

All should wear the simple, safe name: “Christian.” The Plan of Salvation We Teach Is a Safe One. In the New Testament, sinners were told to believe and be baptized (Mark 16:16) and repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38). Candidates made the good confession after hearing the gospel preached (Acts 8:36–38). We know that it is safe to do the same things to obtain salvation, so that is all we require.

Others gamble that they can be saved by “faith alone, before and without water baptism.” Some insist on a personal experience with the Holy Spirit. Many feel that leading a good moral life is plan of salvation enough.

All should unite under the safe, undisputable plan. **The Worship We Practice Is Safe.** To study, pray, sing, give, and partake of the Lord’s supper is within the bounds of revelation. We read of early Christians doing these things. “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine [teaching] and fellowship [including giving], in the breaking of bread [the Lord’s supper] and in prayers” (Acts 2:42. Paul commanded Christians to teach and admonish one another with spiritual songs (Colossians 3:16).

Many venture out of the bounds of Scripture by changing God’s formula for worship (cf. 2 John 1:9–11). Some add to worship such activities as testifying, choirs, solos, and entertainment. Most want to add instruments of music to the singing. Some take the Lord’s supper only once a quarter or once a year.

All should practice scriptural and safe worship. The Church Organization We Use Is Safe. Churches of Christ are autonomously organized under King Jesus with elders, deacons, evangelists, and members. This was the practice of the early church. Paul mentions all four in one verse: “Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons” (Philippians 1:1).

As to hierarchy, Christ is Head (Ephesians 1:22–23; Colossians 1:18); a group of elders (bishops, shepherds) serve under Him, ruling in one local church (Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Timothy 3:1–7; Titus 1:5–9; Hebrews 13:7, 17); deacons are special servants of the church who assist the elders primarily in physical matters (cf. Acts 6:1–6; 1 Timothy 3:8–13). Evangelists or preachers preach, teach, and spread the word (2 Timothy 4:2). Members assist in the work of the Lord as their talents and opportunities allow (Romans 12:3–8; Galatians 6:10).

The Life We Lead Is a Safe One. Seeking to imitate Jesus in every aspect of daily living is safe. Being honest, kind, compassionate, fair, meek, humble and cheerful demonstrates the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5). Refraining from lying, gossiping, murmuring, filthy speaking, and cursing, shows the mouth of Christ (1 Peter 2:22). Abstaining from fleshly lusts (alcohol, smoking, fornication, adultery, illegal drugs) follows the manner of Christ (1 Peter 2:11, 21). In short, we try to speak, dress, act, and think as the Bible reveals that the Lord did.

Some say that “Jesus lived in a different world than we do, our new morality can be substituted for His.” They advocate social drinking, mixed swimming, immodest dress, homosexuality, and smoking. By so doing they stray from the safe channel into the rocky waters of situation ethics and political correctness.

All should unite on the safe morality of Christ. Why gamble with your soul? If these beliefs and practices seem reasonable and scriptural to you, then make your salvation both sure and steadfast, and come practice safe Christianity as revealed in the New Testament of Christ.

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Remember the shut-ins with a visit, call, or card.

Residential

Jenafee Brunner, 1502 W Pyburn
Mary Sue Greer, 2102 Lee St

Randolph County Nursing Home

Elsie Prewitt 106
Earl Hagar, 109
Jennifer Burr, 204
Gwen Futrell, 419
Charlcie Hufstedler, 223
Anna Lemmons, 332
Bonnie Kellett, 335

BULLETIN INFO:

Please give “News and Events” to **Tom and Carolyn Towell.** You can call 892-5087, 870-930-7344 or 870-930-7355 and leave a message. Email address is tctowell@centurytel.net

ITEMS for August CHILDREN’S HOME

Brown Sugar/Powdered Sugar
UKRAINE MISSION
Crayons/Pens/Pencil

Our speaker today is Don House from Walnut Ridge. Don preaches at Hardy church of Christ.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Don McGuirt will have a screening procedure to prevent strokes at St Bernards Tuesday.

Wanda Hogue will have knee surgery at UAMS Tuesday.

It is back to school this week for teachers and students. We hope that all will have a good year. Best wishes to **Madison Byrd** who will be leaving Thursday for Harding University to start her freshman year.

Just a reminder that Jerry Morgan is requesting used (or new) sewing machines, buttons, fabric, thread-anything related to sewing to start a class for young 14 year old girls in the Ukraine.

Those requesting prayer

Jenafee Brunner, Grant Killion, Carol Killion, G W Allison, Fran Allison, Bonnie Kellett, Elsie Prewitt, Earl Hagar, Frances Hagar, Anna Lemmons, Vicky Smith, Charlcie Hufstedler, Wanda Purdy, Ray Stowers, Leroy Crutcher, Martha Spikes Rampey, Cody Shaw, Harold and Yvonne Galbraith

Plan of Salvation

Hear – Romans 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”.

Believe – John 8:24 “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins”.

Repent – Luke 13:3 “I tell you, nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish”.

Confess – Romans 10:10 “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”.

Be Baptized – I Peter 3:21 “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ”.

Local Missions

KPOC 104.1 FM–RADIO PROGRAMS

Sunday morning @ 8:00 AM
Mon. – Fri. @ 6:15, 11:55, & 3:45

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY

Sunday-7:30 AM on Cable 13 (Memphis)
Sunday-7:30 AM on Cable 4 (Little Rock)
Sunday-7:30 AM on Direct Channel 367

SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Sunday-9:00 AM on Cable 9 (KAIT 8)

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Sunday-6:30 AM on Dish Channel 267

World Missions

Ted Knight, Romania
John Reese, World Bible School, Africa
Eddie Cloer, Truth for Today
Ted Lingren, Cambodia

Website—

www.pyburnstreetchurchofchrist.com

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Announcements: David Futrell
Song Leader: Tom Towell
Speaker:

Don House will be speaking today during the morning and evening services.

Presiding at Table

David Futrell

East

David Lemmons

Don McGuirt

Sunday Evening:

West

Byron Futrell

Don Gillean

Mike Dunn

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Don McGuirt

Closing Prayer: David Lemmons

Read Scripture: Jay Don Wilson

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Grant Killion

Closing Prayer David Burkheart

Wednesday Night (Aug 15)

First Prayer Ed Stormes

Closing Prayer Joey Bryant

Invitation David Futrell

Preparation of Communion for August

Tom and Carolyn Towell

Sunday Services

Bible Study 9:00 AM

Worship 9:50 AM

Evening Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 PM

Elders

Grant Killion 892-4159

Tom Towell 892-5087

VISITORS!

WELCOME VISITORS!!

We appreciate our visitors and encourage you to fill out a “Visitor’s Card” located on the back of the pew in front of you.

August Birthdays

Jeremy Burgess--1

Georgia Pierce--10

Cindy Futrell--19

Madison Byrd--21

Margaret McCarroll--23

Marie Murphy--23

Anna Johnson--25

In the Footsteps of Jesus

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THE SAFE CHANNEL

A ship’s passenger on the Great Lakes became alarmed as the ship passed near a rocky shore. Fearing that rocks were hidden beneath the surface, she approached the captain. “Do you know where all the dangerous rocks are?” she demanded.

“No,” he replied, “But I know where the safe channel is.”

Likewise, we need to find the safe channel in religion, put ourselves in it, and stay there. The New Testament reveals this path (John 14:6; 2 Timothy 3:16–17). Others build their hopes on the ever-shifting sands of popular opinion, men’s wisdom, and the creeds created by religious leaders, but churches of Christ aim to stay within the safe channel of clear Bible teaching.

The Name That We Wear Is a Safe Name. Christ’s followers were called “Christians” in New Testament times:

- “The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11:26).
- “Agrippa said to Paul, ‘You almost persuade me to become a Christian’” (Acts 26:28).
- “Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter” (1 Peter 4:16).

Therefore, we call ourselves “Christians.” Others take chances on calling themselves after the names of men or methods. Some try to become “hyphenated Christians” inserting an adjective to describe the kind of Christian they claim to be. That is not found in the Bible, therefore it is not safe (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:10–13). (con’t)