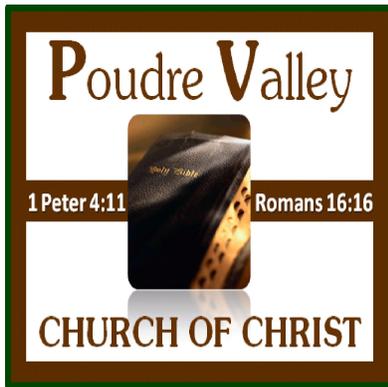




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**Support Letter  
DECEMBER 2019**

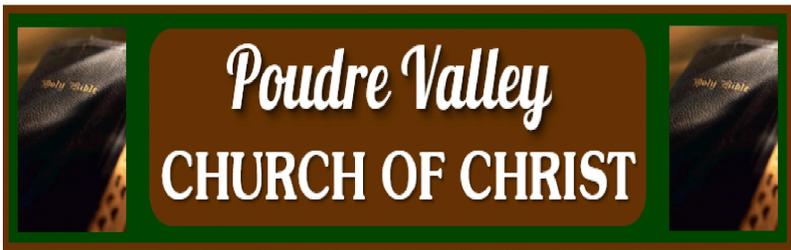


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**Meeting Times**

Sunday

Bible Class.....9:30 A.M.  
Worship Assembly.....10:30 A.M.  
Worship Assembly.....1:30 P.M.



December 30, 2019

**Oaks West church of Christ  
c/o The Elders  
P. O. Box 675  
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Dear Brethren,

We have come to the close of 2019 and I want you to know that I appreciate and love you for all that you have done for my family and me as I continue to teach and preach the gospel of Christ here in Northern Colorado. It is such a wonderful blessing to have strong, faithful Churches supporting me. It has been a very busy year and I am amazed just how fast it went by! By the time that you receive this letter, we will be in the new decade year of 2020. It is my sincere hope that you will have a very prosperous and fruitful year as you labor for the Lord in His kingdom.

I am always excited about each new year that the Lord blesses me with. The new year presents me with yet another opportunity to read and study more of His inspired word and to be able to grow spiritually, becoming a better servant of Christ than I was the previous year.

Let me encourage you to become a daily Bible reader if you are not one already so that your faith in Christ will grow more and more each day. The Lord has blessed each one of us by giving us life on this earth. He wants us to prepare ourselves every day, enduring temptation, so that we are better equipped to share and teach the gospel message to others and remain steadfast in faith and loyalty to Him. By doing so, we will receive the crown of life when our earthly life ends. *“Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him”* (James 1:12).

## FAMILY NEWS

Our son Caleb caught the flu on the 14<sup>th</sup> and was very sick for the next 7 days. I took him to the doctor on the 17<sup>th</sup> and his culture came back positive for the flu. He was running a 101-102 degree fever most of the time. He was told not to get around any people until after the 22<sup>nd</sup> because he was contagious. Our family has taken all measures to keep from getting sick. As a result of him having to stay home, he missed the afternoon service of December 15<sup>th</sup> and both services on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. He also was not able to take his last two final exams for this semester. He had to reschedule both of them for later. He slowly but surely began feeling between the 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Kristin continues to enjoy her job working for the Poudre School District here in Fort Collins. Kaleena finished her 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester of Junior College on the 10<sup>th</sup> and is now enjoying the winter vacation before starting back on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. Malinda was busy making bracelets for Christmas and doing other craft projects. We all had a very merry Christmas together and are now looking forward to a new year to serve the Lord and one another.

## POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our door knocking efforts are on hold and will continue to be until the March – April time frame. The weather was very cold and snowy in November but in December it was just cold with traces to no snow. We still have some snow on the ground from our November 25<sup>th</sup> storm. The cold and short days of winter gives me time to put together some literature to use for our canvassing and more study time and preparation for the new material that I will be using in our adult class that will begin sometime in February or March. Mitchel Potter and I are still meeting together on a weekly basis to talk about personal work and other Bible subjects. It is so encouraging to get together regularly to encourage and edify one another. He is a true friend and brother in Christ.

We did not receive any new Bible correspondence course enrollees this month and we did not have anyone complete their course this month. Therefore, we still have five individuals working on the Bible correspondence courses.

Our adult Bible class is still studying the book of **Proverbs**. We finished chapter 27 on Sunday and will begin chapter 28 on January 5<sup>th</sup>. The participation in the class continues to go very well. Some of our members are studying diligently and it shows by the remarks that they are making in class. Again, it is very encouraging to me to teach this class and interact with these good brothers and sisters in Christ!

Normally we do not have any visitors in December but this month we have had a few visit with us from other places such as Oregon and Arizona. Historically, during the months of November through March we don't have very many visitors. We are always thankful for anyone who comes to be with us to worship God.

We are blessed with very faithful brethren in our small congregation. Three of the men, **Joel Reid, Mitchel Potter**, and **Ken Tope** take turns leading the singing. All of the men take turns serving the Lord's Supper and leading prayers. Recently, **Joel Reid** has joined **Caleb** and me as we take turns making the announcements. I have also posted a sign-up listing for the men to volunteer to preach on the third Sunday afternoon each month. **Joel, Mitchel** and **Caleb** are doing this on a regular basis. It is good to see all of these individuals growing in the faith!

## MY UPCOMING PREACHING TRIPS

**March 22, 2020** Cedar Park church of Christ, Cedar Park, TX  
Evangelist: Paul White

**April 5-10, 2020** Tenth Street church of Christ, Dalhart, TX  
Evangelist: None

**April 2021** Cedar Park church of Christ, Cedar Park, TX  
Evangelist: Paul White

**Note:** I'm available to hold a gospel meeting during the fall of 2020 and during the Spring and Fall of 2021.

## SERMONS

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

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| AM | December 1  | <b>Be An Example to the Believers</b>                 |
| PM | December 1  | <b>I'll Go With You</b>                               |
| AM | December 8  | <b>The Purpose of a Sermon</b>                        |
| PM | December 8  | <b>Observations of a Centurion</b>                    |
| AM | December 15 | <b>The Samaritans</b>                                 |
| PM | December 15 | Mitchel Potter - Invitation Lesson                    |
| AM | December 22 | <b>Placing Ourselves Under the Mighty Hand of God</b> |
| PM | December 22 | Monthly Singing                                       |
| AM | December 29 | <b>Backsliding Preventives</b>                        |
| PM | December 29 | Scripture and Song Service – The Death of Christ      |

## **CLOSING**

We invite you to come and visit with us when you can. May you be blessed with a very prosperous and fruitful 2020. Also, may we all strive to be even better servants of our Lord than we were in the past. Looking to our eternal home with God is what we long for as we walk on this earth day by day. Keep the faith and live for Him!

In His Service,

Richie Thetford, Evangelist  
Poudre Valley church of Christ  
**Enclosed:** December 2019 Bulletins

### **Bible study sites**

[www.thetfordcountry.com](http://www.thetfordcountry.com)  
[rthetford.blogspot.com](http://rthetford.blogspot.com)

Poudre Valley church of Christ  
[www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org](http://www.poudrevalleychurchofchrist.org)

My financial support for **DECEMBER** was as follows:

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| 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          |
| Crescent Park church of Christ, Odessa, TX      | \$600.00          |
| 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          |
| College View church of Christ, Florence, AL     | \$300.00          |
| Smoky Hill church of Christ, Centennial, CO     | \$300.00          |
| Oaks West church of Christ, Burnet, TX          | \$300.00          |
| Olsen Park church of Christ, Amarillo, TX       | \$150.00          |
| <b>Total Support</b>                            | <b>\$6,700.00</b> |