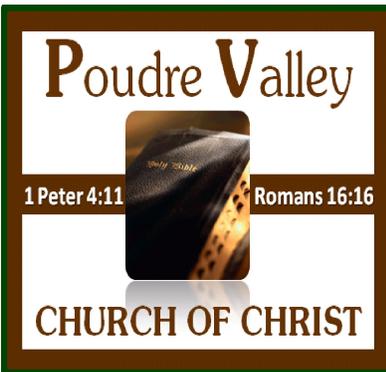




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**Support Letter
NOVEMBER 2020**



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Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Class.....9:30 A.M.
Worship Assembly.....10:30 A.M.
Worship Assembly.....1:30 P.M.



November 30, 2020

**Oaks West church of Christ
c/o The Elders
P. O. Box 675
Burnet, TX 78611**

Dear Brethren,

I hope that you all have had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday sharing it with your family and close friends. This is a great time of year because we are able to make new memories with those whom we love and also to reflect on the memories we once shared with dear loved ones who have passed from this life.

As I personally reflect on my life, I am so very thankful to our heavenly Father who loves me and has sent His only Son to die on the cross so that I can have the forgiveness of sins, and as a result, to live each day for Him so that I can be with Him in eternity when life ends on this earth. I am also thankful for my family, my dear friends in the faith, and for you; for having the faith and confidence in me as an evangelist to prayerfully and financially support me in the teaching of the gospel of Christ to lost souls.

It is my hope and prayer that your congregation as a whole, and each of you individually will continue to let your light shine brightly for Him everyday as you show others Christ living in you (Philippians 2:15). As I labor for the Lord on a daily basis, I continue to be mindful of you; truly appreciating all that you do for me and my family on a regular basis. Thank you!

May we always take one day at a time knowing that "today" is all we truly have.

FAMILY NEWS

We enjoyed Thanksgiving day together with just our immediate family. My wife Malinda and daughters Kristin and Kaleena did a wonderful job preparing and cooking our very good meal. It is always good to be together and reflect upon on the great blessings that we have received from God. On Friday and Saturday we spent the days doing our annual, traditional Christmas decorating of our home. The decorations and the very cold mornings and cool days are comforting as we close out the year of 2020 which will go down in history as one filled with many obstacles for people mainly because of COVID-19. But even through all of the trials we can praise God and be thankful for the lives that we have and as we continue to be steadfast in His service.

Malinda has stayed busy with her beading hobby and preparing meals that she enjoys doing. Kristin continues to work from home at her apartment because the COVID-19 is spiking tremendously here in Larimer County. The high schools and grade schools went completely on-line on November 23rd until the winter break. The colleges have also gone to all on-line learning beginning November 23rd. Fortunately Kristin's job is one that she can easily do from home and she enjoys it that way. Caleb and Kaleena were on their one week break this past week. However, they both had so much work they have been assigned that they spent a large portion of each day studying and finishing class projects. Thankfully, we are all healthy and we hope that you are to.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Even though the COVID-19 is spiking we are thankful to still be able to meet together every Sunday morning at our meeting facility for worship. This has been one of the only blessings we have enjoyed by being small in number because our maximum number of people that can attend right now is between 14-16. Since we are at 12 we can safely be together each week while ensuring that proper distancing is kept. So far all of our members have been and continue to be able to meet together weekly.

In addition to that we are all able to be together every Sunday afternoon on-line for our Bible class study on the book of Ecclesiastes. We finished chapter eleven on Sunday and the Lord willing we should complete chapter 12 next week and then we will have a class session reviewing the book on the 13th of December. We then will be studying **"Spirituality."** This study will center on understanding, conversion, and application of what it takes to become a Christian and truly be spiritually minded as one goes forward in living their life for Christ. It looks like we will begin this study on December 20th.

In addition to the Sunday afternoon class, I personally am doing a 60 - 90 minute class every Friday evening on-line via Zoom with **Nadine Laughren**. She has been dealing with some health issues over the past several weeks and because of that we have had to cancel two of the class sessions. These are the first ones she has had to miss. She continues to show slow but steady progress in her Christian walk. She still has a lot to learn about the Bible and her role as a young Christian example for others.

Amber White is continuing with her Bible correspondence course material. She still has not agreed to set up a time to do an on-line study. It is still my hope that she will want to do this soon.

I have 4 active Bible correspondence courses going on right now. One individual completed their course in November and there were no new ones started.

MY SCHEDULED PREACHING TRIPS

April 2021 Cedar Park church of Christ, Cedar Park, TX
Evangelist: Paul White

Because of the COVID-19, my gospel meetings were cancelled for this year. The only meeting I have scheduled right now in the future is the April 2021 meeting at Cedar Park. I am available to hold gospel meetings in the fall of 2021 and beyond.

SERMONS

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

AM	November 1	Four Steps to Apostasy
PM	November 1	No Afternoon Service
AM	November 8	Satan's Place
PM	November 8	No Afternoon Service
AM	November 15	It Was Said, But I Say...
PM	November 15	No Afternoon Service
AM	November 22	Give Thanks to God
PM	November 22	No Afternoon Service
AM	November 29	Money and the Christian
PM	November 29	No Afternoon Service

SUPPORT

I just received my last support checks from the Crescent Park church of Christ in Odessa, TX and the Smoky Hill church of Christ in Centennial, CO. Beginning in January 2021, our local congregation (Poudre Valley church of Christ) will begin supporting me with \$300.00 per month that I am losing from Smoky Hill. The West Mason church of Christ in Mason, OH and the South Fayetteville church of Christ in Fayetteville, TN will begin supporting me with \$300.00 each per month that I am losing from Crescent Park. I am so very thankful for the support that I have received from Smoky Hill and Crescent Park over the past several years. I also am thankful that the West Mason and South Fayetteville congregations are willing and able to replace this lost support going forward. It is a true blessing to have congregations of God's saints who are willing to support gospel preachers in various places. My family and I are blessed and thankful and all these brethren along with you are in our constant prayers!

CLOSING

From our house to yours we hope that you have a warm and memorable holiday season. We are hopeful that COVID-19 will come to a quick close in the very early part of 2021 so that we can have many visitors come and join us in our worship to God.

As I close, I am reminded of the words of the apostle Paul as he preached the gospel of Christ to the Colossians. This too, is what I strive to do constantly. *"Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily"* (Colossians 1:28-29).

In His Service,

Richie Thetford, Evangelist
Poudre Valley church of Christ
Enclosed: November 2020 Bulletins

Bible study sites

www.thetfordcountry.com
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Poudre Valley church of Christ
www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org

My financial support for **NOVEMBER** 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
Crescent Park church of Christ, Odessa, TX	\$600.00
New Georgia church of Christ, Rogersville, AL	\$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
Smoky Hill church of Christ, Centennial, CO	\$300.00
Oaks West church of Christ, Burnet, TX	\$300.00
Olsen Park church of Christ, Amarillo, TX	\$150.00
Total Support	\$6,700.00