

From The Ministers Desk

What Will You Be Doing?

What will Jesus find you doing when He returns? That's a sobering question, isn't it? Of course, since no one but God knows when the final day will be, it is quite possible that all of this generation will perish before our Lord comes again. In that case, the question can be modified: What will you be doing immediately prior to your death?

I'm reminded of an incident recorded about John Wesley. He was working in his garden one day when a neighbor came by to visit. The neighbor attempted to jolt Wesley by asking, "What would you be doing now, John, if you knew for certain that Jesus would return today?" Wesley jolted his neighbor by instead replying, "I would go right on doing what I'm doing."

Such a response indicates that Wesley believed with all his heart that he was living righteously before God and serving the Lord faithfully to the best of his ability. Although it is true that an approving conscience does not necessarily equate to good standing before the Almighty (cf. 1 Cor. 4:4; Acts 23:1), we should strive to maintain a clear conscience through every passing day.

May we live in such a way that Christ could return at any moment and we'd be comfortable continuing the task at hand. In fact, the wise will endeavor to live each day as if they believe it to be their last. We must not leave matters of eternal importance undone. We must not put off those things of spiritual significance. We must pour our hearts and hands into serving God with all our might **today**. Tomorrow may be too late. Death may claim us or Jesus could return at any moment. Are there things you know you need to do before either of those events takes place? If so, then let me plead with you to do them **right now!** **Jesus underscored these thoughts in Matthew 24:42-51.**

What will you be doing when Jesus returns?

Donald

| Sermon Topics: | Notes: |
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| AM: "Divorce is of this World" Matthew 19:1-9 | |
| PM: "Trusting God Day by Day" Exodus 16:4 | |
| <u>Hispanic Studies:</u> JJ Espinoza | |
| Class: Salmos 23 | |
| Sermon: No Temere Mal Alguno 1 Juan 4:18 | |

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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:

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Paul Fletcher -Youth
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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 18, 2018

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| Worship Attendance-AM | 244 |
| Bible Class | 160 |
| Auditorium Class | 76 |
| Jr. High & High School | 19 |
| College age 18-25 | 8 |
| Women's Class | 17 |
| Hispanic Class: | 6 |
| Prison Class: | 30 |
| NewLife Behavior Ministries | 25 |
| Wednesday 2-21-18 | 141 |

Week of February 18, 2018

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| Contribution | \$8,875. |
| Budget -Weekly: | \$7,385. |
| Contribution-YTD | \$62,956. |
| Budget -YTD: | \$51,695. |
| Over/(Under): | \$11,261. |

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: Barbara Harrison (Becky's friend) broken hip/surgery; Emery Lomon (Kendall/Amy's daughter) removed mole returned larger; Cameron Sullard, illness/fever; Elizabeth Elliot (Brad/Darleen's g'dtr) complications from surgery; Jack & Pat Baker, flu; Joseph Seaman (Brad's son) Multiple Sclerosis, healing/health; Josh Nixon, continued recovery; Kara Power (Mint) 3 children sick with flu; Kathy Jones, illness; Kay Woodruff (Mary Scott's sister) stroke; Kevin Lashley, flu; Lola Pain dehydrated, flu; Manny Harrah (Betty) remain drug free; Marth Bell, continued recovery); Martin Glenn (Roy/Judy's g'son) diabetes; Mary Thomas (Larry Earles' friend) broke hip; Max Manlove, loosing blood; Savannah Hansard (Roy/Judy's g'dtr); scoliosis/kidney problems; Steve Dosier, healing; Sue Carty (Benny Bentley's sister) needs liver transplant; Tim Cauthen (continued recovery); Tom Hughes, recovery from knee surgery; Trevor Fox family (Carlos) Complications following Cardiac arrest.

Miscellaneous: Nancy Frier (find a job); Amy Glenn (court against ex-husband).

Thankful: Chell Cherry received good test results.

Bereavement: Pat Price family; Ken Creameans family; Mellissa Kilgo's g'nephew, William, passed away; Jenny Baugh's mother passed away on Thursday.

Cancer: Jackie (Robin); Nancy Frier; Malita Tracy; LeeAnn Starts; Michelle Glassburner; Angela Collett (Mandy); Shirley Hollan; Sandra Lum; Kathy Corrible (Mellisa K's Aunt).

Prisoners: Tommy Jay, Shane Calico, Mack Hulse, Justin Moss, Davis Marcus TaneBrian Cline-smith, Lazarus Jones, Jeff McCauley, Brendon Heath, William Cooper, Justin Lee, Craig Phillips, Amos Wilson.

Update List on Our Sick

Emery Lomon is still waiting on test results. Continued prayers for great results

Nikki Gravelee, Viola's grand-daughter, will have surgery next week, keep her in your prayers.

Sherry Hamby had gallbladder surgery on Thursday. She is now home recovering. Pray for her speedy recovery.

Jerry Lewis is having eye problems. Keep him in your prayers.

Lola Payne is now recovering at her daughter's house.

Robyn Starcher's Family in West Virginia needs our prayers: Her Aunt Charlotte is in ICU with an unknown infection. MRI shows a possible abscess/mass in her spine; Her Aunt Sue was taken to the ER; Her cousin, Debbie is in Cardiac ICU for congestive heart failure.

Malita Tracy's swelling in her wrist has prevented her from getting a cast and receiving her radiation treatments.

Lori Stearman will see an orthopedic doctor on Monday to check out her right shoulder.

Benny Bentley is sick. Please pray for his wellness and speedy recovery.

Carl Lockhart's white blood cells are down. That's good news. Please continue to pray for his good health.

Debbie Little is in Mercy Hospital with Type A flu and double pneumonia. Please pray for her speedy recovery.

Notice

- **Fellowship dinner** is today after morning worship. Pot Luck! Everyone is encouraged to stay for this great fellowship.
- **Food Pantry** is in need of Walmart bags.
- **Ladies Day** has been scheduled for April 14th, if you would like to help, please contact Heather Garner.
- **If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please turn it into the office no later than 3:00pm on Thursday, if possible.**

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 pick one up of the kitchenette counter in the foyer.

Retirement Celebration!

Loretta Sisco is retiring from the office staff on March 1st. There will be a celebration on today with cake during our fellowship dinner. There will be a money tree to show our love and appreciation for her service and dedication.

Response

Junior Relford request prayers for issues with other people and life.

Baptized

- Brock Pavey baptized at JEHCC, 2-18-18
- Sarah Baugh was baptized last Sunday night (Feb. 18th) at the Talihina COC Sarah is the daughter of Jenny Baugh.

Poteau church of Christ Purpose Statement:

To bring people to Jesus and membership in his family, develop them to Christ like maturity, and equip them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, in order to magnify God's name.

Poteau church of Christ small group ministry vision:

To see every person, from the core of the church, to the ever-growing community, connected in a healthy small group.

Youth Announcements

- **February 23-25: "Christ-teens"** group is planning on being back today before morning worship is completed, by 12PM.
- **April 20-22: "Family Spring Retreat"** - This is a new event! We will do a weekend "Family Retreat" Friday-Saturday April 20-22. More information will be available soon. But this is for the purpose of "Reaching In" and spending more time together as a church family 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 14th from 6:30-7:10pm. We will meet 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 an amazing week of church camp!