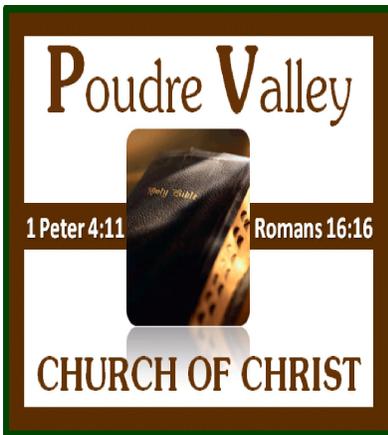




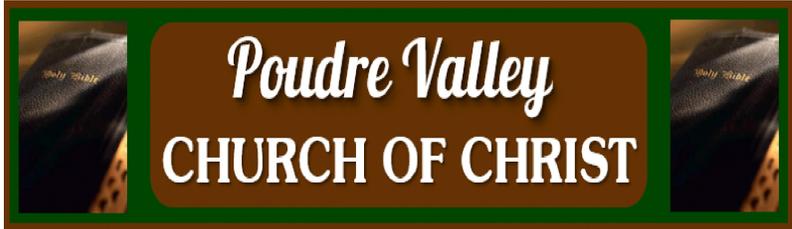
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**Support Letter
 FEBRUARY 2020**



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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.



February 28, 2020

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

Dear Brethren,

I trust that you are doing well in your stand and devotion to our Lord. Our family continues to be very grateful for your continued financial support and prayers for us. I feel so extremely blessed to have faithful congregations of our Lord so willing to help other evangelists in works that are very small and as a result the gospel message can be taken to those who would not otherwise hear the truth of God. Again, thank you for continuing to help me so that I can devote my full-time efforts for the teaching of God's word to others.

The very cold and snowy weather this month is the reason we do not try to walk the neighborhoods in the wintry months. February arrived with very cold temperatures and what has seemed to be constant snowfall. We've had several days where the temperature has not risen above 24 degrees. This is typical for February and makes me appreciate those sunny, warmer days of Spring!

FAMILY NEWS

Our family is doing pretty well and I trust that yours is also. My wife Malinda's feet have started hurting about two months ago. She has a knot that has formed on the bottom of each foot (one is more severe than the other).

After enduring a lot of pain and ice treatments no longer helping, she went to the doctor and she was scheduled for an MRI which she completed on February 13th. She has Plantar fasciitis which is an inflammation of the fibrous tissue (plantar fascia) along the bottom of your foot that connects your heel bone to your toes. This is very painful and hurts when you walk. She is scheduled to see the foot specialist this coming week to find what treatments she will need to undergo so that it can heal properly. Other than that she is doing well. Caleb is completing his final semester of undergrad work and will graduate in May. He is also working as an intern at an accounting firm here in Fort Collins and he really likes it! This is a tough semester for him because he is working 35-40 hours per week and also taking his final 9 hours of college. Kaleena is taking 13 hours of college credit this semester and is enjoying all of her classes.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

We finished our adult Sunday morning Bible class on the book of Proverbs on February 16th. This was a really good study and all of our members enjoyed going through the material and discussing the many passages of scripture. We agreed that we would like to do a similar study through the book of Ecclesiastes at a later date. We are going to do something a little different for our next study. On February 23rd, we began our new Bible study of "minor characters" as we use the study guide "**Minor Bible Characters**" by Heath Rogers. I have already completed the first three lessons in the book and have loved it! I am confident that the class will enjoy our study of these lessons together. My son Caleb taught the first class this past Sunday because I was in Belen, New Mexico.

I was in Belen, New Mexico on February 22-23 because our very close, dear friend, and sister in Christ, **Wanda Braddock** passed away on January 30th and her memorial service was on Saturday, February 22nd. Her husband Mark asked me to preach the service which I was honored to do, but it was very difficult. Our family has known Mark and Wanda since October, 1985. We have worshiped with them for a period of time in two different congregations over the years. Mark and Wanda took our children in and have treated them like their own grandchildren. When our daughter Kristin (who was only 4 months old when she first knew them) heard of her passing that morning, she was so disturbed that she had to take a few hours off of work before going in. Caleb and Kaleena could not hardly say anything for awhile. We all truly loved Wanda and we will miss her so much. I know that her beloved husband and best friend Mark will miss her more than ever. In addition to doing the lesson for the memorial service I also taught the Sunday morning adult Bible class and preached in the morning service at the Rio Grande Valley church of Christ in Belen, NM. In my absence on Sunday, February 23rd, Caleb taught the adult Bible class and preached the morning sermon. Joel Reid preached the afternoon sermon.

Brother **Darrell Trammel** will be here to preach our yearly gospel meeting. Darrell is the preacher and one of the elders at the Oaks West church of Christ in Burnet, Texas. I have known Darrell for a number of years going back to when he was preaching for the brethren in Belen, New Mexico. I have held a meeting in Belen when he was there and also two meetings in Burnet, TX since he has been there. I am so glad that Darrell will be able to hold our meeting! Hopefully he will be able to bring his wife Audria and his two boys Keith and Alex. Our dates for the gospel meeting will be **July 31st, August 1st, and August 2nd**. This will once again be a Friday through Sunday meeting with a lesson on Friday night, two on Saturday, and finishing up with three lessons on Sunday. We are looking forward to it! We have scheduled **Ron Griffin** from Paducah, KY to be here in August 2021 and **Jerry Blount** from Las Vegas, NM to be here in August 2022 to preach in our gospel meeting at those times.

We have had some visitors over the past few months that I have tried to get back in touch with but have not had any success. These are some individuals who attended one time from the local area but have not returned. I also have not heard any news back from **Grace Peters**, the young lady that was interviewing to be a professor at the Veterinary School at CSU. She was supposed to know in 2-3 weeks after being here and now it has been 6 weeks. I sent her a text a few days ago to see if she had heard anything yet. Still waiting to hear. We have had a few visitors during the month of February that are from different states passing through and worshipping God with us. It was good to have them.

Mitchel Potter and I continue to meet together (usually for breakfast) once a week to visit and talk about spiritual matters. We have been discussing some various things we can generate to handout to the neighbors this Spring and Summer. We have such a good time visiting and doing the Lord's work! He has been and continues to be an inspiration to me in my work within the congregation and also to those who we seek to save.

There were no new Bible Correspondence Courses started this month but several people have returned theirs for grading and are continuing to take the course(s). No one completed their course in February. I still 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 **FEBRUARY** the following sermons were preached:

AM	February 2	Counting All Things But Loss
PM	February 2	You Say, But God Says...
AM	February 9	God's Plan of Salvation
PM	February 9	Purity in Christ
AM	February 16	Denominationalism
PM	February 16	Rescue the Perishing
AM	February 23	Caleb Thetford preaching – (Memorial Service - New Mexico)
PM	February 23	Monthly Singing

CLOSING

You continue to be in our daily prayers. We love you and appreciate you so very much. We ask that God will continue to be with you and bless you and your congregation as you strive to diligently serve Him in all that you do. If you are beginning to plan your summer vacation, please put Fort Collins, CO in that plan and come visit us. You will be our honored guest as we worship God together in spirit and in truth.

Keep pressing on toward the mark and please continue to pray for me and the work here in Fort Collins, Colorado.

In His Service,

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

Bible study sites

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My financial support for **FEBRUARY** 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
Total Support	\$6,700.00