

# From The Ministers Desk

## Love Put into Action

“Love” is one of the favorite words of Christians and is at the very heart of what it means to live as a Christian in interaction with other people. The problem is that “love” can be a vague, misunderstood, overused term. People tend to attach their own meanings to it. Therefore, the biblical concept of love must be emphasized.

Biblical love is not an emotion, but an attitude or mindset. We are commanded to love. We can decide and determine to love others.

None of us can love in the way we should without the enabling grace of God. Love is not entirely the product of the human will, but our wills are involved. The key is to put love into effect in all our relationships. In Romans 12:9-21, Paul wanted to show what biblical love looks like in practice.

Some say, “Always do the loving thing,” using “situation ethics” as a guide for their ethical behavior. They fail to define “love” in God’s terms. God has established the standards of right behavior, and they are revealed to us in the Scriptures. In situations where God’s commands and the command to love are in conflict, what should a person do? Some want to “do the loving thing” regardless of what the Bible says; they support this with Scriptures like Matthew 12:1-8. Others say, “Follow God’s commands, and He will make a way out for you,” based on 1 Corinthians 10:13. Ethical dilemmas in which we must choose between being loving and following another command of God are rare. Usually, the conflict is between what God has commanded in Scripture and what we *think* is the “loving thing” to do. We must always follow the commands of God.

One of the most important parts of love is the attitude of non-retaliation. Paul said, “Bless those who persecute you” (12:4). Jesus told His followers, “...pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44). Even though the desire to get revenge is often strong, Christians are to trust that God will ultimately take care of the wrongs and injustices in the world.

Donald

<b>Sermon Topics:</b>	Notes:
AM: “The Seven Gifts God Gave to Singles” Genesis 1:26-27	
PM: Shepherd Group Meetings	
<u>Hispanic Studies:</u> JJ Espinoza	
Class: Salmos 23	
Sermon: “Nada Me Faltara” Filipenses 4:19	

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# Poteau church of Christ

## Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for February 2018: Rendall Thompson 918-647-6662



## 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 February 4, 2018

Worship Attendance-AM	200
Bible Class	154
Auditorium Class	72
Jr. High & High School	22
College age 18-25	10
Women's Class	13
Hispanic Class:	4
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	25
Wednesday 2-7-18	

Week of February 4, 2018

Contribution	\$7,593.
Budget –Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution–YTD	\$40,664.
Budget –YTD:	\$36,925.
Over/(Under):	\$3,739.

### 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 - Adult Bible Class**, taught by Ralph Hawkins.

**Wednesday Night @ 6:30 - Relationship Class in the gym**, taught by Donald Cherry.

**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: many will be removed from the list to keep it current. Submit new cards for requested prayers.

**Health:** Chris Fenton (recovering from surgery); Max Manlove (loosing blood); Pat Price, Debbie Little's sister (hospice care); Tom Hughes (recovery/knee surgery); Josh Nixon (stomach problems); 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); Jackie Thomas (flu); John Beasley (health); Judy Crabtree (Sequoyah nursing home); Kaye Woodruff, Mary Scott's sister (stroke, recovery); LeeAnn Starts, Loretta's daughter (adj. medication for blood Platlets); Linda Noler (fainting); Linda Snowber, Jerry's aunt (heart issues); Mary Dorey, Larry Earl's friend (fell and broke her hip); Maverick Nixon (extensive testing, pray for good results); Maxine Manlove (continued recovery); Mikki Gravely, Viola's g'dtr (upcoming surgery); Norma Adams (health); 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);

**Bereavement:** Chire Archie Family (her passing). Don Bentley's family, Don' passing. Joe Wise's family, Joe's passing.

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

**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

- Sybil Earnhart has pneumonia. Please pray for her speedy recovery.
- Ken Cremeans will have surgery to remove cancer from his colon on February 14th at St. Francis in Tulsa.
- 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 and Peggy Harbuck has the flu, pray for their speedy recovery.
- Jack and Pat Baker has the flu, pray for their speedy recovery.
- Ralph Hawkins' sister, Renee McKinney, had surgery on Thursday in St. Louis. They hope to move her to Ft Smith to be closer to family. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- Elizabeth Elliot, 18 month old grand baby of Darleen and Brad Seaman, is having complications from surgery for Craniosynostosis. Pray for his healing.
- Don Bentley, brother of Linda Lockhart and Ben Bentley, passed away Saturday February 3. His funeral was yesterday in Mesquite, Texas.
- Melissa Kilgo's great nephew is in Little Rock Children's hospital with a ruptured bowel. He is 7 months old. Pray for him and his family during this difficult time.
- Melissa Kilgo's aunt, Kathy Corrible, has cancer and is under hospice care.
- Pray for Chell Cherry, she will have a scope procedure on Monday in Ft. Smith. Pray for favorable results.

### Notice

- **Fellowship dinner** will be February 25th after morning worship. Pot Luck! Bring your favorite dish. Everyone is encouraged to stay for this great fellowship
- Ladies Day has been scheduled for April 14th, if you like to help, please contact Heather Garner.
- The Southern Christian Home will be here on February 13th to pick-up 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.

### Spiritual Gift Assessment Survey

Please place your spiritual gift assessment survey in the basket on the kitchenette counter in the foyer. March 4th is the deadline for all surveys to be turned in.

### Wedding Shower

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

### Thank You Note

Thank you for praying for Elizabeth Elliot, Darleen and Brad Seaman's granddaughter, she had surgery for Craniosynostosis and is having some complications. Thank you for the prayers for all of our family. God Bless all of you.

Darleen and Brad Seaman

### Retirement Celebration!

Woo Hoo! Loretta Sisco will be retiring from the office staff on March 1. There will be a celebration on February 25th with cake during our fellowship dinner. There will be a money tree.

### Youth Announcements

- **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!

### Attention 4th—6th Grade Note Takers

Congratulations on completing your first 4 months of taking sermon notes during worship on Sunday Mornings. Today we will leave immediately after A.M. services and head to Cici's Pizza in Fort Smith for a little reward time together. Here are the names of our 4th thru 6th grade note takers: Rider Baker, Sydney Killian, Ivan Romero, Emery Lomon, Kord Fenton, Kaylee Corgill, Shayley Killian, Logan Hetherington and Gracyn Soehlman. I was so impressed by your great notes that I will have a new challenge for you starting the first Sunday in April. Thanks parents for helping your kids to remember to grab their note books every Sunday Morning before worship. If you are interested in participating and are in Grades 4th thru 6th let me know so you can get started. Keep pressing on to learn more about God.

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