

From The Ministers Desk

See You in the Morning

“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.” 1 Thess. 4:13

I heard the story of a Christian man who was on his deathbed and called his three sons into his room. To his two sons who were Christians, he said, “Good-bye, my sons. I will see you in the morning.”

Then he turned to his other son, who wasn't a Christian. With sadness in his voice, he said, “Good-bye, son.”

The son answered, “Father, why did you say, ‘I will see you in the morning’ to my brothers, yet you said ‘Good-bye’ to me?” “Because you haven't put your faith in Christ,” his father told him. “I can't say I will see you in the morning. I'm just saying good-bye, because I don't think I'll ever see you again.”

The son began to weep. “But I want to see you again,” he said.

“You have to put your faith in Christ, and put Him on in baptism. Then we will be reunited,” his father told him. So his son became a Christian that day.

The hope of the Christian is that we'll see our loved ones again. Death is not the end. It doesn't mean that we aren't sad when a loved one dies. We grieve like any person grieves. We cry. The depth of our sorrow is an indication of the depth of our love. If you love someone and they're gone, then of course you grieve deeply.

But as Christians, we also have hope. We know we'll be reunited with our loved ones who have died in Christ. I believe that thinking about heaven is one of the best things we can do when we're grieving. In fact, heaven becomes much more real to us when we have loved ones that we can look forward to seeing there.

We don't grieve hopelessly; we grieve hopefully. For the Christian, life on earth is as bad as it gets. Better things are coming.

Donald

Sermon Topics: AM: “The Resurrection Produced People of Hope” John 20:19-31 PM: “Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Grave” John 11:1-6 <u>Hispanic Studies:</u> JJ Espinoza Clase: “La Resurrecion de Jesus” John 20:1-29 Sermon: “Que Hace la Resurrecion por Nosotros” 2 Corintios 4:13	Notes: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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Poteau church of Christ

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In

Elder on Call for April 2018:



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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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 25, 2018

Worship Attendance-AM	266
Bible Class	157
Auditorium Class	76
Jr. High & High School	19
College age 18-25	4
Women's Class	16
Hispanic Class:	5
Prison Class:	30
NewLife Behavior Ministries	25
Wednesday 3-28-2018	

Week of March 25, 2018

Contribution	\$8,677.
Budget -Weekly:	\$7,385.
Contribution-YTD	\$103,099.
Budget -YTD:	\$88,620.
Over/(Under):	\$14,479.

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

Health: Amy Glenn (Roy & Judy) ocular migraine; Barbara Ritter, poison Oak & G's son travel to New Mexico; Beulah Curry, New pacemaker; Bobby Frame, Cancer Surgery April 9th; Catalina Garcia (Maria), Diabetes & Hypertension; Danette Tropansky (Roxanne) brain cancer; Don Johnston, Heart test; Estefania Fernandez (age 9) (Maria), sudden convulsions; Donna Fisk (Larry E.) Illness, pain; Grace Napier (Rick, Sybil) cancer; Hayden Karns (Larry E.) Recovery following surgery; Jim Hardwick (Joyce's son) 6 weeks of radiation; Jo Ella Clark (Jim Wood's Sister), health issues; Joseph Seaman (Brad's son) Multiple Sclerosis, healing/health; Kathy Frey (Larry Earles) broken leg; Kara Powers (Mint Johnson's granddaughter) health issues; Kaye Woodruff (Mary Scott's sister) stroke, in Little Rock Hospital; Kensey Johnston, oral surgery Thursday; Larry Hancock (Shawna Himes' Dad), Recovery from ulcer; Laurie Karns (Larry Earles) Back pain; Liana Faye Jones, blood disorder/ Pregnancy; Lori Stearman, bursitis pain/right shoulder; Marilyn Ashley, tests on heart; Mike Wortman (Stephanie) Cancer, throat and lungs; Nita Jo Chastain (Dtr of Roy & Judy), lost kidney to cancer, blood in urine; Ouida Moore, Back pain from fall, CAT scan last Wednesday; Randy Lum, illness; Regina Lewis, right lung; Rick Parker, illness; Robert Summerlin (Stephanie Bennet's Dad) tests on liver; Sarah Shackelford, artery blockage; Sue Carty (Benny Bentley's sister) needs liver transplant; Tim Cauthen (continued recovery); Trevor Fox family (Carlos) complications following Cardiac arrest; Wanda (Larry Earles) strength to recover.

Cancer: Jackie (Robin); Nancy Frier; Malita Tracy; LeeAnn Starts; Michelle Glassburner; Angela Collett (Mandy); Shirley Hollan (Brenda/Loretta's sister); Mia Miller; Glenda Bradshaw; Minki Morton Lovell (Spiro coc); Richard Thomas (Larry E.).

Bereavement: Tefra Calvert and Family (Terry Chestnut), suicide of 25-yr-old; Scott and Sarah Martin (Robert); loss of newborn child; Vicky Gillian's family, she passed on Monday.

Miscellaneous: Larry Earles, safe travel and new glasses; Joe Evans, mission work in India; Caleb and Shiloh, travels in May; Barbara Morton (Rita's sister), spiritual growth; Adonia Becerra, peace of mind.

Thankful: Carlos Carson Family, answered prayers, no surgery.

Prisoners: Tommy Jay, Shane Calico, Mark Hulse, Justin Moss, Brian Cline-smith, Jeff McCauley, William Cooper, Justin Lee, Craig Phillips, Amos Wilson, Teddy Berry, Ryan Cordell, Brendan Heath, Joseph Cervantes, Carl McCormick, Gregory Coy, Charles Barbee, Ronald Harrison, Tyler Dobbs, Paul Foust, Michael

Update List on Our Sick

- David Ardemagnia (Kathleen Algeyer's son, Joni's brother) passed away on Thursday. Keep this family in your family.
- Vicki Gillion passed away on Monday, her funeral was Friday. Keep this family in your prayers.
- Keep Don Wise and his family in your prayers during their bereavement from the loss of his brothers, Joe and Kenny Wise.
- Pray for Jaylen Cherry, Don and Chell's grandson. He broke his arm in 3 places, pins were put in on Wednesday. He lives in Kansas.
- Ouida Moore will see her doctor on Monday to get results from the cat scan of her back and hip. Keep her in your prayers.
- Pearl Gray, Faylin LaSalle's daughter, is having severe pain. She will not be able to see the neurologist until May. Please keep Pearl and her family in your prayers.
- Bonnie Starr's 12 yr. old nephew, Noah, had his stomach tube taken out on Friday. He also has 30 stitches. He was shot by another student. Noah lives in from Springfield, Mo.
- Mickey Renick is not feeling good. Her medicine has been change. Keep her and Lonnie in your prayers.
- Inez Hall, has an aggressive brain tumor. She works for the Howe School. Please pray for her and her family.
- Pray for Beulah Curry as she recovers from having her pacemaker replaced.
- Barbara Meadows' son passed away on Thursday. She is a member of 9th Street Church of

Response 3-18-18

Manny Rivera asking for prayers to be an understand husband and father. He is asking for God's guidance to help him to work on his shortcomings.

Notice

- **Ladies Day** has been scheduled for April 14th. If you would like to help. please contact Heather Garner. Ladies come out to enjoy a wonderful morning of great fellowship and lunch.
- **Ladies Day** at the Northside Church of Christ in Mena is scheduled for April 28th. RSVP (479)216-1432. See the flyer on the bulletin board.
- **Gospel Meeting** at the Miami Church of Christ is April 8-11. Brother Douglas E. Dingley of Cleveland, OK, will be speaking. For further information (918) 540-2220.
- **Elders, Deacon's, & Ministers** meeting after evening service.
- **Cake & Ice Cream** in MPB after evening service to celebrate April Birthdays and Anniversaries.
- If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please turn it into the office no later than 3:00pm on Thursday, if possible.
- Church directories are scheduled to be shipped to the church building on April 3rd.
- Note: First of the month: many will be removed

Lum Baby Shower

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

New Address

Quinton Bowen has a new address:

Recruit Bowen, Quinton
3rd BN Mike Co PLT 3262
39001 Midway Ave
San Diego, CA 92140

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.

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

Youth Announcements

April 20-22: "Family Spring Retreat" - Is getting really close! The theme is "ONE." Dates are Friday-Sunday April 20-22. Please pick up a flyer and schedule for that weekend at the youth bulletin board.

There is going to be great singing, preaching and fellowship all weekend long! Don't miss it!

Sign-Up for staying the night in the cabins and duplexes is full!!! There are 5 Cabins and 8 Duplexes and they are all already full! If you want to bring a tent or a camper that's perfectly fine!

We also need everyone to commit to just how many in your family are coming for sure and exactly how many meals each one from your family will be present for. We just want to make the correct preparations.

But **we need to know exactly how many from your family are coming** so we can get you in the right size cabin.

Things to do at Family Retreat :

- Bank fishing is free!
- You can bring a boat (trolling motors only) or rent one. Either way the cost for that is \$75 per day.
- You can rent a Kayak for \$10 per hour. If you bring your own it's an additional \$10 for the day.
- We might do horseback riding if enough are interested. Sign-Up for that if you want to do that.
- Horseshoes and games available!
- A lot of taking it easy and spending time with church family!!!!