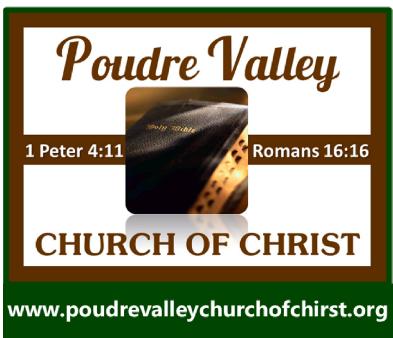




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Support Letter **MAY 2021**



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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.

Poudre Valley CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 31, 2021

Oaks West church of Christ
c/o The Elders
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Burnet, TX 78611

Dear Brethren,

I hope that this month's support letter finds you doing well and prospering in the ways of God. I am thankful for each one of you not only for the work that you do in your work and service for the Lord, but also for supporting me as I keep on preaching and teaching the gospel of Christ to others in this area of Colorado. As I have said many times, I truly am thankful for you and all the strong and faithful congregations who continue to support me on a monthly basis. God has blessed our family through the years and He continues to do so everyday.

It has been encouraging to see that many more churches are opening up completely and in some cases have returned to meeting together and being together more like they were in 2019. The state of Colorado is opening up more as 62% of the adults in the state have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 54% are fully vaccinated. Many of the businesses in the state are only asking that individuals who have not been fully vaccinated to continue to wear a mask indoors. I received my second dose on the 21st of May so I will be considered fully vaccinated on June 4th. The rest of our family members have had their first dose before this past Friday.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that we can have some more Bible studies, invite more people to our services, and convert many more souls to Christ in the coming months. May we always 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). May God bless you abundantly as you faithfully serve Him in His kingdom daily!

FAMILY NEWS

We have now been in our new house for two months now and we have finally been able to put most everything away and are settling in. We still have our pictures to put on the walls but that is about all we have left to do as we are now feeling more at "home." **Malinda** had a 7 day period toward the end of this month where she was not feeling too good. However, as I am writing this month's letter she seems to be feeling better now. She has worked so very hard over these past four months (packing, moving, and unpacking) and I think all of it has caught up with her. She really has done great considering all that she has done. **Caleb** finished and graduated with his Master's Degree in Accounting on May 11th from Colorado State University. He will begin his first full-time job working with an Accounting firm in Fort Collins, CO beginning on August 2nd. He is now getting his things put away from our move and also studying for the testing he has to do over the next 18 months to get his C.P.A. license. **Kaleena** finished her college courses on May 10th and is glad to have this summer to get settled in and get ready for the Fall semester. She should receive her Associates Degree in May 2022. She is still taking violin lessons every other week through the summer.

As parents, even though we are pleased with our children's earthly accomplishments, we are most pleased with their spiritual growth and their dedication in their service to God. Caleb is the treasurer for the local church, leads prayers, leads in the serving of the Lord's supper, takes his turn doing the announcements, and preaches and teaches the adult Bible class when I am away in a gospel meeting. Kristin and Kaleena teach and assist in the children's Bible classes from time to time and help in other ways. We are so very thankful for faithful children. We are blessed – we thank God often for them and for their love and devotion.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our recent additions of **Curt** and **Skeeter Schulz** have been a real blessing for all of us in the congregation! They both lead prayers and Skeeter also leads singing and is a very good song leader. We are blessed to have several men who are willing and have the ability to lead singing. **Nadine Laughren** has not been faithful and we are in the process of trying to restore her. I hope to have an update on her situation in June's support letter.

We began our Sunday morning Bible class back at the church building this past Sunday. Words cannot begin to express how happy and thankful all of us are to be able to have this class back at the building where we can be with one another in the same room and in person! The class was such an edifying experience for all of us. I will never take for granted the privilege we have of being able to be together in one place for Bible class! I absolutely love our brethren! We are studying "**The Holy Spirit**" and once again, as usual, the participation in this class is tremendous. We love studying together.

Since several of our members are in the process of getting their first and second COVID vaccinations, we have collectively agreed to continue to wear our masks indoors at the building until July 4th. Everyone should be fully vaccinated at that time. Therefore, at that time those who are fully vaccinated have the option of wearing or not wearing their mask.

Our study on "**The Holy Spirit**" will continue for the next eight weeks. After that study concludes we are planning on doing a study entitled "**Christians in a Secular Age**" which was written and edited by Mike Willis. This coming Sunday, June 6th, I am going to begin preaching a 9 part series on "**Worldliness.**" The first lesson will be an introduction to the series and then the covered topics will be: Dancing, Drinking, Gambling, The Tongue, TV - Movies - Music, Materialism, Immodesty, and Tobacco. These topics need to be preached on today more than ever. The Devil has a strong grip on most people and even on some Christians in regards to these things today. These lessons will be posted on the website www.thetfordcountry.com each week.

There have been two more requests to take a **Bible Correspondence course** this month. One individual finished their course and one person dropped out. I have five active courses going on right now. The lady who called me last month inquiring about setting up a Bible study with several of the residents of a nursing facility via zoom has not taken place due to a lack of interest on the resident's part. Maybe this will work out at a later date when things open up and the class can be done in person.

MY SCHEDULED PREACHING TRIPS

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 **MAY** the following sermons were preached:

AM	May 2	Lot's Wife
PM	May 2	No Afternoon Service
AM	May 9	My Mother Loved Me
PM	May 9	No Afternoon Service
AM	May 16	Walking in the Light
PM	May 16	No Afternoon Service
AM	May 23	Many Members in One Body
PM	May 23	No Afternoon Service
AM	May 30	Who Can Be Saved?
PM	May 30	No Afternoon Service

CLOSING

I have received word from two different families that they are planning on visiting with us during the month of June. It is so good to be able to have visitors again! We are looking forward to both of these families being with us as they will be an encouragement to us and hopefully we will be an encouragement to them. If you are planning a trip to Colorado this year please make an effort to come and attend our Bible class and worship with us. A very friendly welcome awaits you!

It is my hope and prayer that you will have a great month of June as you share precious time with your family and dear friends. Most importantly, make sure God is included in all your plans as you let your light shine before others so that God will get the glory (Matthew 5:16). The inspired apostle Paul leaves all Christians with this valuable message from God: "*And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him*" (Colossians 3:17).

In His Service,

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

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

Poudre Valley church of Christ
www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org

My financial support for **MAY** 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