

From The Ministers Desk

God Sent A Savior

It has been said that if man's greatest need was learning, then God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need was technology, God would have sent a scientist. If our greatest need was money, God would have sent an economist. If our greatest need was entertainment, God would have sent a performer. But, our greatest need was (and is) forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.

Do you believe that? Is forgiveness the greatest need of mankind today? Some would deny such, but let's try to put things into their proper perspective. According to the inspired word of God, man has been created by the Lord (Gen. 1 & 2). The Father sent Jesus to be the Savior of the world (1 John 4:14) because He knew that without such all would perish, for all have sinned (Romans 3:23). God's hope is that we will choose to turn from our wicked ways and be baptized for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). God's hope is that we will serve Him faithfully until the end and then reside with Him eternally in heaven (Matt. 10:22).

Is Jesus your Savior? Are you showing the world every day that He is Savior by the things you say and do? Are you telling people in the world every day that their greatest need is forgiveness? Or, are you communicating a different message? Satan is doing what he can to distract disciples of the Lord. He is laboring diligently to deceive us into believing that our greatest need is something temporary and physical. Don't let him do it!

Donald

Sermon Topics:

AM: "Trust In The Lord and Do Good"
Galatian 6:9

PM: Christmas Play/Musical

Hispanic Studies: JJ Espinoza

Class: Los Hechos

Sermon: "Servicio a Dios"
Numeros 1:47-54

Notes: _____

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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

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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 December 10, 2017

Worship Attendance-AM	242
Bible Class	158
Auditorium Class	68
Jr. High & High School	21
College age 18-25	9
Women's Class	18
Hispanic Class:	3
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	25

Week of December 10, 2017

Contribution	\$15,836.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$344,580.
Budget -YTD:	\$353,535.
Over/(Under):	(\$8,955.)

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: Savannah Hansard, Roy & Judy's granddaughter (Scoliosis/kidney problems); Joseph Hooper (test results); Kathleen Allgeyer (improved health); Angelia Ginn, Viola's friend, (mini strokes); Barbra Meadows from the 9th street congregation (health); Debbie Jones, Billy's mom (emergency surgery); Don Bentley (pray for healing, able to eat soon); Eddie & Jorge Martinez (spiritual); Jennifer Powell, Philip Kirkes's sister (recovery, ruptured disc in neck); 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); Melissa Kilgo (health issues); Norma Zamora (spiritual); Roberta & Sergio Castillo (spiritual); Sally Nixon (shingles); Sue Carty, Benny's sister (needs liver transplant); Tim Cauthen (recovery); Victoria Salcedo (brain tumors); Waldo Rodriquez (brain tumor), LeeAnn Starts (health) Leon Potts (recovery/surgery).

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

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).

Bereavement: Jess Hurlocker passed away on Thursday, December 14th. He is Sybil Earnhart and Dick Hurlock's brother, and Rick Parker's uncle. Keep this family in your prayers.

Update List on Our Sick

- Regina Lewis had eye surgery on December 13th. She is doing very good. keep her in your prayers.
- Lonnie Renick will have knee replacement surgery on December 20th. Pray for speedy recovery and his family.
- Bethany Whittaker received good results on her thyroid test.
- LeeAnn Starts received results from blood work done on her kidneys. They are not working properly, worse than last testing. She was put on antibiotics. Also her white blood count is higher than before. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Judy Crabtree has an infection in her surgical incision. She is hospitalized in Tulsa at OSU Medical Center.
- Larry Earls's cousin, Jimmy Burton, has cancer and taking chemo treatments.
- Donna Fisk asking for prayers for safety from the fires in California. They are very close to her home.
- Sue Dunlap's sister-in-law, Wanda Dunlap, had a heart attack a couple of weeks ago. The doctors are talking to family about Hospice care. She is in St. Mary's Hospital at Grand Junction, Colorado.

Notice

- There were 240 wieners roasted at our Shepherd group fellowship last Sunday Night! Everyone had a great time and finished it off with a Christmas light drive-thru at Randy and Mia's house for hot chocolate and cookies.
- We now have police security on Wednesday nights for outside parameter of our buildings from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The time will move to 6:30 pm to 8:30pm after mid-manna ends.
- 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.
- Melissa Clark, Dakota's mother is in need of a refrigerator. If you have one you're not using contact Melissa.
- **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.**

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, TONIGHT, in the MPB. 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!

New Class on Wednesday Night

Starting on Wednesday, January 3rd, all classes will meet in the auditorium for the 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.

Upcoming Youth Events

DEADLINES:

1. \$5 for New Year's Eve Fellowship DUE Sunday morning December 31st to Mandy Kirkes.

2. \$25 for Winterfest is DUE Sunday morning January 7th to Mandy Kirkes. If you are going to Winterfest you to need to sign-up on the youth bulletin board immediately! Your money isn't due till the 7th but we need a commitment now if your are going.

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.