

From The Ministers Desk

Our Worship Is a Witness

“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.” (Hebrews 13:15)

There is a direct connection between our worship and our witness. Acts 2 says of the early church, “They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity – all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved” (Vv. 46-47).

We are being watched by the world. And they marvel when a Christian can praise God when he or she is going through a hardship. It’s a powerful testimony. But sometimes they come in and join us in the pew. They sit next to us. The question is what kind of worshiper are you? What kind of witness are you?

You may say, “Well, it doesn’t matter.”

Actually it does. They are checking things out. Maybe they have never been to church before. They are sitting next to you, and while the worship is going on, you’re preoccupied. You’re chatting with a friend or daydreaming or texting. Pay attention and engage, because they are watching you. Praise and worship can be a sacrifice because sometimes we don’t feel like worshiping. But our worship is a witness. Let’s be good witnesses. Let’s make sure our hearts are in the right place.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

AM: “Grandes Cosas”, Juan 3:16,17
“Great Things”, John 3:16,17

PM: Guatemala Mission Presentation

Hispanic Studies: JJ Espinoza

Class: “Los Hechos”

Sermon: auditorium sermon

Notes: _____

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Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching IN

Elder on Call for October: Rick Parker 918-839-1593



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 September 24, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	234
Bible Class	149
Auditorium Class	63
Jr. High & High School	19
College age 18-25	9
Women's Class	20
Hispanic Class:	7
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	29
Wednesday Attendance	150
Wed. Ladies class	13
Wed. College Age	13
Wed. Adult Relationship Class	20

Week of September 24, 2017

Contribution	\$8,853.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$255,917.
Budget -YTD:	\$272,300.
Over/(Under):	(-16,393)

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.

Every Sunday - Elder's Prayer 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 @6:30 - Fishers of Men - Class in the Auditorium

Wednesday Night @ 6:30 - Relationship Class in the gym.

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

Elders Prayer List

Health: Kelley Mitts (sinus infection); Mila Delyn Nix (newborn, internal organ problems); Glenn Pool (surgery, speedy recovery); Nealie Thornburg, sister-in-law of Viola's (Alzheimer's/stroke); Jr. Relford (teeth problems); Natalie Carson (upcoming trial, good results); Heidi Gibson, friend of Kirkes' family (car accident); Jr. Saulsberry (bad motorcycle accident); Windred Ashley (relief from Numbness/pain/strength); Mark Lashley (speedy recovery/two neck surgeries); Sandy Keys (tumor/brain stem); (Cecil Williams (heart)); Joseph Seaman (hospital, pain, confusion); Darlene Seaman (health issues); Nancy Frier (numbness in hands); Wanda Broyles, friend of Loretta Capell (inoperable brain tumor); Sandy Long (back/leg pain); Karen Daugherty (stroke); Bob Marchant (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); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant). Our loved ones in the nursing homes and our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Bereavement: Rona Sheffield family; Larry Ellis family, Merlin Scoot family.

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

Prisoners Prayer list:

Dwight Cross, Brian Clinesmith, David Woods, Bill Largen, Andrew Henderson, William Milkey, Adam Shields, Tanelle Turner, Angie Francis, Shame Calico, Charles Barbee, Daniel Inman II, Brian Clinesmith, Jeff McCarley, Joey Wolfe, Justin Moss, Alphans Bradford, Jake Esley, Chaplian Anita Davis, Apollo Johnson.

Update List on Our Sick

- Helen Bethel fell and broke her shoulder in 3 places. It will take 3 months for the breaks to heal. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- Tim Cauthen will have back surgery October 2nd at Mercy. Pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.
- Malita Tracy's breast cancer has spread to her sternum and covering her right chest wall. She will be undergoing an aggressive cancer treatment.
- Victoria Salcedo, 18 year old, from Eufaula has recurring brain tumors. Had brain bleed, hasn't recovered, may have cancer.
- Nancy Frier has a blood clot in her lungs. Keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Kelci Fulmer, Loretta Sisco's granddaughter has Thyroid cancer and will be going to MD Anderson in October. Pray for good results.
- Larry Earls has been having trouble with high blood pressure, keep him in your prayers.
- Crystal Eaves, works for the Johnston's, and her son have Crones Disease. She had surgery last month. Pray that her body heals and does not have to have another surgery.

Notice

- There will be an Elders, Deacons and Ministers meeting after evening services.
- To Celebrate our birthdays and anniversaries for the month of October, there will be cake and ice cream in the MPB after evening services.
- Winfred's Shepherd group will have a cookout at Joe Schwekhard's home on Saturday October 7th at 4:00 pm.
- **Today is the last day** to sign-up to re-schedule your picture for our next church directory. See Bulletin board to sign up or contact Dedra McMillin.
- For the month of September, the food pantry distributed food to 22 families. That included 72 individuals (21 children, 34 adults). Thanks to all the church members for donating and helping with this ministry.
- The Food Pantry is in need of the following: Jiffy cornbread mix, instant potatoes, pinto beans, canned vegetables, cans of chicken, tuna, and small cooked canned ham (anything with pull tabs, because some are homeless, living in motels).
- The Church Picnic is scheduled for October 28th here at the church. More information to follow.
- If you are getting text message from the Wister school, and do not want to receive them, please send this text "@leave" back to that number. If you need help contact the office.

Thank You Note

Just a note to say thank you so much for all the kind words, cards, and expressions of sympathy on the loss of my dad. My family and I are so fortunate to have such a loving church family. We especially appreciated the beautiful plant that was sent. We love each and everyone of you. God bless. In Christian love.

Kay Garrett and family
The Scott family

Guatemala Mission Presentation

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

Attention Parents!

The Youth group will be back this afternoon between 3 and 4. Keep your cell phones on so you can keep up with the kids and when they will be arriving at the church.

Hurricane Relief

Last day to donate is **Today**. Poteau church of Christ will donate \$2000, along with the private donations from church members. This will be sent to the Church of Christ Disaster Response Relief fund.

Make your check payable to PCOC, and in the memo area ear mark for **Hurricane Relief**. Give your check to an Elder or Sue.

Ladies Day

Northside Church of Christ

2009 Highway 71 North

Mena, AR

October 7, 2017

"A Symphony of Sisters"

Anne Coleman, guest speaker

Registration from 8:30 - 9am

Coffee, juice and donuts

Salad buffet and dessert lunch

RSVP, text to 281-844-1819