

From The Ministers Desk

A False Message Gives False Hope

“Therefore, putting away lying, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor.” - Ephesian 4:25

Sometimes doctors have to tell people they have cancer, and it's very difficult news to deliver. But there are also times when doctors can give them hope for a course of treatment. They tell their patients the truth, and they also tell them the solution.

In the same way, we don't like to talk to people about Hell. We tell them Jesus loves them and has a plan for their lives. We tell them He will forgive their sins and will give them joy and peace.

But if they say, “I don't really want to believe in Jesus. As a matter of fact, I'm pretty happy with my life. What happens to me when I die?” we don't want to say the H-word. We don't want to tell them about Hell. In reality, that is failing to give them the gospel truth.

Jeremiah 6:14 says this of false prophets who wouldn't tell the people the truth: “They offer superficial treatments for my people's mortal wound. They give assurances of peace when there is no peace.”

It would be like going to the hospital with a severe injury, and they give you a couple of aspirin and say, “You can go home. You're good!” That's crazy. You need help.

To promise Heaven and not warn of Hell, to offer forgiveness without repentance, to preach the gospel without the cross is a false message giving false hope.

If you really love people, you will tell them the truth about eternity. You won't hold back. You will lovingly engage them with the gospel but also warn them of the consequences of what can happen if they don't believe.

May God give us a burden like we've never had before for people who need Christ.

Donald

Topics:

Auditorium:

AM Sermon: Paul Crouch

PM Sermon: Shepard Group Meetings

Hispanic Studies:

Class: JJ Espinoza

Sermon: JJ Espinoza

Notes: _____

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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



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 August 6, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	237
Bible Class	134
Auditorium Class (Don)	83
Jr. High & High School	0
Women's Class (Marilyn)	21
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	3
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	26
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of August 6, 2017

Contribution	\$7,772.
Budget - Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution - YTD	\$202,681.
Budget - YTD:	\$220,775.
Over/(Under):	(-\$18,094.)

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

Health: Tom Hughes, (Knee replacement); Friend of Hunter Morris (health problems); Faylin LaSalle (broken wrist & finger, cuts from fall); Joni Fitzgerald (car accident, soreness/other driver); Sue Williams (leaking heart valve); Russ Campbell (diagnosis and cure of lumps); Halle Cherry (1st baby, pray for good health); Jess Hurlocker (hospice, care); Merlin Scott, Kay Garrett's dad (returned to nursing center); Darlene Seaman (bone marrow tests); Maverick (oncology check-up); LeeAnn Starts (headaches, nausea, new meds); Bob Marchant (recovery); Liz Hooper (medication for blood clots); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement).

Bereavement: Teresa Redwine; Ronald Cherry, Donald's brother; Juanita Brown, Chell's mother. Keep these families in your prayers for peace and comfort.

Thankful: Bob Marchant, no cancer; Ben Bentley, no stints needed.

Cancer: Larry Didway; Malita Tracy; Nancy Frier; Cindy Wallace; Mia Miller; Sandra Lum; Pat Price; Shirley Holter; Marilyn Pledger; Jerita Minyard; Angela Collett; Melissa; (Christy S. friend); Diane Tipton; Michelle Glassburner; LeeAnn Starts; Joe Wise (pancreatic cancer).

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.

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

- Donald's brother, Ronald passed away last Monday. His funeral was on Saturday. Keep Donald and family in your prayers.
- Teresa Redwine passed away on Monday, please pray for this family to have peace and comfort. Her funeral was Wednesday in Spiro
- Ben Bentley received good news, no blockage and no stints needed. Praise God, very Thankful.
- Pat Price had another surgery last Sunday, still in hospital.
- Kara Wright Watts' cancer is gone, NED. Thankful for all the prayers. She will have to take a low dose of chemo for awhile.
- Rona, Regina's niece is recovering, please keep her in your prayers.
- Hunter Kirkes' friend Hunter Morns has injured his knee. Pray for healing, possible fracture or has torn something.
- Focus your prayers on all our sick, young adults, children, elderly, Ministers, Deacons and Elders.

In Appreciation:

The Juanita Brown family is gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for you kind expression of sympathy.

The Brown Family

The Cherry Family

Notice

- Marilyn Ashley's Sunday morning class is starting a study on Fasting. Come and join these ladies for a very interesting class.
- All Shephard groups will be meeting tonight after a short message in the auditorium.
- There will be a teachers meeting on August 20th, 4:30pm for the Fall Trimester starting on September 3rd.
- 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.

Rick Parker's Shephard Group needs to bring finger foods for the Shephard group meeting tonight after a short message in the auditorium.

Rendall's Shephard Group will have a sandwich social during their Shephard's meeting tonight. Bring you favorite sandwich's to share. FYI-- Rendall likes tuna fish sandwiches.

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 today, 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.