

# From The Ministers Desk

## What Will Bring People to Faith in Christ?

“And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.” – John 11:45-46

Have you ever thought that if you could do a miracle for your unbelieving friends, they would put their faith in Christ? Maybe you’ve thought, “If I could just take them down to the local cemetery and raise some people from the dead, that would convert them right there on the spot.

Some of them might believe, but most of them would not. Miracles won’t necessarily convert someone. Jesus said, “An evil adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth” (Matthew 12:39-40).

Let me loosely paraphrase what Jesus was saying: “You want to see a miracle? I’m not going to give you one. Here’s what I will say. I will go to a cross. I will die for your sins. And I will rise from the dead. That is the sign I’m giving to you.”

What will bring people to faith in Christ is not necessarily some miracle that we might perform. Rather, it will be the message of the gospel, the recognition that we’re all sinners and that we have sinned against a holy God. But God loves us so much that He sent His own Son to die on a cross in our place and take all of the sin of the world upon Himself. “The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,” Isaiah 53:5 says, “and by His stripes we are healed.”

He came to pay a debt He did not owe because we owed a debt we could not pay. That is the message we need to share.

Donald

### Sermon Topics:

AM: “The Myth of Singleness”

Genesis 2:18

PM: “Onward Christian Soldiers”

2 Tim. 2:3-4

Hispanic Studies: JJ Espinoza

Class: Salmos 23

Sermon: “Vi al Espiritu Que Decendia Del Cielo Como Paloma” Juan 1:32

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# Poteau church of Christ

## Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

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## 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](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.

To receive messages from the church: text @poteau to 81010

### By The NUMBERS

Week of January 28, 2018

Worship Attendance-AM	250
Bible Class	156
Auditorium Class	75
Jr. High & High School	18
College age 18-25	9
Women's Class	19
Hispanic Class:	3
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	25
Wednesday 1-31-18	135

Week of January 28, 2018

Contribution	\$7,621.
Budget –Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution–YTD	\$33,071.
Budget –YTD:	\$29,540.
Over/(Under):	\$3,531.

### 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 Auditorium @6:30** - Leading small groups with purpose

**Wednesday Night@ 6:30 - Relationship Class in the gym. (postponed until further notice)**

**Wednesday @ 6:30 -Ladies class:** taught by Sue Dunlap, in the GAP classroom. (Postponed until further notice)

**Second Thursday Game Night** - 6:00 p.m. in the MPB.

### Elders Prayer List

Note: First of the month: many will be removed from the list to keep it current. Submit new cards for requested prayers.

**Health:** Chock Manley, health issues); Chris McCormick (blood disorder, pray not Leukemia); Cooper Reed, Sally, (6yr old, leukemia, breathing, pain); Darleen Seaman (Shingles/health issues); Debbie Little (recovery); Don Bentley (health); Jackie Thomas (flu); Joe Wise Family (battle with cancer); John Beasley (health); Junior Ralford (flu); Judy Crabtree (Sequoyah nursing home); Kaye Woodruff, Mary Scott's sister (stroke, recovery); Kevin and Linda (continued healing/getting heart monitor); Ken Cremeans (colon problems); LeeAnn Starts, Loretta's daughter (adj. medication for blood Platelets); Linda Noler (fainting); Linda Snowber, Jerry's aunt (heart issues); Lonnie Renick (recovery from knee surgery); Martha Bell (recovery from surgery); Mary Dorey, Larry Earl's friend (fell and broke her hip); Maverick Nixon (extensive testing next week, pray for good results); Maxine Manlove (continued recovery); Mikki Gravely, Viola's g'dtr (upcoming surgery); Norma Adams (health); Renee McKinney, Ralph Hawkins' sister (critical/bypass, heart attack); Savannah Hansard, Roy & Judy's g'daughter (scoliosis/kidney problems); Steve Dosier (healing); Sue Carty, Benny Bentley's sister (needs liver transplant); Tim Cauthen (recovery); Tina Drury, Cecil cousin (heart attack); Carlos Carson's family (great aunt in rapidly failing health).

**Miscellaneous:** Mary and Floyd Howard (faith and strength during this time); Nancy Frier (find a job); Artemio (find and keep a job he likes); Work in India with Joe Evins; Beau Olive (working away from home); Kevin Lashley (starting back at the prison).

**Bereavement:** Chire Archie Family (her passing).

**Cancer:** Jackie (Robin); Nancy Frier; Malita Tracy; LeeAnn Starts; Pat Price; Michelle Glassburner; Don Bentley; Angela Collett; Shirley Hollan; Sandra Lum; Joe Wise.

**Prisoners:** Dwayne Ford, Tommy Jay, Shane Calico, Mack Hulse, Justin Moss, Raymundo Madrid, Daniel Jordan, Davis Marcus Tanelle Turner, Brian Clinesmith.

### Update List on Our Sick

- Chris Fenton will have colon surgery on Tuesday to remove The surgery will be in Tulsa. Pray for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.
- Sybil Earnhart is very sick with the flu. Please pray for a speedy recovery.
- Max Manlove is loosing blood. Pray for his good health.
- Tom Hughes will have total knee replacement on Tuesday at River Valley in Ft. Smith.
- Charlie Coleman, relapse of the flu.
- Ken Cremeans will have a biopsy on February 9th in Tulsa.
- Josh Nixon is sick with the same stomach problems he had before.
- Maverick Nixon will have extensive testing in the near future. Pray for favorable test results.
- Pat Price, Debbie Little's sister, has been placed under Hospice care.
- Continue prayers for Shirley Hollan, Brenda and Loretta's sister, her chemo and radiation treatments are continuing. The cancer has spread to other organs. Pray for comfort and peace.
- Joe Harbuck has the flu, pray for his speedy recovery.

### Responses

- Jan Wood asking for forgiveness for being brash.
- Susan Fenton needing prayers for her anger and bitterness, that has overcome her.
- Christy Stanfil is wanting to restore her faith and not be angry.
- Jim Neff wanting to restore his faith.
- Natalie Carson asking for prayers for her family as they go thru this hard time of struggles with health, finances and faith.
- Tony Nixon asking for prayers for strength to overcome his anger
- Donald Cherry asking for prayers to do the Lord's work.
- Winfred Ashley asking for prayers for strength and to overcome his anger.

### Notice

- Cake and Ice cream after evening service in the MPB in celebration of anniversaries and birthdays for February
- Elders, Deacons, and Minister's meeting tonight after evening service.
- Game night is Thursday, Feb.8 at 6 pm in MPB.
- The Southern Christian Home will be here on February 13th to pick-up their donations. There is a new list on the bulletin board.
- Food Pantry is in need of spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, instant potatoes, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you for your donations. There will be another give away on February 21st.
- Food Pantry provided food for 29 families, 72 individuals for the month of January.
- To receive TEXT messages from the church,** do the following: text @Poteau to 81010.

### Missing Teenager

Please pray for the safe return of 17 yr old, Kyler Keef, he has been missing since Tuesday. Kyler is the son of Shaun and Nicole Keef. Shaun is the CEO and CFO of EOMC.

### Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower for Jacque and Jeff Hutcherson on February 18th after evening service. There will be a money tree. Jacque is the daughter of Joyce Simpson.

### Attention Van Drivers

If you drive one of the church vans, please log your miles in the log book. Thank you for your help in keeping records up to date. Please remove all trash from the vans.

### Youth Announcements

- February 9th at 6PM: "A Night to Shine"**  
"A Night to Shine" is a prom for special needs students. We will go to the Westark Church of Christ in Ft. Smith to help serve at the prom for the special needs students. You can actually be a date (otherwise known as a "buddy") for one of the students, but there are many other ways to serve. It will be Saturday February 9th at 6pm. You have to register online as a volunteer at [nts@westark.org](mailto:nts@westark.org)
- February 23-25: "Christ-teens"** weekend youth rally in Russellville, AR. Cost is \$25.00. Plus you will need some extra spending money for travel. You will need to bring bedding items for this trip. We will be staying at Southern Christian Home.
- March/April: Spring Retreats...** This is a new thing! We will do a weekend "Family Retreat" sometime in the spring. More information will be available soon. But this is for the purpose of "Reaching In" spending more time together and strengthening the families of our youth. All youth group students are invited! We will also have volunteer mentors working with the students who may not have family members who attend PCC.
- June 3-9: Camp Wyldewood:** (Summer Church Camp). We will be attending first session again this year, June 3-9. Chad Hudelson, assistant director for Camp Wyldewood, will be coming on Wednesday March 7th from 6:30-7:10pm in the Youth Room. All Parents and children 3rd—12th grade are asked to attend this very informative meeting to prepare the students, parents and volunteers for a week of the greatest summer church camp ever!