

From The Ministers Desk

Why Did You Come?

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” – John 4:23-24

On Sunday, church buildings across our nation fill up with people gathering together for different reasons. For some it is for social interaction. For some it is to check the “go to church” box off a checklist. For some it is because someone made them. For some it is because of habit. For some it is to see the visiting preacher. For some it is for the dinner following services. For some it is because of the singing.

For some it is a search for something missing. For some it is a desire to worship God in spirit and truth. For some it is to feel good. For some it is to look good. For some it is good business. For some it is to surprise a loved one. For some it is to catch up on the latest gossip. For some it is to make things right with God. For some it is to take their children. For some it is to take their grandchildren. For some it is to ask for help. For some it is to see if others need help. For some it is because their name was down to perform a duty. Some have nothing better to do. For some it is to find problems so they can make excuses not to come the next Sunday. For some it is a feeling of guilt. For some it is because a religious leader wanted extra funds for the collection. For some they are looking for a church home.

“Why come?” is a valid question. In today’s world, few people realize that God spends as much time asking why we go to church as He does asking if we go to church. Why? God wants our hearts and minds to come together in holy worship to Him. He wants our lives to benefit from the teachings found in His Word. He wants us to be edified while at the same time edifying those around us. We should examine our motives to make sure they are pure in God’s sight. Only then will we truly gain the benefits of going to church!

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<p>Sermon Topics:</p> <p>AM: “The Will to Do God’s Will” John 7:14-17</p> <p>PM: “The Sin of Envy, Jealousy, and Competitiveness” Romans 1:28-32</p> <p>Hispanic Studies: JJ Espinoza</p> <p>Class: Los Hechos</p> <p>Sermon: “Gracias” Phillipians 4:6-7</p>	<p>Notes: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Poteau church of Christ

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:

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J.J. Espinoza –Hispanic
Paul Fletcher –Youth
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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 October 15, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	228
Bible Class	147
Auditorium Class	65
Jr. High & High School	18
College age 18-25	8
Women's Class	16
Hispanic Class:	3
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	29
Wednesday Attendance	137
Wed. Ladies class	17
Wed. College Age	10
Wed. Adult Relationship Class	30

Week of October 15, 2017

Contribution	\$6,895.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$276,998.
Budget -YTD:	\$294,455.
Over/(Under):	(\$17,457)

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 - 5:15 before Bible Study

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.

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

Elders Prayer List

Health: Tim Cauthen (back surgery/rehab); Judy Crabtree, Viola's sister (Sequoyah nursing home); Freeda Bird (health problems); Gladys Fleming (stroke); Bethany Whittaker (recovery/child birth); Nora Faye (pulled muscle in leg/lots of pain); Sue Coleman (nerve problems/left arm); Crystal Eaves and her son (Crones Disease); Larry Earls (blood pressure); Victoria Salcedo (recurring brain tumors). Kelley Mitts (sinus infection); Mila Delyn Nix (newborn, internal organ problems); Nealie Thornburg, sister-in-law of Viola's (Alzheimer's/stroke): Winfred Ashley (relief from Numbness/pain/strength); Mark Lashley (speedy recovery/two neck surgeries); Sandy Keys (tumor/brain stem); Joseph Seaman (back to work/ still recovering); Darlene Seaman (more heart tests, blood pressure); Sandy Long (back/leg pain); Karen Daugherty (stroke); Bob Marchant (doing much better); 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.

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 and Malita Tracy, Michelle Glassburner.
Prisoners Prayer list: Dwight Cross, Bo Hartsfield, Bryan Kirby, Richard Thompson, Shane Calico, Zackery Marcus, Bill Largen, Curtis Rodgers, Joey Wolfe, Raymando Madrid, Justin Mass, Dwayne Ford, Mark Vesslon

Here We Grow Again!

Junior Relford was Baptized 11-15-17.

Responses

Milissa Kilgo asking for prayers on behalf of her nephew, David, that he would seek God First.

Update List on Our Sick

- Karen Taylor and Ginger Muncy, sister-n-laws of Sue Taylor Dunn, both have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Keep them and their families in your prayers.
- Larry Earles asking for prayers for 6 month old, Jimmy, that has terminal cancer.
- Evelyn Smith has strained her back and has been down for several weeks, pray for a speedy recovery.
- Regina Lewis has some eye problems.
- Dory Fletcher will go next week for consultation on manipulation on her shoulder. Pray for good results.
- Linda Lashley had good results from her mammogram. She will have another mammogram in six months.
- Nancy Frier will have surgery on October 25th.
- Mike Baker from Wyoming has aggressive cancer.
- Martha Bell's friend, Gary Hinton, had a valve replacement. Keep him in your prayers.
- Robyn Starcher's friend, Jackie, has cancer. Robyn also has some health issues. Keep them both in your prayers.
- Tim Cauthen is doing much better. If you would like to pay him a visit, please wait till after 5 pm due to rehab.
- Kelci Fulmer, Loretta's granddaughter had thyroid surgery on Friday, continue to pray for speedy recovery.
- Joni Fitzgerald is still recovering from a car accident. She is seeking employment.

Notice

- Birthday cakes are needed for the Oaks Nursing Home on the 25th of October. Will need 2 sugar free and 2 regular. Contact office.
- The Food Pantry is in need of the following: Jiffy cornbread mix, instant potatoes, pinto beans, canned vegetables, cans of chicken, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce and tuna.

Church Picnic / Trunk or Treat

This year the church picnic/trunk or treat for members of the church will be Saturday, October 28th, 10am - 2pm. The church will furnish the hamburger meat and buns, hot dogs, and condiments (lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions and cheese). There will be a list on the bulletin board for food items needed for you to volunteer to bring.

Russ Campbell will need volunteers to help set up for the meal and the trunk or treats for the children. Contact him ASAP if you can help.

Please show up Saturday morning by 8:30 to start.

Kids First Ministry:

Announcement to all the Kids First Mentors. We will be trying a new approach to give all of our van ministry students the love and guidance needed on Wednesday nights! We are having such a large number that we are running both vans on Wednesday nights! Praise God! But it calls for us as a Poteau Church of Christ family to be ready to love, serve and be an example for these precious children.

If you are an approved Mentor please give Don Johnston your T-shirt size immediately. We will be playing an order asap. Then all mentors will start wearing their "Kids First T-Shirt" every Wednesday night. We are going to begin taking more of a team approach. Instead of assigning one permanent mentor per child, any mentor wearing one of the designated "Kids First T-shirts" will be responsible for connecting with at least one or two of the van ministry students and staying in touch with them throughout the evening, including during Mid Week Manna and afterwards, Bible Class and Announcements. We will have Travis and Melissa make the students aware that it is also their responsibility to find one of the mentors with a "Kids First T-Shirt" on and ask them if they will be their mentor for the night, as soon as they get on campus. Each mentor should have no more than 2 students under their care for the night. Ideally, each student need to match up with a mentor from the time they get off the van till the time they get back on. From that time on they need to keep in contact with their mentor and their mentor needs to keep in contact with them.

The idea is that we are all watching out for one another, all looking to step up and help and make a difference. The goal of all of this is love. We want these students to have a positive experience with us, grow and always know they are welcome as a part of God's family here.

If you are not a mentor and would like to be one, please see **Don Johnston, Phillip Kirkes or Paul Fletcher**. We will get you an application, run a background check and get you started asap. This is a good and much needed work. What a great way to serve in the kingdom! Get involved today!

Youth News

1. Please help us keep the new 18-25 Year Old Ministry going strong! If you are in this age group please strive to make it to Bible class on Sunday mornings at 9:30am, Wednesday night Mid Week Manna at 5:30 and Wednesday night Bible class at 6:30pm! We need your presence and involvement! So proud of all who are getting involved! You all are a blessing! Let's all encourage these young adults to get involved!
2. To all our church members: If you would like to provide a meal after any Sunday morning church here at the building or have the college age group over to your house on a weeknight or weekend sometime please see Jamie Olive and set up a time and date. Thanks to all who have been so generously giving there time, effort and food to support and help our young adults meet together regularly!
3. Upcoming "College Age Fall Fellowship!!!" Come all College Age Students (ages 18-25)! Invite Your Friends! We will meet at the church building at 6pm Saturday, October 28, 2017. We will all ride together in the church van (s) to "Wild Things Farm" in Pocola, OK. Cost is \$6 per person, which will pay for the Hay Ride and Corn Maze. Hotdogs and s'more will be provided! It's going to be a great time! Be there and help spread the word! See Don Jr. for more information.
4. The youth group will be traveling to Southern Christian Home in Morrilton, AR Friday December 8 through Saturday December 9. We will be taking presents to the children there and hosting a lunch and youth rally for them. The Christmas wish list for the children will be posted on the bulletin board in a few weeks.

Fall Gospel Meeting

October 22nd thru 26th

9th Street Church of Christ, Ft Smith

Guest Speaker: Bro. Tommy Brooks

Sunday service: 10 am

Fellowship dinner to follow Sunday Sermon

7 pm on Monday - Thursday.

More information on bulletin board.