

From The Ministers Desk

John the Baptizer

Have you ever heard of John the baptizer? Most probably have, though typically folks refer to him as John the Baptist. However, John was not a “Baptist,” as we think of the term today, though he did baptize or immerse many people in the first century.

John was a powerful prophet and preacher. He was far from ordinary. His preaching demanded repentance (Matt. 3:2). What is repentance? It is the determination of an individual to turn away from sin; to repent is to will or to resolve to sin no more. It is a common misconception that repentance is sorrow for sin. 2 Corinthians 7:10 teaches otherwise – “For godly sorrow **produces** repentance leading to salvation...” Genuine sorrow over sin will produce repentance, but the sorrow itself is not repentance. Also, some mistakenly believe that repentance is the changed actions of a person. It is true that reformation of life grows out of repentance, but such is distinct from it. Repentance is in the heart or mind of an individual; reformation is the actual correction of one’s evil ways. When John the baptizer preached, the motivation factor for people to repent was that the kingdom of heaven was at hand (i.e., God’s kingdom, the church, was near to being established; cf. Matt 16:18, 19; Mark 9:1; Acts 2).

John preached that the people should turn from their sins and be immersed in water to be forgiven (Luke 3:3). The baptism that John administered was authorized by God (John 1:33), but it is no longer valid today (Acts 19:1). Today, there is only one baptism (Eph. 4:5), and that is the baptism commanded by Christ (Matt. 28:19, 20) which is to be done in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It too is for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). John’s baptism looked forward to Christ (Matt. 3:11) and was designed to bring the Jews back to the old covenant. The baptism commanded by Christ looks backward to His death (Romans 6:3-6) and is designed to bring all to the new covenant. John’s baptism did not require faith in Christ, whereas the baptism Jesus commanded does require it (Mark 16:16).

John the baptizer had been written about centuries earlier by the prophet Isaiah – “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight’” (Matt. 3:3). The prophecy could relate to no one but John, for no other prophet ever made the wilderness his scene of preaching. It is clear that John, as God’s messenger (Mark 1:2) had a very specific work to do; that is, to prepare the people for Jesus. John did exactly that.

Donald

Sermon Topics:

AM: “The Seven Gifts God Gave to Singles”
Genesis 1:26-27

PM: Paul Fletcher

Hispanic Studies: JJ Espinoza

Class: Salmos 23

Sermon: “Sendas de Justicia Cantar de Los”
Cantares 1:3

Notes: _____

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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

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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.

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

By The NUMBERS

Week of February 11, 2018

Worship Attendance-AM	150
Bible Class	104
Auditorium Class	47
Jr. High & High School	8
College age 18-25	7
Women's Class	10
Hispanic Class:	4
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	25
Wednesday 2-14-18	

Week of February 11, 2018

Contribution	\$13,417.
Budget –Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution–YTD	\$54,081.
Budget –YTD:	\$44,310.
Over/(Under):	\$9,771.

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: Emery Lomon (Kendall/ Amy's daughter) removed mole returned larger; Ken Couch (Kevin L's Coworker) fell on ice, pray for positive tests/ healing; Cameron Sullard, illness/fever; Charlie Coleman, health; Elizabeth Elliot (Brad/Darleen's g'dtr) complications from surgery; Jack & Pat Baker, flu; Jackie Thomas, illness; Joe & Peggy Harbuck, flu; Joseph Seaman (Brad's son) Multiple Sclerosis, healing/health; Josh Nixon, continued recovery; Kara Power (Mint) 3 children sick with flu; Kath Corrible (Melissa K's aunt); cancer, hospice care; Kathy Jones, illness; Kay Woodruff (Mary Scott's sister) stroke; Marth Bell, continued recovery); Martin Glenn (Roy/Judy's g'son) diabetes; Mary Thomas (Larry Earles' friend) broke hip; Max Manlove, loosing blood; Melissa Kilgo's g'nephew, ruptured bowel; Pat Garner, illness, working sick; Renee McKinney (Ralph H. sister) stroke/surgery/moving; Savannah Hansard (Roy/Judy's g'dtr); scoliosis/kidney problems; Steve Dosier, healing; Sue Carty (Benny Bentley's sister) needs liver transplant; Sybil Earnhart, pneumonia; Tim Cauthen (continued recovery); Tom Hughes, recovery from knee surgery;

Miscellaneous: Mary and Floyd Howard (faith and strength during this time); Nancy Frier (find a job); Marilyn Ashley (traveling); Larry Earles & DAV (traveling to Fayetteville); Amy Glenn (court against ex-husband).

Thankful: Tim Cauthen, thankful for God's blessings and all prayers received.

Bereavement: Kenney Wise family; Pat Price family; Don Bentley family; Jacob and Stacia Biernacki (Kay Gollihare's dtr) passing of newborn.

Cancer: Jackie (Robin); Nancy Frier; Malita Tracy; LeeAnn Starts; Michelle Glassburner; Angela Collett (Mandy); 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

- Ken Cremeans passed away on Friday morning at home. Please keep the Cremeans family in your prayers during their time of bereavement.
- Debbie Little's sister passed away last Sunday. Her funeral was Thursday. Keep this family in your prayers.
- Chell Cherry received good results on her scope test. Thank you for your prayers!
- Malita Tracy fell and broke her wrist. She had to cancel radiation treatments until wrist is healed. Keep Malita in your prayers.
- Junior Relford's sister, Stephanie Relford is asking for prayers.
- Vickie Gillion is in Mercy hospital with cancer. Keep this family in your prayers.
- Carlos Carson is having bad headaches from the spinal tap procedure done last week.
- Mickey and Lonnie Renick's great granddaughter, Legacy, is in OKC Childrens hospital. She is 10 yrs. old and has lost her vision. Rebecca is Legacy's mother.
- 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.
- Larry Earls' friend and DAV Commander had heart failure. She was in the Ft Smith hospital and is now at home. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Larry Earls' sister fell and hurt her leg and is in a lot a pain. Please keep her in your prayers.

Response 2-11-2018

Carlos Carson asking for forgiveness for sins and relief of his painful headaches.

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.
- Food Pantry will be open this Wednesday, February 21.
- Ladies Day has been scheduled for April 14th, if you would like to help, please contact Heather Garner.
- Food Pantry is in need of spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, instant potatoes, pancake mix and syrup.

Spiritual Gift Assessment Survey

Please place your spiritual gift assessment survey score sheet in the basket on the kitchenette counter in the foyer. March 4th is the deadline for all surveys to be turned in. If you did not receive a survey, please see Donald.

Wedding Shower

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

A Few Good Men!

Quinton Bowen has joined the Marines to be a combat engineer. He will be leaving on March 18 to start training. Keep Quinton and his family in your prayers as he starts this new chapter in his life. May God bless and keep you in his care.

Thank You!

Linda and I appreciate the love shown regarding the loss of our brother. Without Christian support it would have been more difficult to endure. Thank you for the prayers, card and phone calls. Love, Ben Bentley and Linda Lockhart family.

Retirement Celebration!

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 to show our love and appreciation for her service and dedication.

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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