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**Support Letter
OCTOBER 2021**

Poudre Valley
1 Peter 4:11 Romans 16:16
CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Fort Collins, CO 80525
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Assembly Times

Sunday

Bible Class.....9:30 A.M.

Worship.....10:30 A.M.



October 31, 2021

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

Dear Brethren,

This has been one of the most beautiful and pleasant October's that I have seen in several years! The weather has been absolutely perfect with crisp 35-40 degree mornings and sunny 65-75 degree days. The leaves have changed to bright oranges, reds, yellows, and browns. This is the most beautiful time of the year and my favorite. It is truly a blessing to get up each new morning to experience another great day of God's beautiful creation. The fall colors along with the green of the pine trees that are scattered about in our community makes one understand why Colorado is known as the "colorful state."



Rocky Mountains of Colorado in Autumn

I trust that all is going well with you and that you too are enjoying each day that we have been blessed with. I thank you, and my family thanks you for continuing to support me in the work here. We realize that we are so blessed for your ability and willingness to help me financially as I continue to spread the gospel of Christ to lost souls in this area. You are in my prayers on a daily basis and am so glad to have such wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ like you! I look forward to the day that I will be able to see each one of you again.

FAMILY NEWS

After receiving my steroid injection in my lower back on September 22nd, I have been improving slowly. I have some pain in my left hamstring that I believe is from the partial tear that was discovered when I had the MRI. I do feel that it is improving and for that I am very grateful. The doctor who gave me the injection has scheduled for me to come to his office to visit with him about how I am doing now. The appointment is scheduled for the 15th of November. I am also able to do some morning walks again that is helping it, or I believe it is! I'll update you on how it is progressing in my next month's report.

Malinda has been going to physical therapy twice a week to have her ailing right shoulder and hip worked on. She is glad to be able to have more range of motion in her arm now and her hip is also feeling better. The therapy is definitely helping her. This past week she was having some stomach issues and was not able to attend services on the 24th. She is doing much better now and was able to be back at services today. I believe that both of us did way too much during our recent move and are now in the healing and recovery process of it all.

Kaleena has felt a great improvement in her shoulders since being able to get back into physical therapy in September. It is good to see her feeling much better and able to be able to move around more normally. We spent most of the day on Friday, October 22nd, celebrating her birthday. Our oldest daughter, Kristin, spent Friday and Saturday here with us. College enrollment for the Fall semester, 2022 is in process and Kaleena was able to get her applications sent in to the two colleges located near us.

Caleb is working Monday - Friday at the Accounting Firm in Fort Collins and he really enjoys his job. He has told us that he is so glad that he got his degree in Accounting! They are training him in Tax Accounting and also in Auditing. He is in the process of studying for his first CPA exam which he is going to be taking at the end of December.

Kristin enjoys living in her apartment and working her job. We are able to see and be with her every Sunday and she comes over to the house at least every other week for a day or two. As I have said before, Malinda and I are so thankful for our children and we are the most thankful for the fact that they are devoted, sincere, and loyal Christians. Walking in the ways of Christ is the measure of true success and each one of them keep Jesus first in all aspects of their lives. We thank our heavenly Father constantly for their obedience to us and most of all for their obedience to Him and His precious Word!

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our small congregation of 14 individuals have 13 who have been fully vaccinated. Because of that, we have been able to meet together since July without any masks. The one individual who has not been vaccinated always wears his mask. On October 20th, Larimer County issued a mandatory mask order for all persons inside of any building in the county. The reason for this mask order is because the hospitals here are running at 105% capacity for COVID patients, the majority of which are unvaccinated and have the delta variant. Our brethren feel strongly that we are willing to do whatever we need to do to help ensure the health and safety of others who meet together in our facility. On October 24th we began meeting with masks and all visitors must also wear a mask when inside the building. We continue to pray that this virus will soon subside so that we can once again meet together without wearing our masks.

October is typically the time of year that we do not have many visitors. However, this year we have had some visitors on the 3rd, 10th, and 17th. It is always an encouragement to us to have visitors come and worship with us. We did not have any visitors from the local area attend with us. The COVID pandemic in 2020 and 2021 has kept a few of us from being able to walk the neighborhoods and knock on doors inviting individuals to come and worship with us and to try to set up Bible studies. This is one thing I am longing to be able to do once more and hopefully during the Spring of 2022 we can begin to do this again!

I received two new requests for a Bible Correspondence Course in October. Two individuals finished their course and that still gives us four individuals who are actively involved in completing the course. Once again, all of these individuals are out of state but thankfully they are learning more about God and His word.

Our Sunday morning adult Bible class will be studying the book entitled "**Christians in a Secular Age**" for quite sometime. This book is packed with so much information and our brethren have been reading and studying the material at home and engaging in deep discussion of the material every time we meet together on Sunday. I find myself putting in many more hours of study in this material because there is so much to digest and learn as we understand why there is such a large void between the humanists of the world and those who are truly Bible Christians. As a Bible class teacher it is always very encouraging when the students have done their "homework" and come to class ready and willing to discuss the information in detail. I am really enjoying the feedback and the blessing of being able to be involved in the teaching and application of this material. I recommend this book, but the teacher and students have to be prepared to spend time in learning the material. When this happens, all will be able to see others truly "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:18).

MY SCHEDULED PREACHING TRIPS

During 2020 and 2021 the gospel meetings that I had scheduled were cancelled due to COVID-19. I am very hopeful that I'll be able to preach some gospel meetings in 2022 and going forward. At this time, I am scheduled to preach two gospel meetings in the upcoming year. These two gospel meetings are as follows:

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 **OCTOBER** the following sermons were preached:

Bible Class	October 3	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	October 3	Opposing God
Bible Class	October 10	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	October 10	Faithfulness
Bible Class	October 17	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	October 17	The Image of Christ
Bible Class	October 24	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	October 24	What Happened to Your Hands?
Bible Class	October 31	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	October 31	In the Glory of His Cross

SUPPORT

I was notified by the New Georgia church of Christ in Rogersville, AL that they will no longer be able to provide me with \$600.00 in financial support after December 2021. Words cannot even begin to express the true love and care that I have developed over the passage of time for these brethren. They have supported me for many years and I have been truly blessed to be able to hold two gospel meetings for them. I have made some very good Christian friends with many in this congregation. We have kept in touch with one another for years. Several of the members have traveled to Colorado to vacation here and have come to visit us. I am happy to report that the East Florence congregation in Florence, AL will replace \$300.00 of that amount and our local congregation will begin supporting me with an additional \$300.00 beginning in January 2022. I am very thankful to let you know that this lost support has been replaced!

CLOSING

I wish I could be there and thank each and every one of you personally for all that you do for me and my family! I do hope that some of you will be able to make a trip out here to this part of Colorado this winter or perhaps sometime next year. It would be so good to see you.

It is my prayer that God will continue to bless you beyond measure. Keep the faith until the very end of life knowing that a crown of righteousness awaits you if you do so. I am very thankful for you! Remember, that *“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,

Richie Thetford, Evangelist
Poudre Valley church of Christ
Enclosed: October 2021 Bulletins

Bible study sites

www.thetfordcountry.com
rthetford.blogspot.com

Poudre Valley church of Christ
www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org

My financial support for **OCTOBER** 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