

# From The Ministers Desk

## Our Forever Legacy

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.” – 3 John 1:4

When David was on his deathbed, he called his son Solomon. Solomon was going to carry on his reign as king, and here is what David said to him, “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever” (1 Chronicles 28:9).

Like David, we are all leaving a legacy. And our job as parents is to bring our children to Christ, by our actions and by our words. The legacy we leave for those that follow will affect generations to come.

James Merritt, in his book *What God Wants Every Dad to Know*, wrote, “Fatherhood is more than conceiving, feeding, clothing, educating, and sending children out on their own. Dads have the responsibility of preparing their children for their eternal destiny of meeting God.” I agree with that. We are passing on an eternal legacy.

Listen to this: the choices of our time are binding in eternity – not just during life here on earth, but forever.

Having lived over 56 years on this earth, I have seen many generations. My grandparents’ generation. My parents’ generation. My generation. My children’s generation. My grandchildren’s generation. And here is what I have seen: things we do today impact us later in life. Our actions impact our children and our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren.

You are leaving a legacy. The question is” is it a godly legacy or an ungodly legacy?

Donald

### Sermon Topics:

AM: “Bah Humbug!”  
Psalm 102:1-7

PM: Shepherd Group Meetings

Hispanic Studies: JJ Espinoza

Class: Los Hechos

Sermon: “La Oracion de Maria”

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Poteau church of Christ

## Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching IN

Elder on Call for December: Dick Moore 405-513-3844



## 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

### OFFICE:

- Sue Taylor Dunn - Secretary
- Loretta Sisco –Secretary

### Contact Information:

20690 292nd Street, Poteau, Oklahoma 74953  
(918) 647-4873

don@poteaucoc.org

sued@poteaucoc.org

loretta@poteaucoc.org

Or go to [www.poteaucoc.org](http://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 December 03, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	242
Bible Class	150
Auditorium Class	68
Jr. High & High School	21
College age 18-25	9
Women's Class	18
Hispanic Class:	6
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	25

Week of December 03, 2017

Contribution	\$9,263.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$328,744.
Budget -YTD:	\$346,150.
Over/(Under):	(\$17,406.)

### 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 MPB 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

**Note:** First of the month, we have removed some from the list to keep it current. Submit new cards for continuing requested prayers.

**Health:** Billie McMillin (sick); Debbie Jones, Billy's mom (emergency surgery); Don Bentley (pray for healing, able to eat soon); Eddie & Jorge Martinez (spiritual); Eric Horn (tonsils removed, recovering); Jennifer Powell, Philip Kirkes's sister (recovery, ruptured disc in neck); Jess Hurlocker (Hospice, pray comfort & strength); Juan & Rosy Jimenez (health issues); Julian Lashley, Kevin's uncle (health issues/Macon, Ga.); Kass Fenton (knee surgery recovery); Katelyn Blasdel (recovery, stroke, brain tumor); Malita Tracy (pray for meds to shrink tumors); Melissa Kilgo (health issues); Mila Delyn Nix, family (newborn, organ problems); Mrs. Stone, Kylie's teacher (recovery/foot surgery); Nancy Frier (recovering from cancer surgery); Nicki Sullard (continued recovery); Norma Zamora (spiritual); Paul Fletcher (illness); Roberta & Sergio Castillo (spiritual); Sally Nixon (shingles); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant); Tim Cauthen (recovery); Victoria Salcedo (brain tumors); Waldo Rodriquesz (brain tumor), LeeAnn Starts (health).

**Bereavement:** Dick Hurlocker Family (Pat's Demise); Janice Fox (Holiday season, missing Rona).

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

**Prisoners Prayer list:** Jeffrey McCarley, Kevin Diaz.

**Miscellaneous:** Lisa Grady (life issues); Ron Grady (spiritual); Helen Bethel (needing visitors/calls) Beau Olive (find work in Christian environment).

### Update List on Our Sick

- Regina Lewis will have eye surgery on December 13th, keep her in your prayers.
- Lonnie Renick will have knee surgery on December 22. Pray for speedy recovery.
- Kathleen Allgeyer has bronchitis. Keep her in your prayers.
- Shirley Hollon, Brenda and Loretta's sister had throat cancer surgery. She still has cancer in her voice box and throat that they could not remove. She will receive treatment at Tulsa Cancer center.
- Verlin Roberson, Russ and Brenda's friend, from Bokchito, OK, has heart problems and cancer.
- Angelia Ginn, Viola's friend is in the hospital, suffering with mini strokes. Keep her in your prayers.
- Barbra Meadows, a member of the 9th Street congregation is having some health problems.
- Bobby Frame has cancer of the esophagus.
- Joseph Hooper, Liz's son, went to MD Anderson on Wednesday for a check up, Keep him in your prayers.
- Chell's sister, Anita Logan had tests run for cancer results and treatment. Pray for good results and recovery.
- Leon Potts recovering from surgery.
- Roy & Judy's granddaughter, Savannah Hansard, has been diagnosed with Scoliosis and she has kidney problems. She is 12 years old. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

### Notice

- Game Night is Thursday at 6pm in the MPB.
- Shepherd group meetings after evening worship.
- We **will not** have a PM worship service on December 24th.
- There will be no Mid-week manna on Wednesday, December 20th and 27th due to the holidays.
- All announcements or prayer requests on Wednesday night must be written and given to Don or turned into the office before bible study. Thank you for your help.**

### Weenie Roast and Christmas Light Drive Thru

This evening the Shepherd groups will have a progressive Christmas event. Starting here at the church with a short Devo, then out to the Weenie Roast in the Garden Pavilion, then on to Randy and Mia's for a Christmas drive thru for hot chocolate and cookies.

### Senior Saints Trip

Senior Saints will be taking a tour of the Christmas lights at Rheema Bible College in Broken Arrow on December 16th. More details to come. Please sign up on the bulletin board no later

### Christmas Mid-Week Manna Dinner

Wednesday December 13th is the date for our Christmas Mid-Week Manna dinner. Turkey and dressing will be served with all the trimmings. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board so they will have a count of how many are planning to attend. Members are asked to bring deserts. **There will be no mid-week manna on December 20th and 27th.**

### New Class on Wednesday Night

Starting on Wednesday, January 3rd, all Classes will be meeting in the auditorium for class on "Leading with Purpose". This class is for the express purpose of developing our small group ministry. The class will be approx. 4-6 weeks long. All members are encouraged to attend this very important class.

### New Members

- Nadine Chestnut, and son, Terry Chestnut, placed membership on December 3rd. Welcome them into the Poteau Church of Christ Family.

Brad and Darleen Seaman are collecting all kinds of toys, gently used and new thru their benevolent shop "Giving Grace General Store." They have been giving away free toys for the last 6 years. If you would like to donate, Brad would be happy to pick up donations here at the church building. Contact Phone number's 918-473-8631 and 918-571-8779. Give away is December 16th, at 206 Grady, Poteau, 10am to 3pm. Thank you and God Bless. Brad

### Upcoming Youth Events

**Thank you Poteau Church of Christ** for purchasing the presents for the children at Southern Christian Home. And thanks to all who went and spent time with the children as well. It is always a great blessing to be with the children there. All praise and glory to God for being able to be a part of this great blessing!

### December 31st: "New Years Eve Hang-Out"

We will go to Elevate Trampoline Park in Ft. Smith and then to Strike-A-Lot Lanes Bowling Alley in Poteau. You will need a ride or be picked up at the bowling alley no later than 12:30am January 1 because our event will be over at midnight. The cost is \$5 for entry. Give your \$5 to Phillip or Mandy Kirkes by Sunday morning Dec. 31st. Bring extra money for snacks and games. Come to church that night, Dec. 31st, at 6pm and we will leave for the Trampoline Park immediately after. If you are driving your own vehicle or meeting us there you will have to let Paul know and give direct approval from a parent.

**January 12-14: "Winterfest"** Arlington, TX. Cost is \$25 per person for fees, lodging & some meals. You need an additional \$40 for other meals and snacks. Leave at 10AM Friday morning, so you will have to get out of school that day. We will return that Sunday at 4pm. Give the \$25 to Phillip or Mandy Kirkes by 1/7/18.

### Christmas Musical/Play

"**Today a Savior is Born**" All Poteau Church of Christ members, friends & family are invited to attend an Acapella Christmas Musical and Play Sunday night December 17th at 6 PM here at the church building. Please come and enjoy a great night of singing, theatre & refreshments. Our younger children and also the youth group will be performing. So please, please, please come out & enjoy & support the children. It will be a great night!

### W.O.C. Ladies

The W.O.C. Ladies will be going to sing Christmas carols at Oaks Nursing Home today, December 10th, at 4pm before church. Bring Christmas Cards and gift bags and meet us there. Everyone is welcome to join us.