

# From The Ministers Desk

## O Death, Where is Your Sting?

“O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” 1 Corinthians 15:55

Have you ever been stung by a bee? It's not a fun experience. But although it's painful for the person being stung, it's fatal for the bee.

When a honeybee stings a person, it can't pull its little barbed stinger back out. This is a one-time experience for them. They had better think carefully about who they are going to sting, because once they do it, they are not going to survive.

When a bee stings you, not only is the bee's stinger left in you but also part of its abdomen and digestive tract, as well as nerves and muscles. This massive abdominal rupture kills the bee shortly after it stings.

That is what happened when Jesus died on the cross. In his enduring hatred for God's Son, Satan thought it would be a great idea to have Jesus betrayed, arrested, beaten within an inch of His life, and then crucified and put to death on a Roman cross. The devil said, “This is my moment. I am going to sting Him. I will have a role in His death. When He dies, that is the end of Him.” Everything went according to Satan's plan, and like a bee, he flew off thinking he had succeeded.

But everything went according to God's plan as well, and the sting of death was its own defeat. As 1 Corinthians 15:54-55 says, “Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

Where is the sting of death for the Christian? It is ripped out, because at the cross, Jesus took the stinger out of death. This is a great truth. As Christians, we no longer need to fear death because our souls will live on forever with Christ.

Donald

### Topics:

#### Auditorium:

AM Sermon: Paul Fletcher

PM Sermon: Paul Fletcher

#### Hispanic Studies:

Class: Los Hechos

Sermon: Despues de La Persecucion  
Heschos 8:1-4

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# Poteau church of Christ

## Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for August 2017: Randy Lum 918-657-7859



*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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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 30, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	259
Bible Class	148
Auditorium Class (Don)	67
Jr. High & High School	25
Women's Class (Shirley)	21
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	0
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	26
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of July 30, 2017

Contribution	\$6,129.
Budget - Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$194,909.
Budget - YTD:	\$213,390.
Over/(Under):	(-\$18,481.)

### 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; Michelle Glassburner; LeeAnn Starts; Joe Wise (pancreatic cancer).

**Health:** Misty (foot & other health issues); Heather Slater (thyroid problems); Bill Syrus, Donald uncle (2 stints); Tyler Whittaker's cousin's baby (cancer); Ben Couch, Kevin L. coworker (pneumonia & other issues); Benny's niece (12 weeks w/ o seizure); Maxine Elkins (bone cancer); Russ Campbell (diagnosis and cure of lumps); Halle Cherry (1st baby, pray full term); Harvey Bollinger (cancer/no treatment, 10-14 days); Merlin Scott (ICU, low BP, kidney problems); Darlene Seaman (upcoming bone marrow tests); Debbie Little (blood clots in legs); Pat Price (recovery after colon surgery); Coach Michael Odom (blood clots in lungs); Chris Jones (in rehab); Michael Armstrong (stress); Jim Emerson (stress test results); Mickie Renick (recovery knee surgery); Don Bentley (cancer/brain stem/shrinking); Liz Hooper (blood clots/legs); Kara Wright Watts (healing, tumor growing); Carlton Montroya (loss of sight); Kendall Jameson (head injury); Angela Collett (aggressive breast cancer); Rita Mahoney (recovery from neck fusion); Will Reese (upcoming double knee replacement); Rona (rehab, after surgery); Winfred and Marilyn (severe headaches); Sue Carty (needs liver transplant);

**Miscellaneous:** Artemio & Adonia (needs work); Todd Robertson (remission). Ted & Mary's mom (moved to assisted living).

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

**Bereavement:** Juanita Brown, Chell's mother (deceased); Bill & Terry Coats (Harbuck's cousin, in Calif) loss of their daughter; Ed Murray passed away, he was the preacher of church of Christ in Riverton, WY; Mikki Gravlee (Viola's g'dtr, loss of child & legal issues).

**Thankful:** Bonnie Star (cancer tests were negative); Bethany & Tyler (moving to Tulsa, thanks for prayers).

Note: First of the month many will be removed from the list to keep it current. Submit new cards for continued requested prayers.

### Update List on Our Sick

- Bob Marchant's biopsy came back clear, no other cancer except what they took out during surgery and no other treatment required. Thank you for your prayers. God is good.
- Pray for Sue Williams' good health. She has a leaking heart valve.
- Donald's brother, Ronald has been put in Hospice care. His chemo has not worked, his cancer has spread to his kidneys and heart. Ronald has been given 2 to 4 weeks at most. Keep this family in your prayers.
- Teresa Redwine has been put in Hospice care in Ft Smith.
- Joni Fitzgerald had an accident (rear ended). Prayers for soreness and driver of other car.
- Faylin LaSalle fell on Tuesday, broke her left wrist and middle finger on right hand. Keep her in your prayers for speedy recovery.
- Hunter Morris' friend is having some health problems.
- Jackson Jones is no longer having health issues.
- Ben Bentley will have a heart cath done on Tuesday, 8th at 6:30am at Mercy Hospital.
- Will Dodson roommate's friend passed away.
- Jerry Ralls passed away, his funeral was on Thursday.
- Ricky Mitz passed away, prayers for this family to have peace and comfort.
- Tom Hughes had knee replacement and is now in Barling Nursing Home Rehab. Keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

### Notice

- Elders, Deacons, and Ministers meeting tonight after evening worship.
- Game night is Thursday, August 10 at 6 pm, bring finger foods.
- Tuesday, August 8th, Southern Christian Children's Home will be here to pick up supplies. 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.

#### ATTENTION:

- When turning in requests for prayers for anyone, whether it's for the elders and/or for the bulletin, please write it down. This way all the information will be correct. Please included your name, phone number, their name and details. Put it in the collection plate or hand it to an elder or turn it in to the office. Otherwise, the prayer request may not get put in the bulletin or on the elders prayer list. Be sure to write or print plainly.

Thank you.

The Talihina church of Christ presents:

"Saving the Lost and Edifying the Saved"

August 6-9th, 2017 at 7 pm, with guest speaker Bro. Tim Kidwell of the Branson, Mo. church of Christ.

Talihina church of Christ

801 Hellen St.

Talihina, Ok

### Area Wide Singing

August 11, 2017, 6:00 pm

Valley View church of Christ

Intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 71

Greenwood, Ar.

Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

### 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.

### Standards Night Is Coming Soon!

Wednesday, August 30th, 6:30 PM

Children, that are 2 years through sixth grade are going to show what they know about God's word. Please plan to attend and encourage these children, that God has given us to teach, to praise him. Mark you calendars.

Get your Free 8x10 and your picture in the Church directory.

More dates have been added.

Sign up today in the lobby, to get your free 8x10 photograph taken on **Saturday, August 12th, 11 am to 7 pm, Sunday, August 13th, 11 am to 6 pm, Wednesday, August 23rd, 4 pm to 9 pm, Sunday, September 10th, 11am to 6:40pm and Wednesday, September 20, 4pm to 8:40.** More dates have been add for pictures.

Your first photograph 8x10 will be free and you will receive a free church directory. You will be able to order extra photos at the same time.