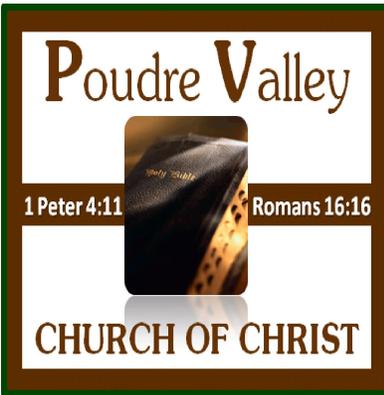




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**Support Letter
June 2020**

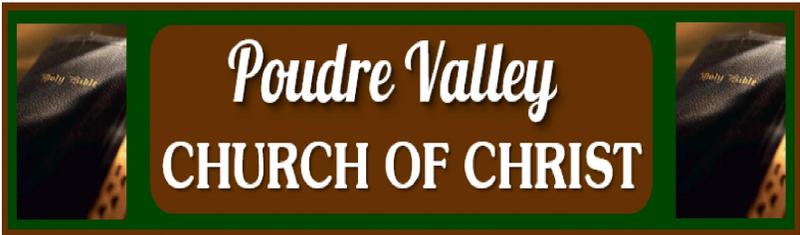


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Meeting Times

Sunday

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



June 29, 2020

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

Dear Brethren,

It is my hope and prayer that you are safe and in good health as we continue to navigate our way through these trying times of this COVID-19 pandemic. I pray that we will soon be able to be closer to one another without having to be concerned with "social distancing." Based on what I have been hearing it sounds like this will be something that we will be practicing for quite some time. May God continue to protect and comfort us as we live our lives dedicated to Him and faithfully serving Him daily. Keep the faith and keep pressing on to our ultimate goal (Philippians 3:14)!

Thank you for continuing to support me here in Northern Colorado as I strive to preach and teach the word of God, ensuring that my teaching is sound, according to His divine truth. The faith and confidence that you have had and continue to have in me as an evangelist and servant of our Lord is appreciated so very much!

FAMILY NEWS

Malinda has continued to struggle with the physical issue that she is having throughout the month of June. This issue began around the 6th of May. She has had better days these past two weeks but is still not recovered. I am not being specific with what her problem is because it is something that she would not want me to mention and I understand. The doctor that she has seen let her know that this particular issue will take at least 8-12 weeks to mostly heal and it won't completely heal for about 4-5 months from the time that it began. I know one thing, she has endured a lot of pain! Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to heal over these next few months.

As I mentioned in last month's letter, Kaleena has really stepped up and has been a tremendous help for all of us. God truly blessed us with a very loving, caring, and compassionate child. She has made most of the lunch meals these past six weeks and she has done so with a fantastic attitude, wanting to help in any way she can. The Lord willing, there will come a time when a young man is going to be getting a tremendous wife and great mom someday.

On June 22nd we were all together to celebrate our oldest daughter Kristin's birthday. The day was filled with laughter and fun as we played games, she opened some gifts, and had a good meal together. We are so blessed to have a strong, loving Christian family.

Our son Caleb will begin a six week summer internship with an accounting firm here in town on July 6th. Because of the COVID-19, he will be doing this internship from home and not having to go to the office in town. They will be doing a lot of video conferencing and training over these six weeks. He will be ending this internship about one week before he begins his Masters program in Accounting at the end of August at Colorado State University. At this time the college is not sure whether it will have in residence classes or if the classes will be done on-line. This is a one year program and he should graduate in May 2021. He will then be completely finished with all of his college and will most likely begin his full time job with one of two accounting firms here in Fort Collins, CO.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Unfortunately, we have not been able to meet together in our meeting facility because of the state of Colorado's strict guidelines on the number of people, distances, and other factors that are required at this time. In addition to that, most of our members fall into the "high risk" category. We, along with many others are currently streaming our worship service to our members. Since May, we have had the "safer at home" policy (phase 2) of our state lock down. We are planning on meeting this coming Sunday, July 5th at the building. However, if this works out, we will still need to make sure we maintain the 6 foot distancing requirement and we have to wear face masks. A few of our members will probably not be able to attend at the building because of their "high risk" factors. We are hoping that we will be able to use the Zoom software to be able to live stream our service to those who are unable to attend. When we do meet together at the building we will only be there for our morning worship assembly. We will not be having our afternoon assembly for another month or two, depending on the restrictions. We did begin an on-line Bible class for our members each Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. on June 2nd. The turnout for this class has been outstanding with great participation from everyone!

Kimberly Laughren has been joining us for our on-line worship service every Sunday morning since May 24th. In addition, she has also been on-line with us for our Bible class every Tuesday night at 7:00 P.M. I have sent her some information for her to study along with a Bible correspondence course that I would like for her to do to help get her better grounded in God's Word. I have encouraged her to do an on-line personal Bible study with me one evening each week and she has agreed to do so. We had our first Bible study on the 25th and it went well. She needs to learn more so that she can feel confident about her salvation and understanding her role as a child of God in daily life. I am very pleased that she is on-line with us and am confident when we begin meeting at the building that she will be there also!

There have been no new Bible correspondence courses started this month. There are currently seven individuals who are still taking our Bible correspondence course that we offer. Most of the ones who enroll are from various places within the United States.

Obviously, because of the COVID-19, I am not able to go "door to door" or have any "in home" Bible studies right now. I am in the process of preparing additional sermons and also more Bible class material. I am missing the companionship with my dear brother in Christ, **Mitchel Potter**, along with others from the local congregation. In addition to that, I really would like to take a trip to Texas to visit with my mom who is going to be 89 later this year. I was planning on seeing her in April, but the travel restrictions, etc. prohibited me from doing that. I won't even try to go there until the corona virus has calmed down and it is safe to do so. I also have to be careful so that I don't get it but also I don't want to take the chance of giving it to her or anyone else. We all have to be careful with what we do, where we go, and who we are around right now.

MY UPCOMING PREACHING TRIPS

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

Because of the COVID-19, my gospel meetings have been cancelled for this year. The only meeting I have scheduled right now in the future is the April 2021 meeting at Cedar Park. The Lord willing, I am available to hold gospel meetings in the fall of 2021 and beyond.

SERMONS

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

AM	June 7	Overcoming Sin
PM	June 7	No Afternoon Service
AM	June 14	Spiritual Distancing
PM	June 14	No Afternoon Service
AM	June 21	Evil
PM	June 21	No Afternoon Service
AM	June 28	Overcoming Anxiety
PM	June 28	No Afternoon Service

CLOSING

Some of the National Parks here in Colorado have opened with certain restrictions. I have learned that the residents in the nearby cities such as Estes Park are not too happy that the parks have opened because they don't want the out of state visitors right now because of the spread of the corona virus. There haven't been as many visitors in this area and that is to be expected because of the pandemic. We are so restricted on our "distancing" and "face masks" in an assembly that when we do open, we will be hard pressed to be able to have more than 13 in our small space that can normally seat 40. At this time it will be difficult to have visitors even though we would love to! If you are planning a trip out here please call or text me first to find out what our situation is at (970) 682-8481. You can also email me at richiethetford@gmail.com.

Please be safe and stay healthy. Also, continue to pray that the COVID-19 will soon vanish away so that we can return to meeting together in our places of worship the way that we would like to. Remember, "...*The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much*" (James 5:16). May God continue to bless you abundantly as you stay faithful and focused on serving Him daily!

In His Service,

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

Bible study sites

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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
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