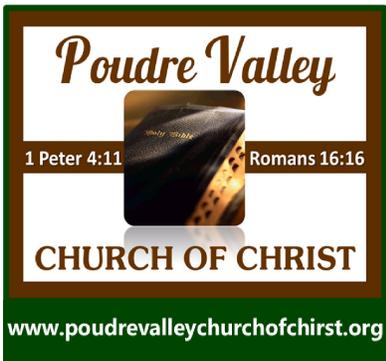




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**Support Letter
JUNE 2022**

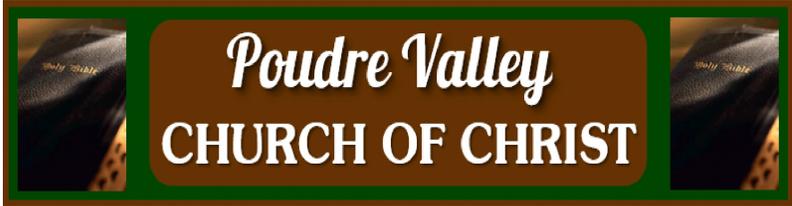


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Assembly Times

Sunday

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



June 30, 2022

**Oaks West church of Christ
c/o The Elders
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Dear Brethren,

It is my hope and prayer that all is going well with you as you diligently strive to faithfully serve the Lord in His kingdom daily. My wife and I realize that we are so very blessed to have sound churches of Christ, made up of faithful Christians who are able and willing to help support me financially and prayerfully in the work that I am doing in this area of Northern Colorado. I love and appreciate you so much and you are in my prayers on a regular basis. It is only with your support that I am able to constantly and consistently do the work of an evangelist in this community. There has been a lot that has been done but there is so much more to do. I thank you for all that you have done for me and my family!

FAMILY NEWS

On the Memorial weekend, everyone in our family got COVID. It did not affect me too much personally as I only had a scratchy throat and had chills for about 1 ½ days. However, for my wife Malinda, son Caleb, and daughter Kaleena, it affected them much more. All of them ran several days of fever, chills, sore throats, coughing and just feeling miserable. They were “down and out” for about 5 days and then began to recover slowly. By around the 15th of June they were starting to feel back to normal. My wife and son have had a lingering cough but that has just about gone away now. We all avoided COVID for 2 ½ years and then finally did get it. Hopefully, we will not get it again!

Kaleena, our 23 year old daughter, was accepted and is now formally enrolled in Colorado Christian University which is based in Lakewood, Colorado. She is taking a few classes through the school this summer. Her program of studies for her teaching degree are being done mostly on-line and she is going to be doing her teaching observations at the Christian Heritage Academy in Fort Collins, CO. She will be helping to teach and doing her observations in the kindergarten class. She is so thrilled to be able to work with these very young children. The Lord willing, when she does get a full-time teaching position in the new few years, she is really hoping to be teaching kindergarten through second graders. Hopefully that will work out for her. **Caleb** absolutely loves his job with the accounting firm here in Fort Collins. It is hard to believe that in just two months he will have been with them working full-time for one year. He is doing both tax accounting and audit for the company. It is refreshing to see your son love going to work in the morning, and hearing the stories about his day in the evening. His next scheduled CPA exam is set for August 8th. Our family celebrated "Fathers Day" together on the 19th following our worship to God earlier in the day. My family prepared a special meal and made me open a few gifts! I really enjoyed the day and having fun together as everyone was feeling back to normal. Our oldest daughter **Kristin** turned another year older on June 22nd but because she had to work that day, we celebrated her birthday on Saturday, June 26th. We enjoyed a fun filled day, eating a great meal together, and watching her open her gifts.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

I have several things to report on for the month of June. Our congregation was affected in a big way with COVID. After everyone in our small congregation of 14 avoiding COVID since it was introduced in early 2020, nine of our 14 members got COVID on Memorial day. We are not completely sure how we all got it but we have some theories which mostly is just speculation and therefore I will not go into any of that. Percy and Betty had COVID the first two weeks of May and did not attend for three Sundays while they recovered from it. Our daughter Kristin was not at worship services on May 29th, as she was home because she was exposed to COVID from her boss and some of her co-workers earlier that week. It turned out that she never did get COVID. One other man in our congregation was on vacation in the Philippines and was not in attendance on the 29th. That leaves 10 left and nine of us got COVID. There were five visitors on that Sunday who were relatives or friends of **Percy** and **Betty Wilson** and we do not believe that they got COVID. The bottom line is that as a result of most everyone having COVID, we needed to cancel our services on June 5th and then again on June 12th. Except for two individuals who were away, we were all back worshipping together on June 19th. We also had 12 visitors here with us on the 19th! It was good to have 24 precious souls worshipping together and loudly singing praises to God! This past Sunday it was good to have **Paul** and **Anna Linden** with us from Alvin, TX. Paul is one of the elders at the Adoue Street congregation and they help support me in the work here.

Several months ago, I was invited by the Cedar Park church of Christ in Cedar Park, TX to come and preach on June 12th. In my absence, my son Caleb was going to teach the Bible class and preach the sermon but our services were canceled that day due to a COVID outbreak in the congregation. I left on June 10th and drove to Lubbock, TX where I spent the night and then arrived in Cedar Park on the afternoon of the 11th. That evening I had dinner with **Eric Wise's** family, **Paul** and **Amy White**, and **Carl** and **Selena Lungstrum**. I did not know that Carl and Selena were at Cedar Park and they pleasantly surprised me when they walked in the door. Carl was the evangelist and one of the elders at the Northeast church of Christ in Colorado Springs, CO up until just over a year ago. It was good to see them, along with Paul and Amy once again. I really enjoyed getting to know Eric and his family. On June 12th, I briefed the congregation about the work that we have done and are doing at the Poudre Valley congregation, from its beginning in 2012 until present. I then preached the Sunday morning sermon and then met **John** and **Sharlynn Smith** and another couple for lunch at a restaurant before driving on to Odessa, TX. I arrived at Odessa, TX that night and met my sister at the nursing facility the next morning to take some time to visit with my mom who turned 90 in December. We had a good visit. My mom has advanced stages of dementia and can't remember anyone but she can communicate well. One does not ever know when or if they will ever be with their loved one again, so I tried to make the very most of my visit, treasuring every word and picture together. I returned home to my family on Tuesday, June 14th. I am very thankful that God granted me safe travels and has blessed me with so many dear friends and loved ones.

Our gospel meeting with brother **Allen Greeley** from Arizona is only 6 weeks away, being held August 5-7. I'll be printing the flyers and distributing them within the next 2-3 weeks. We always look forward to our gospel meeting to hear the gospel message proclaimed and to meet and get to know others who come to visit. I received a new request for a Bible correspondence course this month. One individual completed their course in June. I have three active courses going on at this time.

We are continuing in our adult Bible class book entitled "**Christians in a Secular Age.**" Due to being closed for two Sundays in June, we have not progressed very far in our study. We are still discussing the information on lesson 10 and will continue to do so over the next 2 weeks. As mentioned last month, this study will not conclude until the end of this year. I was busy in May and in June preparing some Bible class material entitled "**The Epistles.**" This consists of 13 lessons and will be the first part of a three part study on the Epistles. I appreciate the work that our brethren put in to preparing and studying for all of our lessons. It helps make our class discussion profitable for all.

MY SCHEDULED PREACHING TRIPS

I do not have any meetings scheduled for the remainder of 2022 through 2024. Please let me know if you want me to hold a meeting anytime in the future.

August 3-8, 2025: Singing River church of Christ, Florence, Alabama
Evangelists: Frank Richey and Colby Junkin

SERMONS

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

Bible Class	June 5	Services canceled due to COVID
Worship	June 5	Services canceled due to COVID
Bible Class	June 12	Services canceled due to COVID
Worship	June 12	Services canceled due to COVID
Bible Class	June 19	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	June 19	A Worthy Father
Bible Class	June 26	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	June 26	"Cut to the Heart"

I preached at Cedar Park, Texas on June 12, 2022

CLOSING

If you plan on traveling to this area of Colorado this summer, please be sure to come and worship with us. A very warm greeting awaits you! Have a great summer.

The apostle Paul closed his inspired epistles with very warm feelings toward the saints. As I conclude this letter, with a heart filled with warmth from each of you, I would like to echo what the apostle Paul said in his closing remarks to the brethren in Corinth. *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen"* (1 Corinthians 16:23-24).

In His Service,

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

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

Poudre Valley church of Christ
www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org

My financial support for **JUNE** 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