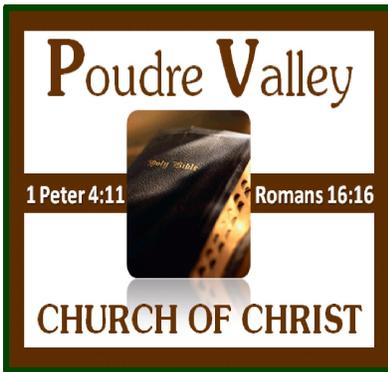




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**Support Letter  
JANUARY 2020**

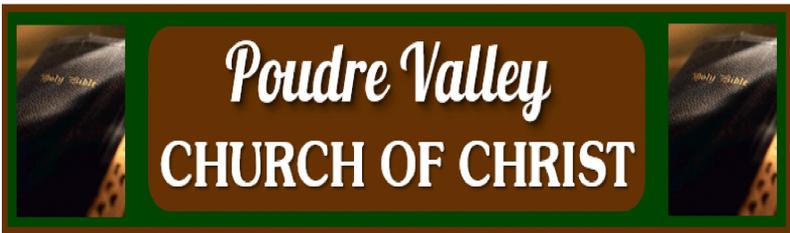


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**Meeting Times**

Sunday

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



January 30, 2020

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

It is my hope and prayer that this month’s support letter finds you doing well and prospering in the Lord’s work and service. We are truly a blessed people and everyday that we have life is another day that we can live for and serve our Lord. He truly is our great example and we should be well pleased to follow in His steps consistently (1 Peter 2:21). This first month of the year has passed by so very quickly giving us a true understanding of what James said, *“whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away”* (James 4:14). Thank you dear brethren for supporting me and my family in the work that is constantly being done here in Northern Colorado. We truly love and appreciate you for your steadfastness in helping me and praying for me and my family as we strive to bring lost souls to Christ.

I am praying that the things you’re doing for the cause of Christ are producing good results for Him in His kingdom. I am encouraged when I hear of the good that is being accomplished in the congregations that are supporting me in the work here. It is so good to be able to share all things in common.

We have enjoyed what I believe is the mildest January since we have been here in Colorado. We have had no snow and the average day time temperature for the month was around 35-45 degrees which is much warmer than it has been in the past. We are glad!

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**FAMILY NEWS**

My wife Malinda has began a hobby of making beaded bracelets and she is really loving it. **Vicky Reid**, one of our members in the body of Christ here does various crafts and working with beads is one of those. Malinda and Vicky are now getting together once a week and having a craft day together. I am so glad to see Malinda finally find a hobby that she really enjoys and to be able to do it with a sister in Christ! They usually do their craft day on the same day that my brother in Christ **Mitchel Potter** and I meet together for breakfast where we discuss spiritual things and then do something for the Lord afterwards. During the Spring through the Fall we are busy knocking on doors and/or handing out literature. Malinda has been feeling pretty good but does have some minor back discomfort which she has had since she fell and broke her back in 2001. For the most part she has just learned to live with it.

Kristin, Caleb, and Kaleena are all doing well. Kristin is going to be moving into her own apartment within the next month. She is so excited to be able to get her own place. We are happy for her. It will take us sometime to get used to her not being here on a daily basis. Caleb is very busy juggling his last 3 college classes and a full-time internship at a local accounting firm. The Lord willing, he will graduate in May and then begin his one year Masters Degree in Accounting in the fall of 2020. Kaleena is really enjoying her classes this Spring, especially her American Sign Language class. She knows a lot of sign language but this class will help her even more. Malinda and I are so pleased that most of all, our children are very strong Christians and are a valuable part (each one of them) in helping with the work of the local church. We have been so very blessed! *“Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate”* (Psalms 127:3-5).

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**POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

We have been blessed with several visitors during the month of January which is not usual for us during this time of the year. We not only have had visitors from various parts of the United States, we have had a few families come from the local area. One lady (**Meghan**) came with her 4 small boys. Her and her husband just moved here from Oklahoma. She told me that her husband is a Christian but that he sometimes has to work on Sundays as he did the day she and the boys were here. I was able to visit with her for a short time following our morning service but she seemed to be in a hurry to leave. I have since found out that the congregation that they attended in Oklahoma was a very large, extremely institutional church. I have reached out to her to try to set up a time to get together with her and her husband but they have not responded nor were they back at services the next week (January 26<sup>th</sup>). I will continue to try. I personally came out of institutionalism and

know that it can be done. However one must have an honest, open heart that is truly seeking the truth of God's word, and be determined to change when one sees that change is required to be right with God.

**Grace Peters** is a member of a sound church in Dade City, FL and her husband, **Abe**, is preaching there. Grace is completing her PHD in May and came to Fort Collins for an interview at Colorado State University to be a professor at the Veterinary School. We invited her to our house for dinner one evening when she was here. That gave us a chance to get to know her and for her to get to know us. She should find out within the next few weeks if she is going to be offered the position. If so, then she and her husband, who has just completed his Master's Degree, will be moving here sometime in August, 2020. I understand that her husband will seek employment as a teacher at the college level or possibly high school. Abe and Grace have one child (age 2) and another who will be born in April. They are both in their late 20's. We are praying that if it is the Lord's will that things will work out for them to be able to relocate here. I'll keep you informed.

We had a man and his wife from the local area attend with us but they were here more out of curiosity. He was not pleased that I preached from the NKJV of the Bible. He believes that the KJV is the only authorized version by ..... God. He did not want to fill out a visitors card so I do not have his or her last name or any other information. They have not been back over the past 3 weeks.

**Tom** and **Kate Mitchel** from Blackfoot, Idaho visited with us on the 19<sup>th</sup> as they normally do when they are in the area visiting their relatives. Tom and Kate are dear friends and all of us in the congregation love them dearly. It is always good to see them. I was able to have lunch with them on the Sunday they were here and also met them for dinner one evening before they returned home to Idaho.

There were also visitors from Arkansas, Texas, Colorado Springs, Denver, and other areas. It is a great encouragement to us to have visitors and I am sure that we are also an encouragement to them. Thank you so much for making all this happen through your support so I can teach and preach the gospel of Christ in this location. The brethren who make up the Poudre Valley church of Christ are well grounded in the faith, steadfast in service and an absolute joy to be with!

Over the next few months I will be busy making up some new flyers for our canvassing efforts this Spring and beyond. As I mentioned earlier **Mitchel Potter** and I meet together weekly and we discuss various ways that the two of us can be effective in bringing souls to Christ. I am so thankful for Mitchel. He has been a great inspiration and help for the cause of Christ. *"A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother"* (Proverbs 18:24).

We ended our adult Bible class on January 26<sup>th</sup> with the introduction to the 30<sup>th</sup> chapter of Proverbs. I am estimating that we should be done studying the book of Proverbs by the first Sunday in March. We are then going to begin a study on “Minor Bible Characters” by Heath Rogers.

I have one new Bible Correspondence Course that was started on January 6<sup>th</sup>. No one completed their course in January and so now I have 6 Bible correspondence courses that are active.

## MY UPCOMING PREACHING TRIPS

**March 8-11** Rancheater church of Christ, Rancheater, WY  
Evangelist: None

**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:** At this time I do not have any gospel meetings scheduled for the fall of 2020 or the fall of 2021.

## SERMONS

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

AM	January 5	<b>Church Unity</b>
PM	January 5	<b>Christ, the Only Savior</b>
AM	January 12	<b>Our Christian Influence</b>
PM	January 12	<b>Worshiping a Golden God</b>
AM	January 19	<b>If Heaven Is Your Destination</b>
PM	January 19	<b>All Things Become New</b>
AM	January 26	<b>The Rich Fool</b>
PM	January 26	Monthly Singing

**CLOSING**

Since the month of November, it has been a very mild winter here along the Front Range of Colorado. My family and I, along with all the brethren who make up the Poudre Valley church of Christ would love to have you come and visit with us. Or better yet, if you are thinking about relocating or retiring, why not consider this beautiful area where you can also worship with Christians of like precious faith!

The year has just started and our almighty God has given us a work to do. May we all be focused on bringing lost souls to Christ and *“teaching them teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....”* (Matthew 28:20a). May those of us who have been Christians for a number of years be moved to *“...be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”* (1 Corinthians 15:58). Keep the faith and keep pressing on. May God richly bless you as you faithfully serve Him in His kingdom every day!

In His Service,

Richie Thetford, Evangelist  
Poudre Valley church of Christ  
**Enclosed:** January 2020 Bulletins

**Bible study sites**

www.thetfordcountry.com  
rthetford.blogspot.com

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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
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>