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**Support Letter
SEPTEMBER 2022**

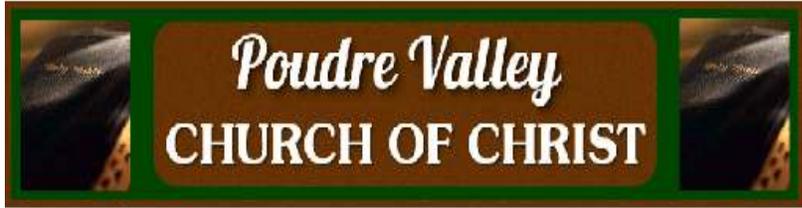


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Assembly Times

Sunday

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



September 30, 2022

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

Dear Brethren,

The work here in Fort Collins, Colorado continues to progress in a very positive way for the Lord and I thank you so much for supporting me in the work of preaching, teaching, and for being able to do the personal work, as I continually strive to set up Bible studies or Bible correspondence courses in this area. This would not be possible without your love and dedication to the gospel and helping me and other preachers to be able to spread the good news of the gospel of Christ to others, and to be able to continue to edify the local congregation. I love and appreciate each of you very much for continuing to help me in this work where it is greatly needed.

It is my constant hope and prayer that God will continue to bless you beyond measure as you dedicate your lives in faithful service to Him every day. The apostle Paul began his letters to the churches by expressing his heartfelt care for the brethren, such as what he said in the book of 1 Corinthians 1:3-4. *"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus."* His words to these Corinthian brethren are how I feel toward you, always thanking God for your love, care, generosity, and dedication to His service. Brothers and Sisters in Christ — I sincerely thank you and you must know that you are in my daily prayers!

FAMILY NEWS

All is going very well for our family. **Kaleena** caught a terrible cold the first of this month and it lasted for about 3 weeks. She is back to her normal self and stays busy with her college classes and classroom observations. **Caleb** took his third out of four CPA exams on the 23rd. He has passed the first two and will find out about this one in about two more weeks. **Kristin** was given the option with the company she works for to work from home full or part time. She chose to work from home three days per week and go to the office two days. She has been wanting this kind of situation since she began working for them. She is so very happy! My wife **Malinda** is doing really well. She had a great month and is spending time working on her hobbies. We are truly blessed as we live life dedicated to doing the Lord's will.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

We had a lot of visitors this month. We had four ladies attend with us on the 11th from Texas. They were here visiting some of their family members. They were so friendly and excited to be with us. Two of them told me that they had some family members in the area who are Christians but are not attending anywhere right now. I quickly let them know that I would be very glad to visit with them. They are "supposed to" send me their information when they return home in a few weeks. I am hopeful that they will do that. I am always looking forward to visiting with anyone about the Lord.

On the 18th we had an extended family of 15 walk through door and attend Bible class and the worship service with us. Their family included mom and dad, their two sons and daughter, along with their spouses and children! They are from Tennessee and they flew to Denver to meet up to spend a week long vacation together visiting and hiking the areas of Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. They picked an absolutely beautiful week to do it. One of our members was still away on his trip, so with these individuals, we had 27 in attendance! The Bible class was so good, as we had many good comments throughout our class time together. The singing during our worship service to God was outstanding! Our congregation was so uplifted by their presence and I am sure that they were encouraged by us as well. It is so good to be here, not only for our own brethren's benefit, but also for other Christians to have a sound, faithful congregation of God's precious saints to worship with. We had a few other visitors on the 4th and 25th as well.

I only have three active **Bible Correspondence Courses** going on right now. The one, possibly two, that I thought would finish their course this month did not do so. I am hopeful that these two will return their last lesson within the next few weeks. I did not receive any new requests during the month.

We are slowly going through our class book on **“Christians in a Secular Age”** by Mike Willis. We plan on finishing lesson 12 on “Moral Issues” next Sunday, Lord willing. These series of lessons have generated so much class discussion and reinforces the necessity to make sure all of us are reading and abiding in the doctrine of Christ. It is evident that most of our members are reading and comprehending the material and then coming to class *“ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear”* (1 Peter 3:15).

I am in the process of printing out some new handouts and will also be ordering some more door hangars for this coming Spring. I am really looking forward to walking the neighborhoods leaving literature at every door and talking to as many people as I can. Most every house is occupied by lost souls and they need to know, hear and believe the true Word of God. Let us all pray that the gospel message will penetrate the minds of the lost, not only here, but everywhere. I did have one Bible study with a man this month.

I publish an electronic version of the Poudre Valley’s weekly bulletin. If you would like to receive an electronic edition that is sent out every Saturday morning via e-mail, please send me an email at richiethetford@gmail.com and let me know that you want to receive the weekly bulletin. You will begin receiving it on a weekly basis.

MY SCHEDULED PREACHING TRIPS

At this time, I do not have any meetings scheduled for 2023 or 2024.

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

SERMONS

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

Bible Class	September 4	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	September 4	The Facts of Life
Bible Class	September 11	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	September 11	Contented with Crumbs
Bible Class	September 18	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	September 18	Our Divided Affections
Bible Class	September 25	Christians in a Secular Age
Worship	September 25	The Scary Reality of Hell

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

I am very happy to report that the Elders at the Westview church of Christ in Hartselle, AL have let me know that effective January 1, 2023 they will be increasing my monthly support to replace the \$400.00 that I will be losing in December 2022. I am thankful that they are willing to replace this projected loss. I realize that I am so very blessed to have strong, faithful congregations who are not only willing and able to help provide for our needs, but also for many other gospel preachers both here and abroad.

CLOSING

This is the most beautiful time of the year (in my opinion). The trees are beginning to turn to their vibrant autumn colors. If you get the opportunity to come out this way this fall we would be glad to see you. A warm and friendly welcome awaits you at the Poudre Valley church of Christ! May God be with you each day as you strive to do His will. *“Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you”* (2 Corinthians 13:11).

In His Service,

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

Bible study sites

www.thetfordcountry.com
rthetford.blogspot.com

Poudre Valley church of Christ
www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org

My financial support for **SEPTEMBER** 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 (ends December 2022)
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