

From The Ministers Desk

For the Whole World

Peter told them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean." – Acts 10:28

It's very easy to look down on someone caught up in a certain sin until we personally know one of these people. It might be a close friend, or it might be a family member. Maybe we know someone who has a child who has gone astray. Maybe our own child has gone astray. And now all of a sudden when it is on our front porch, it isn't the same. Now there is a face attached to the sin. And it is much more difficult to be so disconnected, stern, and sharp.

I am not suggesting the sin is any less a sin. But I am saying that when it is connected to someone we know, we suddenly see it a little differently. There is a little more compassion for that person, and we want to help instead of simply condemn him or her.

God called Peter and the rest of the apostles to take the gospel to the whole world – not just to the Jewish world. But after six years had passed, this new group of Christians was pretty much staying within the confines of Judaism.

This was God's plan, because Judaism was pointing to the fulfillment of Jesus as the Messiah. Everything found in the Old Testament, including the animal sacrifices, was pointing to something yet to be fulfilled- and that something was Someone. Jesus did not come to do away with the law but to fulfill it. He did that at the cross and His resurrection.

May God help us to go where He wants us to go, to whom He wants us to go, with the message He wants us to bring. So many have not yet heard the gospel. May we be the instruments He would use to bring the gospel to them.

Donald

Sermon Topics:	Notes: _____
AM: "Paul and Corinth" 1 Cor. 1:1-9	_____
PM: "A Divided Church" 1 Cor. 1:10-17	_____
Hispanic Studies: JJ Espinoza	_____
Class: Los Hechos	_____
Sermon: "Gracias" Filipenses 4:6-7	_____

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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:

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 October 22, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	194
Bible Class	122
Auditorium Class	54
Jr. High & High School	17
College age 18-25	3
Women's Class	20
Hispanic Class:	3
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	29
Wednesday Attendance	130
Wed. Ladies class	13
Wed. College Age	9
Wed. Adult Relationship Class	

Week of October 22, 2017

Contribution	\$6,357.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$283,355.
Budget -YTD:	\$301,840.
Over/(Under):	(\$18,485)

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: Jack Baker (eye surgery, Oct.26th); Frank Neusom (bull riding accident); Joni Fitzgerald (recovery, car accident); Robyn Starcher (health issues); Jackie, Robyn's friend (cancer); Gary Hinton, Martha Bell's friend (heart valve replacement recovery); Carl Lockhart (heart and lung problems); Christian, friend of Roberta Turpin (victim of mugging, facial surgery); Sally Nixon (shingles); Evelyn Smith (back pain); Regina (eye problems); Sue Coleman, Charlie's wife (nerve issue in left arm); Nora Faye Lum (pulled muscle in leg); Gladys Flemming, Brenda Campbell friend (stroke); Judy Crabtree, Viola's sister (Sequoyah Nursing Center, Sallisaw); Kelci Fulmer, Loretta's granddaughter (recovery, thyroid surgery); Crystal Eaves and son (crones disease); Larry Earles (blood pressure); Victoria Salcedo (brain tumors); Kelly Mitts (sinus infection); Mila Delyn Nix (newborn, organ problems); Nealie Thornburg, Viola's sister (Alzheimer's); Mark Lashley (recovery, two neck surgeries); Carlos Carson (back pain); Cecil Williams (heart issues); Sandy Keys (tumor on brain stem); Carter & parents (organs misplaced, Heterotaxy); Charlie Coleman (heart issues); Kim Daniels (pain); Tim Cauthen (recovery, visitation after 5 pm); Karen Daugherty (stroke); Bob Marchant (continued recovery); Darlene Seaman (heart tests, blood pressure); LeeAnn Starts (headaches); Jess Hurlocker (Hospice care); Winnie Bowen, Ted and Mary's mother (Hospice care); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement); Windred Ashley (favorable test results); Dory Fletcher (favorable results treatments); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant); Our loved one's in the nursing home, and Our Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

Cancer: Jerita Minyard, Cindy Wallace, Joe Wise, Mia Miller, Sandra Lum, Don Bentley, Angela Collett (Mandy), Angela Watts (Hugo), Shirley Holter, Pat Price, Larry Didway, Nancy Frier and Malita Tracy, Michelle Glassburner, Karen Taylor, Ginger Muncy and Mike Baker.

Thankful: Linda Lashley (good test results).

Prisoners Prayer list: Dwight Cross, Bryan Kirby, Gary Compelleebee, Artwun Hicks, Curtis Tackett, Justin Moss, Henderson, Mr. Hill, Trey Minyard, Jeffrey McCarley, Joseph Williams, Christopher Barrera, Joshua Reed, Cecil Woodward, Brian Clinesmith, Brandon Heath, Fred Washington, Mark Vossier, Apollo Johnson, Lee Minyard.

Miscellaneous: Joni Fitzgerald (seeking employment), Tara McGee Family (Strength & Guidance); Natalie Carson (upcoming trial, good results).

Bereavement: Freeda Byrd Family (Tony and Clifford Nixon's mother).

Update List on Our Sick

- Tim Cauthen is doing better, still in rehab.
- Winfred Ashley will have and MRI on Monday.
- Nancy Frier had surgery last week and surgery went well. Keep her in your prayers.
- Rodney Schumann has cancer in the thymus gland. Rodney is Amy Johnston's best friend's husband.
- Sally Nixon has shingles, keep her in your prayers.
- Dory will have shoulder manipulation consultation. Pray for good results.
- Nora Faye is going back to the doctor to seek answer for pain.
- Jack Baker had eye surgery on Thursday in Okla. City. Keep him in your prayers.
- Donna Fisk has been in bed with a dislocated shoulder. She is in a lot pain. Prayers are requested.

Response 10-22-17

Quinton Bowen asking for prayers for himself and Michaela. They are going through a divorce.



Notice

- 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.
- John Beasley has a new mailing address: P.O. Box 951, Poteau, OK. 74953.
- The food pantry served 19 families, and 53 Individuals. Thank you to everyone that helped and donated.
- Saturday night, November 4th is Daylight Saving time. Fall back!

Bonfire

Rendall's Shephard group will have their annual Bonfire/Weenie Roast on Sunday evening, November 12th, at Ted and Nina's. There is a list on the bulletin board for food to bring. Please bring your lawn chairs. If you need directions, contact Ted, Nina or Rendall.



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. 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.

Youth and College Age News

Please join us for Fellowship, Devo, Dinner and Bonfire at Manny and Sarah's, 35909 Easy Street, Poteau, Saturday, November 11, 4pm to 9pm.

There are sign up sheets on the youth bulletin board for food for you to bring. Please bring your lawn chairs. If you need a ride, please let Manny or Philip Kirkes know.

