa, (Christy S. friend); Diane Tipton.

Health: Rick Parker (heart test); Coach Michael Odom (blood clots in lungs); Liz Ibison, Faylin's dtr (health issues); Maverick (oncology check-up); Mandy Parker (surgery Tuesday); 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 (pray for good results); Marchant's grandson, Brayden; Mikki, Viola's daughter (health/legal); LeeAnn Starts (high PHS, Thyroid issue, new meds); Chris Jones (in rehab); Michael Armstrong (stress); (Russ Campbell (up-coming ultra sound on should); Kim Goletto (car accident); Megan Rogers (MRI/knee); Rusty Raines, Rendall's friend (heart issues); 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 (blood pressure problems); Larry Archer (stroke); Shellie Ashley (recovering from back surgery); 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).

Miscellaneous: Eric Carson (safe travel); Artemio (needs work); Todd Roberston (remission).

Prisoners: Shane Calico, Charles Barbee, Sean Hawks, Joey Wolfe, Nick Lewis, Tommy Jay, David Weaver, Michael Manny, Dwayne For, Lee Minyard, Danny Grimm, Jeffrey McCarley, Daniel King.

Update List on Our Sick

- Chell's mother is in Springs Rehabilitation Center in Muskogee.
- Mint Johnson's cousin, Maxine Elkins has lung cancer.
- Rona, Regina's niece had surgery on Friday at MD Anderson in Houston. Keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Michelle Glassburner, Mary Scott's daughter has Leukemia. Keep Michelle and Mary in your prayers.
- 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.
- Kathleen Allgeyer had skin cancer removed from her nose on Friday. Surgery went well. Keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery.
- Pat Price had surgery on Friday in Tulsa to remove her colon. Please pray for her recovery.
- Tom Hughes will have knee replacement on July 25th. Keep him in your prayers for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery.
- The cyst on Don Bentley's brain has shrunk 53 percent. Continue praying.
- Pray for Bill and Terry Coats, Joe Harbuck's cousins who live in Garden Grove, Calif. during their time of bereavement, due to the loss of their daughter.
- Ronald Cherry has been in the hospital for a blood transfusion. Doctors have discovered another mass in his chest.
- Bob Marchant was seen by a surgeon on Friday after a follow up from tests run the first of the week. He will have surgery on August 1st. Pray for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery.
- Mickey Renick will have knee surgery on July 28th.
- Debbie Little is home and still recovering from blood clots in her legs. Pray for her speedy recovery.

Notice

- Be sure to stay for Donald and Chell's celebration after the morning worship. They have been with Poteau Church of Christ for 10 years.
- Food Pantry had a good turn out for food on July 19th, 24 families which included 57 individuals. This has depleted our supplies. We are in need of canned vegetables, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti, instant mashed potatoes, cereal, canned meat, pancake mix and syrup.
- 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.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

1. **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.

The Puzzle:

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little daughter, Kelly. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his magazine on which was printed the map of the World.

Then tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Kelly, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together." He was sure that would keep her busy all afternoon!

After only a few minutes, Kelly returned and handed him the map, correctly fitted together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly.

"Oh", she said, on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then the World came together..... Amen!

**KEEP MOVING
FORWARD**