

From The Ministers Desk

Control Your Tongue

“For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. (James 3:2)

Everyone knows the pain and destruction that result from hurtful words. How do we keep from causing such pain and destruction? James says that we should control our tongue so that only blessings come from it.

The book of James doesn't deal with doctrine or deep theological issues. Rather, the practical aspects of ministry are what are important to James. From the very beginning of his book, James addressed the ministry of Christian conduct and behavior.

Chapter three deals with the issue of an uncontrolled tongue and unchristian speech, which negatively affected the ministry of the church. Three things are important in chapter three of James. First, James warns teachers of the great responsibility they have to teach. They will be judged more critically because of their position of responsibility. Second, he compares and contrasts the size and influence of the tongue with small devices and their ability to control large powerful animals and ships. Also, James compares the tongue with fire and its ability to destroy and contrasts its ability to resist being tamed with wild beasts that can be brought into subjection. For James the tongue used inappropriately was a pot of evil and destruction. Third, James discouraged the use of it to praise God, the Creator of a;; people, while cursing the very people He made. He refuted being double-tongue and expressed sorrow and regret at its existence.

At the heart of this periscope of Scripture is uncontrolled and unchristian speech which James deplored and felt as devoid of true religion. His prohibition is designed to convince the Christian of folly of being double-minded or double-mouthed.

The Christian talk must fit the Christian walk. Praising God and cursing others He has made is inconsistent and incompatible with authentic worship.

Donald

Sermon Topics:	Notes:
AM: The History of Divorce” Deuteronomy 24:1	
PM: “Moses Meets God Face to Face” Exodus 33:18	
<u>Hispanic Studies:</u> JJ Espinoza	
Clase: Salmos 23	
Sermon: Seguras 2 Peter 1:19	

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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 March 11, 2018

Worship Attendance-AM	241
Bible Class	155
Auditorium Class	71
Jr. High & High School	21
College age 18-25	5
Women's Class	19
Hispanic Class:	3
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	25
Wednesday 3-14-2018	

Week of March 11, 2018

Contribution	\$6,363.
Budget –Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution–YTD	\$87,075.
Budget –YTD:	\$73,850.
Over/(Under):	\$13,225.

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 a.m. 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 p.m. 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: Amy Glenn (Roy & Judy) health problems; Barbara Morton (Rita Broom's sister) spiritual growth; Bobby Frame, cancer surgery April 9th; Donna Fisk (Larry E.) illness, pain; Hayden Karns (Larry E.) Recovery following surgery; Jim Hardwick (Joyce's son) 6 weeks of radiation; Jo Ella Clark (Health Issues); Joseph Seaman (Brad's son) Multiple Sclerosis, healing/health; Josh Nixon, continued recovery; Kathy Frey (Larry Earl) broken leg; Kara Powers (Mint Johnson's granddaughter) health issues; Kaye Woodruff (Mary Scott's sister) stroke; Kim Daniels, Losing her voice and back pain; Liana Faye Jones, blood disorder/ Pregnancy; Lori Stearman, bursitis/right shoulder; Mia Miller & Family (Carolyn Cooper's Dtr) cancer; Regina Lewis, health; Sarah Shackelford, artery blockage; Sue Carty (Benny Bentley's sister) needs liver transplant; Sue Dunlap, safe travel; Tim Cauthen (continued recovery); Trevor Fox family (Carlos) complications following Cardiac arrest.

Thankful: Lola Payne & her daughter, Frances, for prayers, visits, and help.

Bereavement: Debbie Little family at the recent passing of Debbie.

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); Glenda Bradshaw; Minki Morton Lovell (Spiro coc); Richard Thomas (Larry E.).

Prisoners: Tommy Jay, Shane Calico, Mack Hulse, Justin Moss, Brian Clinesmith, Jeff McCauley, William Cooper, Justin Lee, Craig Phillips, Amos Wilson, Teddy Berry, Ryan CordeLL.

Miscellaneous: Barbara Morton (Rita's Sister), Spiritual Growth; This church and our efforts to serve.

Update List on Our Sick

Ouida Moore received her MRI results Wednesday, March 14. She is waiting for a C scan to check her pelvis. If it is just a fractured vertebrae, the doctor can cement it. Waiting on appointments.

Debbie Little passed away on Monday, March 12. Her funeral was yesterday. Please keep the family in your prayers!

Robert Martin requested prayers for his son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Sarah Martin at the loss of their newborn child.

Sally Nixon has the flu, please keep her in your prayers.

Danvel Mackey, a friend of Linda Lashley's, is in ICU in Ft. Smith. Please pray for him and his family.

Please pray for Roxanne's aunt, Danette Tropansky, who lives in Iowa and has cancer in her brain.

Stephanie's Father-in-law, Mike Wortman, undergoing Chemo for recurring throat cancer (came back in lungs). His health and memory are bad.

Robert Summerlin (Stephanie Bennet's dad) had a test done on his liver, and need good results. Doctors hinted that it isn't good.

Pray for Tefra Calvert and family for the loss of her 25-year-old son who committed suicide. She lives in Camdenton, Missouri. The family are good friends of Terry Chestnut.

Response

Adonia Becerra requests prayers that her background check will clear now that the judge has signed off on her dismissal. A clear check will enable her to return to work. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers!

Notice

- **Ladies Day** has been scheduled for April 14th. If you would like to help, please contact Heather Garner.
- Food Pantry will be next Wednesday, the 21st, from 10-12. We do not need any more Walmart bags at this time. Thank you.
- If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please turn it into the office no later than 3:00pm on Thursday, if possible.
- There will be **No Mid Week Manna** next Wednesday due to spring break.
- Church directories are scheduled to be shipped to the church building on April 3rd.
- Deacons meeting after evening services.

Missions Work

Joe Evins will be speaking at the Sunday evening service on March 25th about his mission work and support in India.

Acts 14:27, "Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."

Thank You

Jeff and Jacque Hutcherson want to thank their church family for the wedding shower, gifts, and love that was shown to them from all. They are so thankful, feel extremely blessed, and love you all.

Jones Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Clint and Lianna (Jaime Olive) on March 25th, in the MPB following evening services. They are having a little boy.

Lum Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Cody & Crystal Lum on April 8 following the evening service. They are expecting a baby boy "Ollie."

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.



GRANDSON AND GREAT GRANDSON ARRIVAL.

Abraham arrived on Tuesday, March 13 @ 3:22 p.m., EST. 8 lb. 11 oz. 21 inches long.

He is the newest member of Joni's daughter and family who reside in North Carolina.

Joni and Kathleen want to thank everyone for their prayers!

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.