

From The Ministers Desk

The Truth about Adversity

“Strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.” – Acts 14:22

Without question, the greatest life there is to live is the Christian life. Why? Because God takes a life that was empty, aimless, and worst of all, headed to a certain judgment and turns it around and transform it. He gives forgives us of all our sin. And if that wasn't enough, He places the righteousness of Christ into our spiritual bank account.

He removes out guilt, fills the void in our lives, and literally takes residence inside of us. And most importantly, He changes our eternal address from a place called Hell to a place called Heaven.

While it's true that God removes a lot of problems we once had, a new set of problems replaces them. Because the day we put our trust in Jesus Christ, we enter into a battle. That is why the apostle Paul said, “Endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ” (2 Tim. 2:3).

The problem is that some have believed in what we might describe as a watered-down gospel, one that promises forgiveness but rarely tells people of the need to repent of their sins, one that promises peace but never warns of persecution, one that says God wants us to be healthy and wealthy and never have any problems to speak of. But that isn't the gospel of the New Testament. We can't take a vacation from human suffering and tragedy.

I am not suggesting that God wants us to be sick, poor, and miserable. I am not even saying that God doesn't want us to be happy, because I believe happiness will come as we truly follow the Lord. But it's a fringe benefit. The essence of the Christian life is knowing God and walking with Him. And God, despite the worst tragedy, can bring good out of bad.

Donald

Sermon Topics:	Notes: _____
AM: “So Great Faith” Luke 7:1-10	_____
PM: “Trust In The Lord” Proverbs 3:5-6	_____
Hispanic Studies: JJ Espinoza	_____
Class: Los Hechos	_____
Sermon: Hijo de Dios Juan 5:15-30	_____

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Poteau church of Christ

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching IN

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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
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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 September 10, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	252
Bible Class	181
Auditorium Class	65
Jr. High & High School	25
College age 18-25	20
Women's Class	17
Hispanic Class:	8
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	29
Wednesday Attendance	134
Wed. Ladies class	14
Wed. College Age	11
Wed. Adult Relationship Class	18

Week of September 10, 2017

Contribution	\$6,914.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$240,652.
Budget -YTD:	\$250,315.
Over/(Under):	(-\$17,048)

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.

Sunday Morning and Wednesday night: College age students - 18-25 - meeting in the MPB.

Wednesday Nights - Mid-Week Manna - has started.

Wednesday Nights - Fishers of Men - Class in the Auditorium @ 6:30pm.

Wednesday @ 6:30 -Ladies' class: taught by Sue Dunlap, in the GAP classroom.

Second Thursday Game Night - @ 6:00 p.m. in the MPB.

Elders Prayer List

Health: George Mayner (hospice care); Sandra Long (back/leg pain); Mark Lashley (speedy recovery/two neck surgeries); Bre Gammel (heart complications); Sandy Keys (tumor/brain stem); Larry Ellis, preacher at Colcord (ruptured aneurysm); (Cecil Williams (heart); Jim Estes (speedy recovery); Dawson Peterson (dog bite); Rodney, Regina's nephew (pancreatitis); Joseph Seaman (hospital, pain, confusion); Darlene Seaman (health issues); Tammy Hackworth, Becky's sister (recovery/boil on leg); Nancy Frier (numbness in hands); Wanda Broyles, friend of Loretta Capell (inoperable brain tumor); Bruce Maynor (Hospice care); Sandy Long (back/leg pain); Brylee Lamb (cat scratch fever); Jeremy Baker (speedy recovery, Tonsillectomy); Carter & parents, Crystal's cousin's baby (Heterodoxy, organs misplaced); Ronnie Lum (recovering from shoulder surgery); Tim Cauthen (back issues, intestine problems); Karen Daugherty (stroke); Bob Marchant (home/prayers for a speedy recovery); Sue Williams (leaking heart valve); Mike Qualls (heart issues); Jess Hurlocker (Hospice, pray comfort & strength); Winnie Bowen, Ted, Kaye & Mary's mom (Hospice care); Will Reese (upcoming double knee replacement); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant); Debbie Little (healing); Will Bryan (Tourette's Syndrome); Gamble family. Our loved ones in the nursing homes and our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Cancer: Kara Wright, Jerita Minyard, Cindy Wallace, Joe Wise, Mia Miller, Sandra Lum, Don Bentley, Angela Collett (Mandy), Angele Watts (Hugo), Shirley Holter, Pat Price, Larry Didway.

Prisoners: Dwight Cross, Bryan Kirby, Tanelle Turner, Jr, Jeffery McCarley, Curtis Rodgers, Dwayne Ford, David Weaver, Richard Thompson, Zack DeJuliu, Cecil Woodward, Lazarus Jones, Justin Moss, Shane Calico, Gary Compellechee (Angie Francis).

Response

Natalie Carson giving thanks to our Lord and Savor for his blessings. Asking for strength to be a better Christian.

Update List on Our Sick

- Pray for the Sandy Wilson's Family for comfort during their time of bereavement.
- Heidi Gibson, friend of Kirkes' family, was involved in a car accident, whereas the other driver was fatally injured. She needs prayers for strength.
- Pray for Floyd Morris' Family during their time of bereavement.
- Adonia Becerra asking for prayers for her upcoming court date. Pray that God will bless her with employment.
- Rita Mahoney is having severe back pain. Keep her in your prayers.
- Kevin's brother, Mark Lashley, is having complications from back surgery, breathing, and blood pressure. He is a member of the Keota church of Christ.
- Jr. Saulsberry of Spiro was in a bad motorcycle wreck on Wednesday and was air lifted to Little Rock.
- Winfred is seeking prayers for relief from numbness, pain and strength.
- Rona, Regina's niece, needing prayers that God's will be done.
- Tim Cauthen will have back surgery October 2nd at Mercy. Pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.

Notice

- Some of the free 8 x 10 pictures are in the lobby on the counter, please pick up your copy.
- If you canceled your first photo appointment, make sure you sign up again to get your picture in our next church directory. The last scheduled date is Sept. 20th. See Bulletin board.
- This Wednesday, September 20th, is the Food Pantry food give away from 10.am to 2pm. The 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).
- The Church picnic/Fall Festival is scheduled for October 28th at Wister Lake. More information to follow.

Dick and Ouida Moore has a new great-grandson, born on Tuesday, September 12th, 7 lbs, 5 ozs, and 20 inches long. Everyone is doing fine.

Attention!!

This Wednesday Night, September 20th is the last time to get your picture taken for the directory.

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

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

Youth Group

Contact: Tulsa Weekend Mission Trip:

Dates: Friday September 29—Sunday October 1

- In the past we have taken two groups. One group on Friday night and one on Saturday morning. There is a possibility that if most people need to come up Saturday morning we may just all wait and go up Saturday morning. Stayed tuned for more information regarding this.
- If we leave Saturday morning, we will leave at 9am from the church building. Be here at 8:30am. We are staying at **Jenks** church.

Cost: \$20.00 dollars. This is your spending money for snacks while on the road and one meal in Tulsa.

What to Bring:

- **Clothes** for Saturday at the apartments. We will be serving food and playing games with the children.

- Change of Clothes for Saturday night

- Clothes for Sunday worship and to drive home in.

- **Bedding:** Air Mattress or Sleeping Bag, Pillow and Covers.

- **"Get Ready Stuff:"** Toothpaste & brush, soap, shampoo, deodorant & **TOWEL.**

Guatemala Mission Presentation

Sunday night October 1st the Poteau Church of Christ Guatemala Mission team will make a presentation regarding their mission trip they took in July. Please come and see and hear. It will be encouraging and a blessing and God willing, something you may want to take part in in the future.

