

sufficient direction for attaining that fulfillment of life which all crave. The status of life is not to be found in comfortable living conditions, or in material wealth. The Bible offers a more satisfactory answer.

It is impossible to single out one single scripture that would fully provide this instruction. However, the admonitions of Philippians 4:1, 4-9 would be a choice selection. Pick up your Bible and read the characteristics that will help make your life an adequate, fulfilled life. We might summarize it by saying that in Christ there is to be found adequate love, joy, gentleness, security, inspiration and peace.

Many have mastered the art of existing, but few the art of truly living. The art of living may well be the most seldom learned of all the arts. It doesn't come naturally. It begins when one is "born again (from above)...of water and the Spirit" (John 3:3, 5) in a commitment of life to God. That's the beginning point. Continued adherence to Christ and His word will then make you a master of the art of living. Jesus indicated as much when He declared, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

- Ronald Bartanen, Arthur Church of Christ, Arthur, IL. <http://arthurcoc.com/>  
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### A WORD FITLY SPOKEN

We are all familiar with the beautiful analogy in Proverbs 25:11. Here, the "apples of gold in pictures of silver" are the right words spoken at the right time and in the right way. Maybe a situation calls for words of teaching. Just the right words can bring someone to obedience. Maybe the situation demands words of encouragement. Words fitly spoken can cheer a depressed person, or a sick brother or sister. Some of us are so wrapped up in our own situations that we cannot see that others need those precious words from us that would mean the world to them at that moment. Perhaps a call to a shut-in would bring joy to their heart. Perhaps a visit to an erring Christian would bring about their restoration. Perhaps a word to a faithful worker in the church would elevate them to greater heights of service. We all have this power to say that "fitly spoken word".

John Wright

**December 16, 2018**

### THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS

#### on KPOC:

**Sun:** More Little Things

**Mon:** Time to Repair

**Tue:** Keep on Shining

**Wed:** Timely Words

**Thu:** The Gospel in Song

**Fri:** Yield Not to Temptation

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**Remember the shut-ins and those in the nursing home with a visit, call, or card. Also remember them in prayer**

#### **Residential**

Jenafee Brunner, 1502 W Pyburn

#### **Pocahontas Health and Rehab**

Mary Sue Greer, 601

#### **Randolph County Nursing Home**

Elsie Prewitt, 106

Earl Hagar, 109

Jennifer Burr, 204

Charlcie Hufstedler, 223

Anna Lemmons, 332

Bonnie Kellett, 335

Gwen Futrell, 419

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#### **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](mailto:tctowell@centurytel.net)

**ITEMS for December**  
**CHILDREN'S HOME**  
Disinfectant Wipes/Spray  
**UKRAINE MISSION**  
Soap/Hand Sanitizer (Individual)

### NEWS AND EVENTS

Sympathy is extended to **Brenda Pursifull** in the passing of her mother, Patsy Brown, Friday. Private services are planned.

**Don and Teresa Wilson** announce the birth of a granddaughter Friday in Anchorage, Alaska. Edie Alexandra is the name chosen by Matt and Amanda Brown. She has a brother, Jack Henry, and paternal grandparents, Don and Carolyn Brown.

**Frances Futrell** spent a few days in St Bernards last week. She had several medical tests.

**Melinda Harris's** father, Troy Hodge, is still in St. Bernards with pneumonia. Continue to pray for him.

**Cara Bryant** is doing well after her surgery Wednesday. She will have to have another surgery in three months.

Pyburn St is responsible for the church services at **Randolph Home in December** at 2.00. Please come and help if you can.

#### **Those requesting prayer**

Jenafee Brunner, Grant Killion, Carol Killion, G W Allison, Fran Allison, Bonnie Kellett, Elsie Prewitt, Earl Hagar, Frances Hagar, Anna Lemmons, Charlcie Hufstedler, Martha Spikes Rampey, Harold and Yvonne Galbraith, Richard Rapert, Carroll Venable, Shirley Dixon, Troy Hodge.

## 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, & 4:55

### **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](http://www.pyburnstreetchurchofchrist.com)

## **December 16, 2018**

**Announcements:** David Futrell

**Song Leader:** Tom Towell

**Speaker:** Joshua Dement

**AM Sermon:** God – A Source of  
Vanity

**Scripture:** Ecclesiastes 12:1-8

**PM:** Amazing Grace

### **Presiding at Table**

Wayne Smith

#### **East**

David Lemmons

Ed Stormes

**Sunday Evening:**

#### **West**

Byron Futrell

Don Gillean

Mike Dunn

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**First Prayer** Byron Futrell

**Closing Prayer:** Joey Bryant

**Read Scripture:** Wayne Smith

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

**First Prayer:** David Dement

**Closing Prayer** Arkie Pierce

### **Wednesday Night (December 19)**

**First Prayer** Ed Stormes

**Closing Prayer** Joey Bryant

**Invitation** Josh Dement

### **Preparation of Communion for December**

Max and Wanda Long

### **Sunday Services**

**Bible Study** 9:00 AM

**Worship** 9:50 AM

**Evening Service** 6:00 PM

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
7:00 PM

**Mats for Haiti** Wed break

**Ladies Bible Class** Wed break

### **Elders**

David Futrell 870-378-3513

Tom Towell 870-892-5087

### **Minister**

Joshua Dement 870-378-5551

### **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.**

### **December Birthdays**

Earl Manning--3

Bobbie Lane--13

Elaine Collins--31

# **In the Footsteps of Jesus**

Pyburn Street church of Christ

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## **The Art of Living By Ron Bartanen**

Are you an artist? Usually we think of art in terms of categories such as visual (painting, sculpturing, etc.) and musical. However, the word “art” is defined first as: “a skill acquired by experience, study, or observation (the art of making friends)” (Merriam Webster’s Deluxe Dictionary). All forms of art have an innate, God-given base, but must be developed. Life itself is a precious gift from God, but the fulfillment of life into the purpose for which God granted life is in our hands. To illustrate: it is sometimes said of a painter or musician, “He was born with that talent,” yet unless the talent is put to use in a meaningful way, it will be wasted. Likewise, we may think of life itself as an art. We have all received it, but how we use it will be a deciding factor in its outcome.

The art of living must begin with recognition that life is a precious gift from God. The tragedy is that few recognize the value and purpose of their lives, and, as a consequence, find their lives inadequate and unfulfilled. God, who has created us, has provided in His word, the Bible, (con’t)