

# From The Ministers Desk

## When You're Overwhelmed

"From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I." – Psalm 61:2

Are you facing a personal crisis right now? Maybe it's a lack of employment. Maybe it's a foreclosure on your home or a loss in your investments. Maybe your marriage is falling apart or you have a son or daughter who is away from the Lord. Maybe you have a life-threatening illness. Or maybe you're paralyzed by fear as you think about an uncertain future.

When we're facing a crisis, we like to have a backup plan. Then we like to have a backup plan for the backup plan. Then we have a backup plan for the backup plan for the backup plan. But sometimes the Lord will allow us to be in a set of circumstances where there are no backup plans. There is no safety net. There is no way out but Him.

In Acts chapter 12, that is what we see the early church facing. Things were looking bleak. Herod had put James to death, and then he arrested Peter. If God did not come through for him, it would be a complete disaster. So what did the believers do? They prayed.

Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

And David wrote, "Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I" (Psalm 61:1-2).

God promises that He will give us peace that passes understanding, but not necessarily a peace that always will give understanding. When you are overwhelmed, pray.

Donald

### Sermon Topics:

**AM:** "Filled to the Brim"  
John 2:1-11

**PM:** "What does Forgiveness Look Like"  
Ephesians 4:32

**Hispanic Studies:** JJ Espinoza

**Class:** El Libro de los Hechos

**Sermon:** Comprometidos a Dios  
2 Corintios 14:1-7

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# Poteau church of Christ

## Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reachin

Elder on Call for September: Rendall Thompson 918-647-6662



## 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](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 August 27, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	230
Bible Class	147
Auditorium Class (Don)	92
Jr. High & High School	trip
Women's Class (Marilyn)	18
Hispanic Class: (JJ)	6
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	29
Wednesday Attendance	

Week of August 27, 2017

Contribution	\$6,407.
Budget - Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution - YTD	\$225,160.
Budget - YTD:	\$242,930.
Over/(Under):	(-\$28,770)

## 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** - Will start on Sept. 6th.

**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:** Jim Estes (leg pain); Donna Fisks sister Billie (hospice care/organ failure); Melissa Kilgo (infection/antibiotics); Carter & parents, Crystal's cousin's baby (Heterodoxy, organs misplaced); Ronnie Lum (recovering from shoulder surgery); Kara Wright Watts (going thru chemo treatments); Charlie Coleman (health); Kim Daniels (back pain); Junior Relford (knee pain); Tim Cauthen (back issues, intestine problems); Karen Daugherty (stroke); Bob Marchant (home/prayers for a speedy recovery); Rita Mahoney (pray doctors can relieve her back pain); Hunter Morris (injured knee); Tom Hughes (knee replacement); Faylin LaSalle (pray for quick, complete recovery); Sue Williams (leaking heart valve); Russ Campbell (diagnosis and cure for lumps); Jim Emerson (health); Mike Qualls (heart issues); Jess Hurlocker (Hospice, pray comfort & strength); Dale Lumon, Summerfield (hospice, pray comfort & strength); Winnie Bowen, Ted & Mary's mom (Hospice care); Will Reese (upcoming double knee replacement); Winfred (severe headaches); Marilyn (caregiver); Dory Fletcher (health); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant); Our loved ones in the nursing homes and our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers).

**Miscellaneous:** Victor Glenn, Judy Robertson g'son (safety & God's will).

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

**Prisoners:** Curtis Rodgers; Jeffery McCarley; Tanelle Jr.; Dwight Cross; Bran Kirby; Sean Hawks; Cecil Woodward.

## Response

**Lola Payne asking for prayers for wisdom to speak boldly for Christ.**

## Update List on Our Sick

- Dick Moore's sister, Tuffy, passed away on Friday. Please pray for the family during their time of bereavement.
- Joseph Seaman is in St John's Hospital in Tulsa, due to a driveshaft falling on him. He has swollen blood vessels in his head, in a lot pain and confusion. Pray for the doctors to find out what is wrong.
- Darlene Seaman's kidney test was abnormal and will see a nephrologist. She will seek a new oncologist for second opinion on bone marrow issues. She is in a lot of pain and fatigue. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tammy Hackworth, Becky Baker's sister has a bad boil on her leg. She has been on two months of antibiotics and no improvement. Please pray for her.
- Nancy Frier has only 5 more chemo treatments. She is starting to have numbness in her hands. Please pray for the numbness to subside. Her disability came thru. Thankful for all the prayers.
- Wanda Broyles, a friend of Loretta Capell, has an inoperable brain tumor and just a few weeks to live. Asking for prayers.
- Bonnie Starr has friends and family that are sick: Bruce Maynor is in Hospice care; Sandy Long had back & leg pain; Brylee Lamb has cat scratch fever. Prayers for comfort and strength.
- Kevin Lashley asking for prayers as he starts his new class at J.E.H.C.C.
- Sheryl Jordan's parents, Sherrell and Sandra Speer live in Morton, Texas. Their house is flooded but they are safe. Pray for their safety.
- Rona, Regina's niece, has pancreatitis. Please pray for Rona and family.
- Jeremy Baker, Pat and Jack Baker youngest son, had a Tonsillectomy on Thursday. Pray for a quick recovery.

## Notice

- Cake and Ice cream will be served after evening service in the MPB to celebrate September birthdays and anniversaries.
- Oaks Nursing Home Singing will be today, September 3rd, at 2 pm.
- Travis Turpin needs an assistant van driver to ride along with him on Sundays and Wednesdays. Contact Travis or the office.
- Midweek Manna will start this Wednesday, September 6th. Don and Shirley Martin will be leading the Midweek Manna ministry. Anyone that's interested in helping with this ministry (cooking, clean-up, etc.), please see Shirley Martin or sign up on the bulletin board.
- If you canceled your first photo appointment, make sure you sign up again to get your picture in our next church directory.
- Food Pantry is in need of the following: plastic bags, Jiffy cornbread mix, instant potatoes, pinto beans, canned vegetables, cans of chicken, tuna, small cooked canned ham (with pull tabs to open). Next date for give away is Sept. 20th.

## Whittaker Baby Shower

Tyler and Bethany

Are waiting on the arrival of Avery Kate.



The shower will be Sept. 10 after evening services in the MPB. This shower will be supplying diapers, wipes and money for their new arrival. The proud grandparents to be are Kevin & Linda Lashley.

## FALL TEACHERS MEETING, TODAY!

The meeting will be in the 3rd & 4th grade classroom in the MPB at 4:30pm. The teachers are Nina Bowen, Bennye Thompson, Rita Broom, Becky Baker, Manny & Sarah Rivera, Christy Stanfill, Viola Hooper & Nora Faye Lum. There is still a need for more teachers. If you are interested please attend the meeting. Don't miss out on a great time to get prepared for the fall trimester. Thank you in advance for attending.  
Paul and Mia

## 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.

**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.

Heritage Addition church of Christ  
Ladies Day, September 9th, 9am  
Booneville, AR.

"Just As I AM"

Speaker will be Kathryn Rosalez