

From The Ministers Desk

A Heavenly Perspective

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” – John 16:33

When Mary and Martha found out about how ill their brother, Lazarus was, they sent word to Jesus and simply said, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick” (John 11:3). In other words, “Lord, remember us – Mary, Martha, and Lazarus here in Bethany? We’re Your friends. You hang out at our home whenever You’re in town. Remember Martha? She’s the one who makes those killer meals. Mary is the one who sits at Your feet. And Lazarus? He’s Your friend. Lord. Your friend is sick.”

They probably thought Jesus would just speak the word, and Lazarus would be healed instantaneously. Or perhaps He would rush back and lay His hand on Lazarus’ fevered head.

Instead we read that Jesus delayed His arrival. In fact, when Jesus heard about Lazarus, He said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it” (v.4). Although Jesus loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, He stayed where He was for the next two days.

You know the rest of the story. Jesus allowed Lazarus to die, but then He raised him from the dead. The point was that God wanted to bring greater glory to His name.

It is true that God loves us and works all things together for good. But the problem arises with our definition of how God should show that love and what we feel “good” ought to be in our lives. We think that good means no pain, no suffering, no hardship – that it means a problem-free life.

Our definition of good is what benefits us in the here and now, not in the by and by. We are interested in what will benefit us temporarily, but God is interested in what will benefit us eternally.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

AM: “No Longer A Slave to Sin”
Romans 6:1-18
PM: “Fruit, Roots, and the Heart”
Luke 6:43-45

Hispanic Studies: JJ Espinoza

Class:
Sermon:

Notes: _____

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Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching IN

Elder on Call for November: Randy Lum 918-647-7859



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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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 29, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM 196
Bible Class
Auditorium Class
Jr. High & High School
College age 18-25
Women's Class
Hispanic Class:
Prison Class:
NewLife Behavior Ministries
Wednesday Attendance 11-1-17
Wed. Ladies class
Wed. College Age
Wed. Adult Relationship Class

Week of October 29, 2017

Contribution \$8,206.
Budget -Weekly: \$7,385.
Contribution-YTD \$291,591.
Budget -YTD: \$309,225.
Over/(Under): (\$17,634.)

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 (in rehab/doing better); Nancy Frier (recovery/surgery); Rodney Schumann (thymus gland cancer); Jack Baker (eye surgery, recovery); Donna Fisk (dislocated shoulder); Frank Neusom (bull riding 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); Nora Faye Lum (pulled muscle in leg); Gladys Flemming, Brenda Campbell friend (stroke); Judy Crabtree, Viola's sister (Sequoyah Nursing Center, Sallisaw); Crystal Eaves and son (crones disease); 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); Sandy Keys (tumor on brain stem); Carter & parents (organs misplaced, Heterotopy); Charlie Coleman (heart issues); Kim Daniels (pain); Karen Daugherty (stroke); Bob Marchant (continued recovery); Darlene Seaman (heart tests, blood pressure); Lee-Ann Starts (headaches); Jess Hurlucker (Hospice care); Winnie Bowen, Ted and Mary's mother (Hospice care); Will Reece (upcoming double knee replacement); 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: Joni Fitzgerald found work.

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: Tara McGee Family (Strength & Guidance); Natalie Carson (upcoming trial, good results).

Bereavement: Bates family (loss of mother); Lindsay Daggs (loss of father);

Response

Jerry Lewis asking for prayers for his job and spiritual guidance.

Update List on Our Sick

- Winfred Ashley received good results from MRI, tumor has shrunk. Thank you for the prayers.
- Tim Cauthen is home and will be in rehab for 9 to 12 months.
- Jack Baker had eye surgery last week, he is improving every day.
- Bobby Martin had a colon polyp test which tested positive for cancer. He seen a surgeon on Thursday. Pray that the cancer is contained in just one area.
- Gina Rogers' dad, Ralph LaRosa had exploratory surgery Friday morning. He has other health issues, pray for good results.
- Kim Daniels hurt her back. Pray for her recovery.
- Mandy Kirkes' procedure went well.
- Martha Bell is home recovering.
- Regina Lewis will have a consultation with her surgeon on November 8th for cornea surgery.
- Nancy Frier's pathology report shows NO cancer in the lymph nodes. Prayers are answered.
- Tracy Wright, niece of Judy Robertson and Sue Dunlap, and 5 others from the Muskogee VA hospital are being deployed TDY to Puerto Rico for 2 weeks. Pray for their safety and a safe return.

Notice

- Wednesday Bible classes will **all** meet in the auditorium November 22nd for a combined fellowship.
- Elders, Deacon's and Minister's meeting tonight after evening worship.
- Game night will be this Thursday, November 9th at 6pm in the MPB.
- The Food Pantry is in need of the following: spaghetti and spaghetti sauce.
- Church group messaging system: text "@Poteau" to #81010.
- If there are any church members that are in need of a Thanksgiving basket, please contact the office no later than November 15th.

Senior Saints Banquet

Senior Saints Banquet, December 5, 5:00pm in MPB. Mark your calendar and get ready to have a very good time and excellent meal.

Shepherd Group meeting

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 and College Age News

1. 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.
2. 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!
3. 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!

Upcoming Youth Events

November 11: "Fellowship, Devo and Dinner" at Manny and Sarah Rivera's home. 35909 East Street Poteau, OK from 4-9pm.

November 29: "5th Wednesday Youth -Led Worship" For all young men grades 1st-12th. We will be preparing for this on each Wednesday in November. The boys can either lead a song, prayer or read a Scripture in the auditorium the night of the 29th.

December 2: "Senior Saints Christmas Banquet" We will need at least 10 servants from the youth group to help serve the Senior Saints at their banquet that night from 4:30pm-8:30pm.

December 8-9: "Southern Christian Home Christmas Youth Rally Week-end" We will leave on that Friday evening for Morrilton, AR and stay the night in one of the cottages at the home. We will give out Christmas presents and have lunch with the children on Saturday and then return to Poteau.

December 31st: "New Years Eve Hang -Out" We will go the Trampoline Park and then the Bowling Alley and then come back to the church building for a while. You will need a ride no later than 12:30am January 1 because that is when it will be over.

January 12-14: "Winterfest" Arlington, TX. You will need to get out of school that Friday. We will leave at 10am that Friday morning. Bring clothes and "get-ready stuff" for two days. No need for bedding or a towel, we will be staying in a hotel. The cost is \$50 per person that will cover fees and lodging and some meals. You will need an additional \$25 for meals on the road. We will be back to Poteau Sunday Jan.14th at 3 or 4pm.

February 9th: "A Night to Shine" We will go to the West-ark Church of Christ in Ft. Smith to help serve at a prom for special needs students.