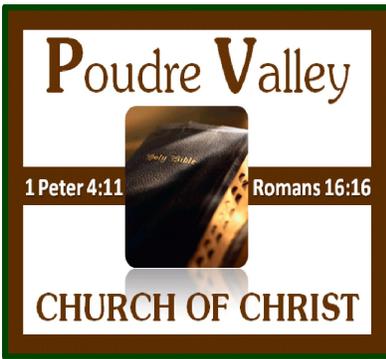




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**Support Letter
JANUARY 2021**



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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.



January 31, 2021

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

Dear Brethren,

I hope that all is going well with you as you continue to do the Lord’s work in your community. May God bless you as you faithfully serve Him in His kingdom. You continue to be in my daily prayers because I love and appreciate you dearly! As we turn the page into another year, things are about the same as they were for most all of 2020 as far as the COVID-19 pandemic is concerned. I know that we were all hoping that by this time things would be so much better, but unfortunately they are not. That means that we will have to continue to be patient as we navigate our way through this time.

I appreciate that I have faithful congregations of God’s people who are not only able, but more than willing to help us in the teaching of the gospel of Christ here in Colorado. Faithful congregations are few and far between here and we must try to do all we can to help convert lost souls to Christ. Time is precious and eternity is forever! You are constantly in my prayers. The apostle Paul wrote in his benediction to the saints in Rome, *“Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith”* (Romans 16:25-26). I also strive to make known the teachings of God to lead others to the obedience of the faith!

FAMILY NEWS

Our family continues to remain safe and healthy. My wife Malinda still has her moments from time to time as she reflects on the life and recent death of her brother, Michael Laurence. They would talk to each other on a weekly basis. We are comforted knowing that he lived his life as a devoted child of God and looking forward to an eternal home with Him. Malinda and I thank you for your cards and prayers over this past month. We are so blessed to have precious brothers and sisters in Christ as our family!

Kristin stays busy with her job working for the Poudre School District and she especially likes the fact that she can work from home daily. Caleb and Kaleena started their college studies once again on January 19th. Caleb is only four months away from completing his Master's Degree in Accounting and then he is due to begin his job as an Accountant at a very good Accounting firm here in Fort Collins in July. Kaleena is back at Front Range Community College and will be finished with the bulk of her studies there in May. She will be taking some more classes there in the fall of 2021 and then graduating in 2022. The Winter break has come to a close so soon.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

The congregation continues to do very well even though we are still not able to have any of our normal services at the building except for our Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 A.M. Instead of our normal Sunday 9:30 A.M. Bible class, we are doing that at 1:30 P.M. on Sunday via zoom on-line. We have maximum participation for both our worship service and Bible class every week! We are all looking forward to the day when we can once again return to our normal assemblies at the building and also to have monthly pot-lucks in the homes of our members.

As I reported last month, Nadine Laughren and her daughter Willow are not attending on Sunday morning due to the cases of COVID that is happening at the post office where she works. So far she has managed to not catch it and for that we are so thankful. She does join us on-line for our afternoon Bible class on Sunday. In addition, she is tuning in to some churches who are streaming their service on Sunday. I am still doing an on-line personal Bible study with her on Friday nights. We sure do miss her and Willow right now. Ken and Cheryl Tope (two of our members) traveled to Arizona this past week to help move Cheryl's brother (Curt) here to Colorado. He retired from his job and wanted to move to Colorado to be close to Cheryl and her family. We are hopeful that Curt will want to be part of our local work.

I met a woman this past week and after introducing myself and letting her know that I am a preacher, she began asking me various questions about “church.” When all was said and done, I gave her my business cards and she said she is going to talk to her husband and would like to come and attend soon. She grew up Catholic and most recently she and her husband has attended a Pentecostal church. I told her we are a small congregation of 10-14 and she actually liked that as they also attended a small church of only 15 in the past and that is what they prefer. I do hope that she and her husband will come and that a Bible study will result because of it. They have a lot to learn about the Lord’s true church. After this encounter I just thought, the Lord does work in mysterious ways. Even during a pandemic there are still doors of opportunity that can and do open for us to keep on teaching lost souls the gospel of Christ.

Two of our members, **Joel** and **Vicky Reid** traveled to California on January 16th because Vicky’s 91 year old mother passed away on the 13th. They arrived back home on the 30th and will now quarantine for 10-12 days. Vicky’s father (age 95) passed away from COVID-19 in March 2020. In addition to that, Joel’s brother also passed away in March 2020. They have had a tough year. We are praying that things will get better for both of them.

Our new Bible class entitled “**Spirituality**” is continuing to go very well. We have excellent participation from all of our members. This study not only helps us to keep focused on serving God in our lives but is very beneficial for new converts like Nadine.

I have tried to contact **Amber White** over this past month and have not been able to do so. I know that she was struggling with some things and it could be that she has moved as that is what she mentioned that she may do. I’m still trying to get in touch with her.

I am praying that COVID-19 will be in our rear view mirror for the most part this summer. My dear friend in the faith **Mitchel Potter** and I are getting antsy to get back in these neighborhoods to spread the Word of God to lost souls. We really enjoy doing personal work together and in 2019 we knocked on hundreds of doors and talked with many people as we set up a few studies and had a few enroll in a correspondence course. We also just had a lot of fun together going out to spread the good news.

MY SCHEDULED PREACHING TRIPS

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

SERMONS

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

AM	January 3	Living for God's Son in 2021
PM	January 3	No Afternoon Service
AM	January 10	Do You Really Believe in God?
PM	January 10	No Afternoon Service
AM	January 17	In God's Eyes
PM	January 17	No Afternoon Service
AM	January 24	The Woman's Need to Touch Jesus
PM	January 24	No Afternoon Service
AM	January 31	The Hand of God Working in Our Life
PM	January 31	No Afternoon Service

CLOSING

Words cannot begin to tell you how thankful and appreciative I am of each and every one of you! 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. When you read these verses you can tell how joyful he is for these kind and considerate brethren in Christ. I too am so joyful for each and every congregation that is supporting me in this work. The work is not easy, but certainly is worth it. When I talk to others about Christ, I feel like you are there with me in these efforts. Thank you so much my brothers and sisters! May God continue to bless each of you beyond measure. *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen"* (Philippians 4:23).

In His Service,

Richard Thetford, Evangelist
Poudre Valley church of Christ
Enclosed: January 2021 Bulletins

Bible study sites

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My financial support for **JANUARY** 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
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
Poudre Valley church of Christ, Fort Collins, CO	\$300.00
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
Olsen Park church of Christ, Amarillo, TX	\$150.00
Total Support	\$6,700.00