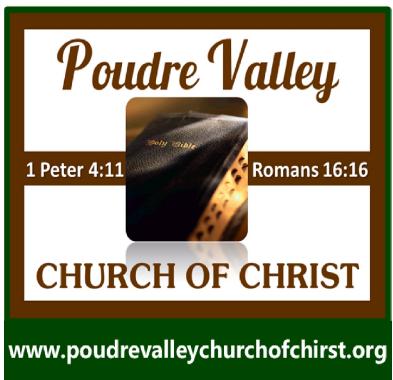




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**Support Letter
JANUARY 2022**



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Assembly Times
Sunday

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

**Poudre Valley
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

January 31, 2022

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

Dear Brethren,

A new year, a new beginning! It is great to be able to begin a new year for the Lord. It is my hope and prayer that you are doing well as you too strive for good things throughout 2022. My family and I are especially thankful for your love and concern for us as we continue to work for Him in this community.

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). Thank you for the opportunity for me to help make known to all I can, the commandments of God to lead others to the obedience of the faith!

It is my hope and constant prayer that this year will be a good year for all of us, and that we can surround our lives with love and care for one another.

FAMILY NEWS

Our family is doing very well. It is always good to be able to report to you that things have definitely improved with the pain my wife Malinda has had in the past few months with her shoulder and hip. She struggles with it occasionally, but during the month of January she has had a good month. In addition to her, our daughter Kaleena who was also having issues with her shoulder, I am glad to let you know that she has improved by going to physical therapy once a week. That has really helped her. Since I received a steroid injection in my lower back on September 22nd, the pain that I was experiencing over the past year is practically gone now. It is so good to be able to do the normal day to day things without being in pain. Therefore, we are all thankful to God that all of us are doing so much better. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf over the past several months. We are truly blessed.

Our daughter Kristin is working from home right now because of the COVID issues they have been having at her workplace. That should calm down within the next week or so and then she should be able to go back to her office. Caleb is working his first full-time accounting job and their “busy season” ramped up the week of the 17th which means that he is now working 60 hour weeks until around April 15th. He is working for a company that does not require any of their employees to work on Sunday. Kaleena began her last semester at the Community College on the 18th, and she should graduate with her Associates Degree in May.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are thankful for the wonderful brethren that we have at the Poudre Valley church of Christ. I look forward to Sunday morning and other times when we can be with these good brothers and sisters in Christ. Every worship service is never taken for granted, and we all strive to be friendly and encouraging to each other. We are looking forward to the day when we can attend again without the wearing of our masks. The high cases and the amount of individuals in ICU in our area have decreased slightly over this past month. We are hopeful that the county will lift the mask requirement soon.

Ken and Cherryl Tope bring their grandchildren to Bible class and worship service a few times each month and we are glad to have them here. Other than that, we have only had a couple of other visitors during the month of January. One of our members, Curt Schulz had knee replacement surgery on the 19th and was not able to attend with us on the 23rd. His recovery process has gone pretty well so far.

Of the four individuals who are enrolled in our Bible correspondence course, one has finished it, two are still taking the course, and one is no longer enrolled. I am hopeful that these two will be able to finish their course in February and some more will want to begin the course.

The adult Bible class that I am teaching in the book "**Christians in a Secular Age**" is still progressing along at a slow pace. As I mentioned before, this book has so much valuable material in it for Christians to think about in the secular world that we live in that it has prompted a lot of excellent discussion among our members. Sometimes I plan to complete a certain amount of material but then we get into some very good discussions on the material as we examine the secularists view against what God's Word actually says and teaches. I am thankful that our brethren take the time to read and study the material ahead of time and are very well prepared for the class discussion every week.

MY SCHEDULED PREACHING TRIPS

At this time I am scheduled to preach two gospel meetings this year, with the possibility of another one later in the summer. 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 **JANUARY** the following sermons were preached:

Bible Class	January 2	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	January 2	Determined to Be Better
Bible Class	January 9	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	January 9	Children of God
Bible Class	January 16	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	January 16	The Fall of Israel
Bible Class	January 23	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	January 23	Four Fundamental Needs
Bible Class	January 30	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	January 30	"Follow Me" (Scripture and Song Service)

SUPPORT

I lost \$600.00 per month in support last month from the New Georgia church of Christ in Rogersville, AL – but I have been able to replace it. Beginning this month, our local congregation will increase my support by \$300.00 and the Singing River church of Christ in Florence, AL will begin supporting me with \$300.00 per month.

I continue to thank God for all the blessings that he gives us! He has always taken care of our family by way of His caring and giving saints who have shown such great love for us by ensuring that our needs are taken care of, so that I can continue to concentrate on planting seeds for Christ. Through sincere tears of joy and appreciation, I can say I truly love and appreciate each and everyone of you!

CLOSING

Those of you who are members of the different congregations who support us on a monthly basis are very much loved. I wish I was with you so I could personally give each of you a big hug of appreciation! If you get the opportunity to come to Colorado this year, please come our way and visit with us. The warmest, and friendliest greeting ever awaits you! You ARE in our prayers. Thank you so much dear brothers and sisters in Christ! *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen"* (Romans 16:24).

In His Service,

Richie Thetford, Evangelist
Poudre Valley church of Christ
Enclosed: January 2022 Bulletins

Bible study sites

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www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org

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
Poudre Valley church of Christ, Fort Collins, CO	\$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
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
Singing River church of Christ, Florence, AL	\$300.00
Olsen Park church of Christ, Amarillo, TX	\$150.00
Total Support	\$6,700.00