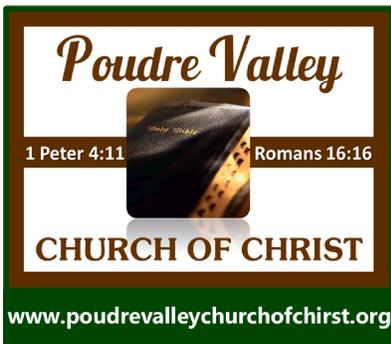




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**Support Letter
APRIL 2021**



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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.



April 30, 2021

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

Dear Brethren,

The Lord truly blesses His children who abide in His love and word. As we have been blessed this year in so many ways, it is my hope that you too have been blessed and strengthened in all you do for Him in His kingdom on a daily basis. The work that I do on a regular basis for God here along the Front Range of Colorado can only happen and continue with your financial and prayerful support for me and my family and our brothers and sisters in Christ who make up the Poudre Valley church of Christ. This has been a very good month for us at the local congregation which I will share with you below.

You are in my prayers on a regular basis. This past year has been difficult for many of us but with each passing day we are getting closer and closer to being able to return to being with one another more often and in more places. For that we can be very thankful!

As I mentioned in last month's letter we purchased a home and moved in on March 22nd. Once again, our new address is as follows:

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FAMILY NEWS

It took me awhile to be able to get my office set up and organized but I am very happy to report that it is now all put back together and I am very happy with the way it turned out. Things are much more accessible and I am able to have most all of my books back on the shelves as I was able to add a few more book cases for them. We are still working on other areas of the house to get things put away and finished to that we can return to living! I did spend most all day on Monday and Tuesday getting the garage organized. Now I am able to have access to all my tools and other things that I have needed to make it a little easier to get things put together. I have had to deal with a couple of minor physical issues during this move. I have had sciatica pain in my lower back and down the back of one of my legs and in addition to that I am having pain in my right shoulder – probably from picking up and moving things that were too heavy. I am confident that these issues will soon go away when this move is complete.

Malinda has been working very hard and doing an amazing job of organizing the kitchen. She is also setting up her craft area and reading area in the basement. This move has been very hard on her also. Her lower back that she broke in 2001 is flaring up and causing her a lot of discomfort. Everyday she has to take some time to ice and/or put heat on her back and shoulder. We both are praying that we won't have to move again. There just comes a point when "enough is enough" when it comes to moving!

Caleb and Kaleena are in the midst of their college classes and it has been very difficult for them to find the time to get all their things unpacked and put away. The things they need on a daily basis are available for them and they plan on completing their rooms, etc., when the semester is over (May 10th). Caleb went through his graduation ceremony for his Masters Degree on April 7th, but his classes don't actually end until May 10th. He will then be done with school! But he does have his CPA exams to look forward to which he plans on completing (all 4 sets of exams) by January 2022.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

I am so pleased to be able to let you know of some good things that have happened this month. As I mentioned last month, Cheryl Tope's brothers have both relocated to our area from Phoenix, AZ. It was not a guarantee that they would place their membership with us but they have! We met with **Curt** and **Skeeter Schulz** on April 11th and after a very good meeting together we made the announcement on April 18th that both of them have made a commitment to work and worship with us. Skeeter likes to lead singing and we have him scheduled to begin leading our singing from time to time starting in May. Curt is willing to lead prayers as is Skeeter. Both Curt and Skeeter have purchased their own home here in our area. It is a rare thing, but in their cases, neither one of them have ever been married. I have known Curt and Skeeter for many years and

especially since 2012 as they would both come here to visit with Ken and Cheryl Tope on a regular basis. It is good to have them with us now.

On March 21st we lifted our restriction on allowing visitors to our worship service and since we have done that we have had visitors every Sunday except one. The past two weeks we have had 17 in attendance which has been so very encouraging to us. With the good, there also is that which is not so good. **Nadine Laughren** has been unfaithful in her attendance. All the brethren have been told about her situation and have been encouraged to contact her to try to restore her to the Lord. I should have an update on her spiritual condition in my next months support letter. Please pray for her.

The **Bible Correspondence courses** had dropped off some over the past few months but in April I received requests for 3 new courses. I have already received the lessons back on the first two lessons for two of the three individuals. I now have six Bible courses going on right now. One finished their course in April also. I have not heard anything further about the lady and her husband in Illinois who may be planning on relocating to Colorado.

On the 25th, we began a new on-line Sunday afternoon Bible class on "**The Holy Spirit.**" This is a lesson that I have been wanting to study and teach for quite awhile. The brethren are also very interested in this study as there is a lot of mis-understanding about the Holy Spirit and His work. Our first class was such a pleasure to teach and there was very good input from most of our brethren as we worked through the first lesson. We are studying the book "The Holy Spirit" by brother Heath Rogers.

As far as my own personal work is concerned for this summer at this time I do not know how this will actually play out. Larimer County (Fort Collins and Loveland) have more cases of COVID than they have had since April and May of last year! Restrictions are still in place here for masks and six foot distancing. Weld county (Windsor) has lifted all of their restrictions even though the county has more cases than in the summer of last year. We just do the best we can to live life as normal as we can but also making sure that we do what we can to help protect others. Because of these restrictions most people will not answer their door unless they are expecting someone or something. Some wear face masks, some don't. Therefore, **Mitchel Potter** and I are playing it by ear at the moment on what we will do going forward into this summer. I am striving to get Bible studies started with individuals that I meet – even on-line.

A lady called me from an assisted living facility in Fort Collins this past week inquiring about the possibility of having a study with 2-4 women in the facility. We discussed the situation and both feel it would be best to begin the study on-line with them. I am just waiting now for her return phone call to see when we can begin this weekly study.

MY SCHEDULED PREACHING TRIPS

Because of the COVID situation my gospel meetings for 2020 were cancelled and also the one for the Spring of this year. Therefore, at this time I do not have any gospel meetings scheduled. If you or someone you know would be interested in me doing a gospel meeting late this year or anytime next year and following, please give me a call.

SERMONS

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

AM	April 4	King Jehoiakim
PM	April 4	No Afternoon Service
AM	April 11	The Truth
PM	April 11	No Afternoon Service
AM	April 18	I Am Resolved
PM	April 18	No Afternoon Service
AM	April 25	Our Responsibility Toward Lost Souls
PM	April 25	No Afternoon Service

CLOSING

May God richly bless each of you as you faithfully and diligently serve Him daily in His kingdom. Have a great month of May and thank you so very much for your prayers and words of encouragement that are offered for me and my family. *"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all"* (2 Thessalonians 3:16).

In His Service,

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

Bible study sites

www.thetfordcountry.com
rthetford.blogspot.com

Poudre Valley church of Christ
www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org

My financial support for **APRIL** 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
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