

From The Ministers Desk

Ready or Not?

“He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” – Revelation 22:20

Half of all Americans today claim to be born again Christians. Even more claim to believe in God. If you want to apply a real litmus test to your relationship with God, or lack thereof, then let’s say, for the sake of a point, that we knew Jesus Christ was coming back exactly 12 minutes from now. How would that grab you?

If your heart jumps and you say, as the apostle John did, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” then I would say you’re on the right path with God. But if your heart sinks and you say, “Twelve minutes? I have some big-time repenting to do,” then I would say you need to get your life together.

A person who is walking with God as he or she ought to should always be looking forward to the Lord’s return. A person who really knows God should always be a little homesick for Heaven. Are you?

If Jesus Christ were to return today (and He could), would you be ready? There is always the possibility that death could come. You don’t know for sure. No one does. What if this was your last opportunity to get right with God, and you let it slip by because you thought there would be a tomorrow, there would always be another opportunity? You don’t know that.

The Bible tells us that the prophet Isaiah went to King Hezekiah and said, “Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live” (2 Kings 20:1). Are you prepared to meet God? Don’t wait. Get your life right with Him now.

Donald

Sermon Topics:	Notes: _____
AM: “Divorce Is Not the Problem” Matthew 19:4-6	_____
PM: “The Echo of God” Psalm 62:11	_____
<u>Hispanic Studies:</u> JJ Espinoza	_____
Class: Salmos 23	_____
Sermon: Aderezas Mesa Delante de Mi Lucas 7:44-46	_____

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Poteau church of Christ

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for March 2018: Rick Parker 918-839-1593



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.

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

By The NUMBERS

Week of February 25, 2018

Worship Attendance-AM	230
Bible Class	141
Auditorium Class	72
Jr. High & High School	0
College age 18-25	11
Women's Class	17
Hispanic Class:	4
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	25
Wednesday 2-28-18	138

Week of February 25, 2018

Contribution	\$7,746.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$70,702.
Budget -YTD:	\$59,080.
Over/(Under):	\$11,622.

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's mom) broken hip/surgery; Ben Bentley, illness; Ben Couch, (Kevin's coworker); fell on ice, recovery; Carl Lockheart, pray for good health; Emery Lomon (Kendall/Amy's daughter) waiting on tests results; Erick Frey (Larry E.) sick; Jerry Lewis, eye problems; Jim Hardwick (Joyce's son) 6 weeks of radiation; Joseph Seaman (Brad's son) Multiple Sclerosis, healing/health; Josh Nixon, continued recovery; Kay Woodruff (Mary Scott's sister) stroke; Lola Payne, recovery at home; Lori Stearman, bursitis/right shoulder ; Malita Tracy, swelling in broken wrist; Martin Glenn (Roy/Judy's g'son) diabetes; Max Manlove, loosing blood; Nikki Gravelee (Viola's g/dtr) surgery went well; Robyn's aunt, Charlotte, ICU, infection possible in spine; Robyn's aunt, Sue, emergency treatment; Robyn's cousin Debbie, ICU, congestive heart failure; Savannah Hansard (Roy/Judy's g'dtr); scoliosis/kidney problems; Sherry Hamby, speedy recovery; 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).

Bereavement: Jenny Baugh's mother passed. Winnie Bowen's family, passing of Winnie; Ken Cremeans's family, passing of Ken; Pat Price's family, passing of Pat.

Cancer: Jackie (Robin); Nancy Frier; Malita Tracy; LeeAnn Starts; Michelle Glassburner; Angela Collett (Mandy); Shirley Hollan(Brenda/Loretta's sister); Sandra Lum; Vicki Gillion (Sally).

Prisoners: Tommy Jay, Shane Calico, Mack Hulse, Justin Moss, Brian Clinesmith, Lazarus Jones, Jeff McCauley, Brendon Heath, William Cooper, Justin Lee, Craig Phillips, Amos Wilson.

Update List on Our Sick

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

Debbie Little is hospitalized and under hospice care after suffering a stroke last week. Please keep Debbie and her family in your prayers.

CD Sullard, Gabe's dad, is having heart problems. He will see a cardiologist. Pray for good results.

Glenda Bradshaw's breast cancer has returned in her lump nodes. Please pray for her recovery and her family.

Ouida Moore fell and broke her back last week. She has to watch what she does. Lots of rest, no lifting. Keep her and Dick in your prayers.

Ted Bowen's friend's sister, Minki Morton Lovell, has cancer. She attends the Spiro COC. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Richard Thomas, friend of Larry Earls, has liver cancer. Keep him in your prayers.

Hayen Karns's brain surgery was a success. Hayen is the nephew of Larry Earls's wife. Pray for his speedy recovery.

Regina Lewis was briefly hospitalized on Wednesday. She was released on Thursday. Shw will have to follow-up with her doctor.

Sarah Shackelford is having some health issues, blockage in artery.

Emery Lomon received good test results. God is good!

Colton Ray is recovering from gall bladder surgery. Pray for his speedy recovery.

Notice

- **Cake and ice cream** for March birthdays and anniversaries in the MPB after evening worship.
- **Elders, Deacons, and Ministers** meeting after evening worship.
- **Game night** is Thursday, March 8th in the MPB at 6pm.
- **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

Your survey is due today, March 4th. Please place your spiritual gift assessment survey score sheet in the basket on the kitchenette counter in the foyer. If you did not receive a survey, please pick one up of the kitchenette counter in the foyer.

Small Group Ministry Meeting

There will be a meeting for the elders, deacons and ministers from 3-5:30 this afternoon with Steve Parker to discuss small group ministry. Steve is the small group minister at the Ft. Gibson Church of Christ.

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

- **April 20-22: "Family Spring Retreat"** - This is a new event! We will do a weekend "Family Retreat" Friday-Sunday 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!

