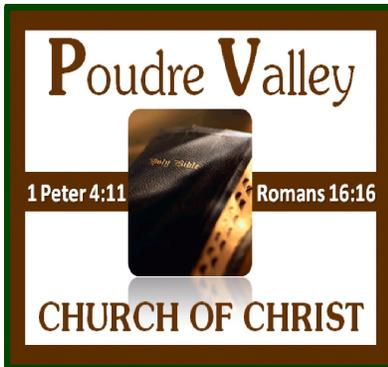




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**Support Letter
OCTOBER 2020**

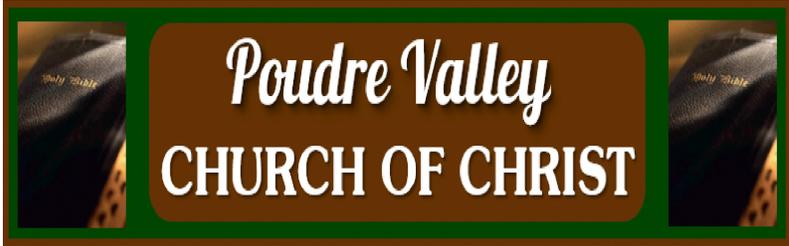


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Meeting Times

Sunday

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



October 30, 2020

**Oaks West church of Christ
c/o The Elders
P. O. Box 675
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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 all the ways of the Lord. This year of 2020 has been one that will be in our memories forever and for some ways that are not good. The world wide pandemic has caused us to adjust to different ways of doing things until this passes. I truly miss being able to have the visitors come to our worship service and also to just be able to have our Bible class and afternoon worship service back at our building. In addition to this, Colorado has been hit hard by several massive wild fires. We have what is now the largest fire in state history along with what is now the third largest fire in state history burning just 12-15 miles to our West. Many towns have had to be evacuated and hundreds of structures have been burned to the ground. We were blessed to have 15-20 inches of snow fall on the area from Saturday night through Monday morning (Oct 24-26). That has helped the firefighters in fighting these massive fires. We received 14 inches of snow at our house here in Fort Collins during this same time period. It was truly a welcome sight - we really needed this moisture!

I thank you, and my family thanks you for continuing to support me in the work that I am doing here in Northern Colorado. We realize that we are so blessed for your ability and willingness to help me financially as I continue to spread the gospel of Christ to lost souls in this area. You are in my prayers on a daily basis and am so glad to have such wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ like you!

May God bless you and your families as you prepare for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays just ahead.

FAMILY NEWS

We celebrated our youngest daughter **Kaleena's** 22nd birthday on October 22nd. It was that special year where she turned 22 on the 22nd. Malinda cooked her special birthday meal of choice, she opened some gifts, and we spent some time playing games together. It was a very enjoyable day for all of us. Kaleena is doing very well in school and is becoming much more proficient playing her violin. She is majoring in music and also taking the undergraduate general education courses now before she goes to Colorado State University later on.

Caleb is extremely busy with his Master's Degree program and also working as a STA (Student Teaching Assistant). He works for one of the professors at the college grading papers and answering students questions that they have. He is doing all of his courses on-line because of the COVID-19 restrictions going on at the campus. They keep having new cases on a regular basis at the school. He has learned to juggle many things at once and prioritizing what is most important to do. In addition to his schooling he continues to do well with his lesson material for the church and serving the congregation as the treasurer.

Kristin continues to work at the Poudre School District and she is able to do so at home. She is a purchasing and contracting agent for the school district. She really likes her job. In addition, she is continuing to write her young adult fiction novels and has her latest book just about ready to submit to a new agent she is hoping to get within the next two months.

My wife, **Malinda**, is staying healthy and we are all very thankful that she is able to do most anything that she wants to now. She is able to work on her "beading" hobby and visits on the phone regularly with members in the church and others that she knows. She has done a beautiful job of decorating our home for the Fall season and she will be decorating for her favorite time of the year the day after Thanksgiving! The months of October, November, and December are our favorite times of the year.

POUDRE VALLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

We are still meeting at our building every Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M. for our worship service. We are blessed to have all of our members meeting together every week. We meet together for about one hour which includes all parts of the worship service. We are usually finished around 11:30 A.M. We then meet together on-line for an afternoon Bible study. We are continuing our study in the book of Ecclesiastes. We are going to be in the middle of the seventh chapter on November 1st. The class participation has been outstanding. We have always had good class participation at our normal Bible class at the building, but it is just as good when do the class via Zoom each Sunday afternoon. I am very impressed with the additional study several of our members do in order to prepare themselves for the lesson material. I will say, this effort has really made this class and every class so much better. We are so very blessed to have each of these faithful, diligent, and steadfast Christians worshipping together.

Nadine Laughren, the young lady who has been restored, continues to study with me every Friday night on-line via Zoom. We finished our first study last week and have now started a new study called "Under Construction" which is designed to get one grounded in Christ.

I have began a new study with a lady by the name of **Amber White** here in Fort Collins. She found our website and contacted me to see if she could have a Bible study. Because of our COVID-19 restrictions I am only able to do a Bible study on-line. After communicating with her she wants to first go through our four lesson correspondence course that allows her to look up the Bible verses and then answer the "YES" or "NO" questions. After this study is finished we are planning on doing an on-line study together like I am doing with Nadine Laughren. Amber is not a Christian. Therefore, everything that I will do in our studies together will be for her to see the necessity of being baptized into Christ. I am hopeful that she will follow through and will continue with these studies. Please pray for her and my efforts in this regard.

In addition to Amber White beginning a new Bible correspondence course, another course was started (from out of state) this month. I now have five individuals who are actively working on their courses at this time.

I did complete the Bible class material on "**Spirituality**" that I plan on teaching as soon as our study of "Ecclesiastes" is finished which will probably be at the end of December. As I mentioned last month, these lessons on Spirituality will center around "understanding, conversion, and application." As always, I am confident that these lessons will generate a lot of discussion and will lead to the seasoned Christian and the new convert to become much more spiritually minded.

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 were cancelled for this year. The only meeting I have scheduled right now in the future is the April 2021 meeting at Cedar Park. I am available to hold gospel meetings in the fall of 2021 and beyond.

SERMONS

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

AM	October 4	Discouragement
PM	October 4	No Afternoon Service
AM	October 11	Drawing Near to God
PM	October 11	No Afternoon Service
AM	October 18	Things Happy People Do
PM	October 18	No Afternoon Service
AM	October 25	The Example of Philip
PM	October 25	No Afternoon Service

SUPPORT

Last month I reported that I would be losing a total of \$600.00 per month in support from the Crescent Park church of Christ in Odessa, Texas at the end of December. During the month of September and the first part of October I was actively striving to get this projected loss of support replaced. I am very happy to let you know that two congregations have let me know that they will be able to replace this loss beginning in January 2021. In January 2021, The South Fayetteville church of Christ in Fayetteville, TN will begin supporting me with \$300.00 per month and the West Mason church of Christ in Mason, OH will begin supporting me with \$300.00 per month. I am thankful that my prayers have been answered and that these two congregations are both willing and able to provide me with this support that I will be losing. Once again, I am so very thankful to the wonderful saints at the Crescent Park church of Christ for supporting me in the work here in Northern Colorado over the past several years. It is my prayer that they will be able to recover from the COVID pandemic that has cost several of their members their jobs and has caused substantial loss of income for those in the oil and gas business.

Because of this replacement of my projected loss of support, I will be able to maintain the same amount of support that I have had for a number of years. I am thankful and truly blessed.

CLOSING

I wish I could be there and thank each and every one of you personally for all that you do for me and my family! I do hope that some of you will be able to make a trip out here to this part of Colorado when this pandemic is over with. It would be so good to see you again.

It is my prayer that God will continue to bless you beyond measure. Keep the faith until the very end of life knowing that a crown of righteousness awaits you if you do so. I am very thankful for you! Remember, that *"whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him"* (Colossians 3:17).

In His Service,

Richie Thetford, Evangelist
Poudre Valley church of Christ
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Bible study sites

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My financial support for **OCTOBER** 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