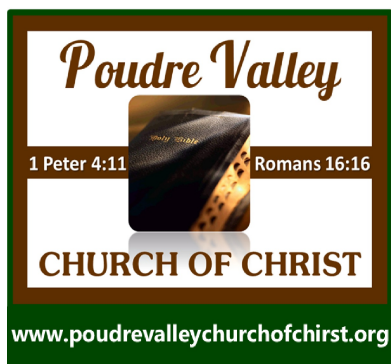




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Support Letter FEBRUARY 2022



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Assembly Times

Sunday

Bible Class.....9:30 A.M.
Worship Assembly.....10:30 A.M.



February 28, 2022

Oaks West church of Christ
c/o The Elders
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Dear Brethren,

I trust that things are going well with you as you remain *"...steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 15:58). As always, I am so thankful for your continued support for me and my family as I work with the Poudre Valley church of Christ here in Fort Collins, Colorado. Your prayers and financial support allow me to concentrate on the full-time work of being an evangelist as I talk to others about the need for eternal salvation in Christ. I am blessed to have strong congregations of Christians who are both able and willing to share with me in this work!

I know that some of you have received some snow and have had some very cold temperatures in February. As you may recall, we did not receive any snow at all until January 5th. Since then, we have received around 26 inches of snow and it snowed another 5 inches over a three day period this past week. We have had some 50 degree days in February, but we have also had many days where it did not get above 30. This past Tuesday through Thursday the high was 15! I know that we have needed the snow but I am ready for the nice Spring temperatures with rain instead of snow.

You continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that God will continue to bless you as you serve Him daily in His kingdom!

FAMILY NEWS

There is not too much to report on “family news” for February. We are all enjoying good health for the most part. Malinda is feeling much better since struggling with her back and hip issues the past few months. Kaleena continues to go to physical therapy on a weekly basis to help strengthen her core and address some shoulder issues that flares up occasionally.

It is hard for us to believe that we have been in our house that we purchased for almost one year. We moved in one year ago on March 22nd! The year has gone by so fast. After having to wear masks for just about all of 2020 and 2021, I am so glad that our county has lifted the mask mandates for all indoor locations. Since February 13th, we no longer are required to wear masks during our Bible class and Worship services. Also, mask wearing is now voluntary in all indoor locations. I realize that there are many places that have not had mask mandates for quite awhile, and that there are some areas where they are still required. Our family has been fortunate that we have not had any cases of COVID since it began here in 2020. Also, no one in our congregation has had COVID. We are thankful for that.

Caleb is working a lot of hours at the accounting firm where he is employed. During the tax season (January 17 - April 18), he is required to work 60 hours per week. He works all of his hours Monday-Saturday and is off on Sunday. The good thing is that he gets lots of time off after April 18th. Kristin is working her job from home for about two more weeks and then she will be required to go back to the office at least four days per week.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

The local congregation continues to do very well. We only have 14 members, but everyone is at services all the time unless they are sick. **Curt Schulz** had knee replacement surgery on January 19th and was not able to attend until February 13th. It was good to have him back with us. **Cherryll Tope** had to have a portion of her back cauterized but she did not have to miss a Sunday.

We continue to pray that some Bible studies will be able to happen. On February 16th, I received an email from a man in Fort Collins who attended the Lord's church at one time but slipped into denominationalism and is now looking for the “right church.” I asked him if he would be able to do a zoom chat so we could meet each other and I could answer any questions, etc. He did not want to begin the Bible study or do the chat until I let him know whether we would only help saints from the church's treasury, or if we were of the “one cup” persuasion. Of all the initial questions, that is not the first thing I thought he would ask. He did not want to engage in a “Bible study” until I let him know. I answered his question with scripture and also provided information and scripture concerning the “social gospel” and I've never heard from him again. A “Bible study” is

really want he needed! I was in the “liberal camp” in my younger days and it was through an initial “Bible study” and several that followed, that I learned the truth. I am thankful that a brother in a sound church cared enough to press me into studying with him. To this day, I remain so very thankful that I agreed to that study. Jesus clearly said *“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”* (John 8:32). We continue to pray that lost souls will seek the truth and then listen to the truth so that their lives will be right with God. We all know that only God can give the increase which happens after we plant and water (1 Corinthians 3:6).

The only visitors that we had during the month were the grandchildren of Ken and Cherryl Tope. They attended with us two times during the month. We are always glad to have them with us! As I mentioned a few months ago, **Mitchel Potter** and I are looking forward to being able to hand out more literature in some of the neighborhoods near the church building late this Spring and into the Summer months.

I received two new requests for our Bible Correspondence Course that we offer on our website this month. One individual did complete their course this month. I now have three active courses going on right now, with one due to complete the course in March.

Our adult Bible class continues in the book **“Christians in a Secular Age.”** We have good class discussion every week and as a result we do not seem to progress very far into the material. However it is so encouraging that the brethren come and fully participate in the lesson material. We are now finishing up lesson 7 and should be doing the questions for the lesson on March 6th.

On April 1, the Lord willing, I’ll be traveling to Dalhart, Texas to hold a weekend gospel meeting (April 1-3). I’m then planning on going to Odessa, TX to visit my mother who is in an assisted living facility there. My sister and her husband live in Odessa and are there to help care for her. I’ll then leave Odessa, TX and head to Fayetteville, TN where I will be holding a weekend gospel meeting for the brethren at the South Fayetteville church of Christ (April 8-10). I plan on being back home by the 13th of April. If all works out, this will be the first time that I have been able to hold a gospel meeting since March 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. I am really looking forward to seeing many brethren that I have not seen in several years and to be able to meet some of my brothers and sisters in Christ for the first time. Please pray for me as I journey to these locations, and for my family who will be here at home during this two week period in April.

I am so thankful for each one of you as you are an encouragement and inspiration, not only for me, but for my family. God has certainly blessed me with some of the best brethren ever to help me in the preaching and teaching of the gospel of Christ here in beautiful Northern Colorado!

MY SCHEDULED PREACHING TRIPS

I am scheduled to preach the following two gospel meetings during the month of April. I am looking forward to being with these brethren once again. This will be the third time I have been at each one of these congregations.

April 1-3, 2022: 10th Street church of Christ, Dalhart, Texas
Evangelist: None

April 8-10, 2022: South Fayetteville church of Christ, Fayetteville, Tennessee
Evangelist: Eric Reynolds

SERMONS

During the month of **FEBRUARY** the following sermons were preached:

Bible Class	February 6	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	February 6	The Parable of the Hidden Treasure
Bible Class	February 13	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	February 13	Paul as a Preacher
Bible Class	February 20	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	February 20	The Philippian Jailer
Bible Class	February 27	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	February 27	The Mystery of Godliness Revealed

CLOSING

God has truly blessed our family with loving saints who genuinely care about the spread of the gospel throughout all places. In Philippians 4:15-16, the apostle Paul thanked the Philippian brethren for supporting him in the preaching of the gospel, and I thank you too! Colorado is a beautiful place and I say that so that you might just think about coming out this way this year and visit us. We would love to see you. May God continue to bless each and every one of you beyond measure. *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen"* (Philippians 4:23).

In His Service,

Richie Thetford, Evangelist
Poudre Valley church of Christ
Enclosed: February 2022 Bulletins

Bible study sites
www.thetfordcountry.com
rthetford.blogspot.com

Poudre Valley church of Christ
www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org

My financial support for **FEBRUARY** was as follows:

Cedar Park church of Christ, Cedar Park, TX	\$1,200.00
North 32nd Street church of Christ, Paducah, KY	\$1,150.00
Westview church of Christ, Hartselle, AL	\$800.00
Poudre Valley church of Christ, Fort Collins, CO	\$600.00
Twin City church of Christ, College Station, TX	\$500.00
Adoue Street church of Christ, Alvin, TX	\$400.00
Green Meadow church of Christ, San Angelo, TX	\$400.00
College View church of Christ, Florence, AL	\$300.00
Oaks West church of Christ, Burnet, TX	\$300.00
West Mason church of Christ, Mason, OH	\$300.00
South Fayetteville church of Christ, Fayetteville, TN	\$300.00
Singing River church of Christ, Florence, AL	\$300.00
Olsen Park church of Christ, Amarillo, TX	\$150.00
Total Support	\$6,700.00