

From The Ministers Desk

Why We Should Worship

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.” – Psalm 118:1

Worship can turn the most miserable circumstances into a wonderful time. In the book of Acts we read of Paul and Silas, who were beaten and thrown into a cold, dark, stinking dungeon for preaching the gospel. But at midnight Paul and Silas began singing praises to God. They worshiped the Lord. As they sang, an earthquake came, and the entire prison fell apart. (Talk about bringing the house down.)

It's wonderful when you can be lifted up through worship. I'm not talking about mind over matter; I'm talking about faith over circumstances. I'm not talking about positive thinking; I'm talking about honoring God, who is still on the throne no matter what you're going through.

God may deliver you immediately from your situation as He did with Paul and Silas. Or He may not. Sometimes when you worship the Lord, your problems don't go away, but they don't seem as significant. It's not because your problems have disappeared. It's because you have reevaluated things. As you worship the Lord and think about His glory, His power, His splendor, and His love, then you see Him in perspective.

The word *worship* comes from an old English word that means “worthship.” We should worship God because He is worthy. No matter what we're going through, no matter what our circumstances may be, God merits our worship. The Bible says, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever” (Psalm 118:1). We worship God in spite of our circumstances, in spite of what we're going through, because God merits and deserves our worship. And He is always worthy of our worship.

God made us to worship Him. God made us to bring Him pleasure. And God is pleased when we worship Him with a proper heart.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

AM: “The Fellowship of the Church”
Ephesians 4:25

PM: “The Sovereignty of God”
Psalm 24:1

Hispanic Studies: JJ Espinoza

Class: Los Hechos
Sermon: “Amigos de”
John 15:15

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

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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 November 19, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	192
Bible Class	147
Auditorium Class	62
Jr. High & High School	16
College age 18-25	7
Women's Class	21
Hispanic Class:	3
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	35
Wednesday Attendance 11-23-17	
Wed. Ladies class	
Wed. College Age	
Wed. Adult Relationship Class	

Week of November 19, 2017

Contribution	\$6,754.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$313,399.
Budget -YTD:	\$323,995.
Over/(Under):	(\$17,981.)

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: Malita Tracy (waiting on CAT scan results); Nancy Frier (surgery after Thanksgiving); Bethany Whitaker (Ultra sound/Throid); Jennifer Perez's aunt, Carol, (stroke); Alberta Marcum (good test results); Dena Brickey, Pat Gardner's sister (waiting on results of tests); Judy Crabtree (colon surgery recovery); Nicki Sullard (out patient surgery recovery); Charlotte Rowe (recovery); Kaelin Blasdel, (brain tumor surgery/recovery); Gina Rogers' dad, Ralph LaRosa (health/blockages); Regina Lewis (eye surgery/Dec.13th); Micki Graylee (waiting on test results); Waldo Rodrigues (brain tumor); Bobby Martin (recovery/surgery); Tim Cauthen (in rehab/doing better); Robyn Starcher (health issues); Carl Lockhart (heart and lung problems); Sally Nixon (shingles); Victoria Salcedo (brain tumors); Carlos Carson (back pain); Sandy Keys (tumor on brain stem); Winnie Bowen, Ted and Mary's mother (Hospice care); LeeAnn Starts (health); 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, Rodney Schumann, Cindy Wallace, Joe Wise, Mia Miller, Sandra Lum, Don Bentley, Angela Collett (Mandy), Angela Watts (Hugo), Shirley Holten, Pat Price, Larry Didway, Malita Tracy, Michelle Glassburner, Karen Taylor, Ginger Muncy and Mike Baker, Robyn's friend, Jackie.

Benevolence: Phil Harris Family; Shawn Masterson (lost his son). Keep these families in your prayers during their time of bereavement.

Prisoners Prayer list: Shane Calico, Dwight Cross, Bryan Kirby, Bill Largen, Raymundo Madrid, Chris Moss, Justin Moss, Jeff McCarley, Tanelle Turner, Joey Wolfe, Cecil Woodward.

Update List on Our Sick

- Pray for Melissa Kilgore, she has been in the hospital to get her medication corrected.
- Linda Henson is having problems with her kidneys because of diabetes. Pray that everything will be better.
- Ron Grady has been moved to a long term facility. Pray for healing and that medications are corrected.
- Sheree Keen, co-worker of Becky Baker, had surgery on her hand. Pray for quick and full recovery.
- Randy Lum having problems with his collar bone and rib.

Response

Rahl Becerra asking for prayers for his family. He is thankful his dad got a job. He's prayerful that his mother will get her job back.



Notice

- We **will not** have a PM worship service on December 24th.
- Wednesday 29th, is the 5th Wednesday, the service will be conducted by the young men of our congregation. **ALL** classes will meet in the auditorium.
- There will be no Mid-week manna on Wednesday, December 27th due to the holidays.
- Church group messaging system: text "@Poteau" to #81010.

Senior Saints Banquet

Senior Saints Banquet, December 2, 5:00pm in MPB. Mark your calendar and get ready to have a very good time and excellent meal. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board if you plan on attending. Also if you would like to help in the kitchen or set up tables or clean up, please contact Heather Garner.

Southern Christian Home Christmas Wish List:

The list for the SCH Children is up on the youth bulletin board. Print your name and phone number by the child you wish to sponsor. On the table is a paper with your child's name and wish list. **TAKE THE PAPER WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME WITH YOU!** Spending goal is \$50 per child. Deadline to have gifts here at the church building is Sunday December 3rd. Please have all gifts wrapped before you bring them to the church building. And please put the name of the child on each wrapped gift and who it is from...**please!** Anyone is welcome to go with us the weekend of December 8-9. You will be blessed. Sign up on the youth bulletin board if you'd like to go. **Anyone can go**, especially our young people and families need to attend this trip if at all possible! Please sign up and go! This is the true meaning of Christmas and the true work of the kingdom of God!

Annual Christmas Light Drive Thru

It's that time again for Christmas lights, cookies, and hot chocolate. Come out to Randy and Mia's on Sunday evening, December 10th, after our shepherd group meetings. Plan on driving through or stopping to visit for a while and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.

Contact Mia if you have any questions.

Upcoming Youth Events

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 Weekend" 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.

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Chassity Sawyer, Malita Tracy's daughter on Sunday, December 3rd, at Amy Johnston's home between 2-4pm. She is having a boy. If you need suggestions on gifts contact Jan Wood.