

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: "The Resurrection Life"
1 Cor. 15:35-58

PM Sermon: Robert Martin

Hispanic Studies:

Class: Los Hechos
Sermon: El Evangelio del Walmart
Hechos 17:22-31

Notes: _____

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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

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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 13, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	227
Bible Class	115
Auditorium Class (Don)	67
Jr. High & High School	0
Women's Class (Marilyn)	19
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	5
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	26
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of August 13, 2017

Contribution	\$7,641.
Budget - Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution - YTD	\$210,322.
Budget - YTD:	\$228,160.
Over/(Under):	(-\$17,838.)

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: Ted Bowen and Mary Howard (peace and comfort); Hunter Morris, Hunter Kirkes' friend (injured his knee); Tom Hughes, (knee replacement); Sue Williams (leaking heart valve); Russ Campbell (doctors to fine a diagnosis); Halle Cherry (1st baby/to carry full term); Jess Hurlocker (hospice, pray for comfort & strength); Darlene Seaman (health/wellness); Maverick (received good test results); Dale Lumon, Sue & Judy's cousin (on Hospice care, pray for comfort); LeeAnn Starts, Loretta S. daughter (high PHS, thyroid issues, new meds); Jim Emerson, Kristi & Mandy's dad (test results); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement); Winfred Ashley (severe headaches, pain); Dory Fletcher (health); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant); Our loved ones in the nursing homes, Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers).

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

Miscellaneous: Nancy Frier (pray for her long term insurance will become effective soon).

Cancer: Larry Didway, Nancy Frier, Cindy Wallace, Joe Wise, Mia Miller, Sandra Lum, Pat Price, Shirley Holter, Michelle Glassburner, Don Bentley, Angela Collett (Mandy), LeeAnn Starts.

Prisoners: Shane Calico, Charles Barbee, Sean Hawks, Joey Wolke, Nick Lewis, David Weaver, Michael Manny, Tommy, Brandi Roby, Lee Minyard, Danny Grimm, Jeffrey McCarley, Bill Lorgen, Richard Stevens, Dwayne Ford, Dwight Dross.

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 has been put back in the hospital with an infection. He is on antibiotics and IV fluids. He doesn't have mercer or staph.
- Joseph Seaman had a drive shaft fall on his ribs and shoulder. Keep him your prayers for a speedy recovery.
- Faylin LaSalle fell two weeks ago, broke her wrist, had to have surgery last week to put in a metal plate and 7 screws to stabilize her wrist. Keep her in your prayers for a fast recovery.
- Kara Wright Watts, Linda and Stanley Wright, granddaughter, will have to take 2 more severe chemo treatments, two or three weeks apart. Keep her in your prayers.
- Winnie Bowen has been put in Hospice care.
- Angele Watts has been diagnosis with cancer. She lives in Hugo.
- Rona lost her eye sight, and has returned to M.D. Anderson.
- Crystal Lum's cousin, Desiray and Beau Moore's baby, Carter, has heterotaxy (organs are on opposite side). He had a heart surgery Wednesday that failed. He will have open heart surgery in the next few weeks, and several surgeries to follow. Please pray for Carter and his parents.

Notice

- Deacon's meeting after evening service.
- Teacher meeting for fall trimester has been changed to Sunday, September 3rd at 4:30 pm. Sorry for any inconvenience.
- Marilyn Ashley's Sunday morning class is starting a study on Fasting. Come and join these ladies for a very interesting class.
- Barbara Reeder, Viola's friend is in need of a bed, contact Viola if you have one.
- Anyone that is using the gas card for the vans needs to turn their receipts into the office.

Standards Night

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 and to praise Him. Mark you calendars. Everyone is encouraged to attend to show support for our children.

Linda Murray has a new address, she is doing good. She is requesting letters of encouragement and news of her church family here.

Linda Murray, 152 Cannon Farm Rd. SW, Lot 12E, Oxford, Ga. 30054.

Phone #770-256-6234

YOUTH NEWS

Jumpstart Weekend Youth Rally Neosho, MO.

The youth group will leave for Jumpstart at 5:30 this coming Friday. If you are going, please be at the building no later than 5pm Friday. We will return next Sunday at 12 noon. Cost is \$45 for fees and t-shirt. You need an additional \$20 for spending money.

What do I bring? You only need to bring clothing for Friday, Saturday and Sunday and any items you need to shower and get ready with. And of course your spending money. No towels or bedding needed.

There will be a group going Saturday morning also but you must make that known this morning.

Paul needs to know your t-shirt size and whether you are going with the Friday group or Saturday group by this morning.

Deadline for all this is this morning! It's going to be an amazing weekend! Don't miss it!

Don't forget to sign up to have your picture taken for the church directory.

Sign up today in the lobby! Please make your appointment time.

Wednesday, August 23rd, 4pm to 9pm (full)

Sunday, September 10th, 11am to 6:40pm (full)

Wednesday, September 20, 4pm to 8:40 (open dates)

Your 8x10 will be free and you will receive a church directory.

You will be able to order extra photos at the same time.