

would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’”

Jesus concluded, “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 18: 11, 13–14).

This does not set the pattern for sinners coming to Christ, however, because both the Pharisee and the publican were already in a covenant relationship with God as part of His chosen people, the Jews. Both, despite their sins, had the right to pray to God.

What about Joel’s prophecy? He said, “And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls” (Joel 2:32).

To “call on the name of the Lord” means to make an appeal through obedience. Saul of Tarsus spent three days in prayer and fasting, but he did not receive salvation from the Lord until he called on the Lord through obedience.

Ananias told him, “And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). In his baptism, he called on the name of the Lord, and his sins were washed away. He would not have been saved if he had merely prayed the sinner’s prayer and had refused to obey the Lord’s command.

Jesus said, “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it” (John 14:14). This is not a blanket promise to any person, but to those who follow Him and have the right to ask things in His name, by His authority. This promise is to the children of God. In the very next verse, He puts it simply: “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15).

The multitudes cried out at Pentecost, “What shall we do?” Peter did not respond, “Pray the sinner’s prayer,” but “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:37– 38). We will be saved if we do what the believers of Pentecost did.

—Bob Prichard, Oxford, AL <http://www.housetohouse.com/>

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THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS

on KPOC:

Sun: Wise or Foolish

Mon: Just A Little Garbage

Tue: Thank God For Kids

Wed: Holding a Grudge

Thu: He Swapped Places

Fri: Following God’s Will

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

Mary Sue Greer, 2102 Lee St

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

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 December
CHILDREN’S HOME
Disinfectant Wipes/Spray
UKRAINE MISSION
Soap/Hand Sanitizer

NEWS AND EVENTS

Cara Bryant will have surgery next week, December 12 in Jonesboro. Remember Cara in your prayers.

Josh Dement is recovering nicely from his surgery.

Don McGuirt is doing well after his surgery.

The ladies bible class has been cancelled till the new year 2019.

End-of-the year fellowship is next Sunday, December 9 at 6:00pm with singing and a short devotional afterwards.

The church’s web page has been updated. Thanks to **Joey Bryant** for his work on this project. Check it out!

Our speaker today is Jake Rapert. Jake is filling in while Josh Dement is recovering from his recent surgery.

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

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: Jake Rapert

AM Sermon: Humble Yourself
and Serve

Scripture: Luke 9:46-48

PM: Jonah

Presiding at Table

Mike Dunn

East

David Lemmons

Ed Stormes

West

Byron Futrell

Don Gillean

Sunday Evening: Mike Dunn

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Wayne Smith

Closing Prayer: Mike Chesser

Read Scripture: Ed Stormes

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Max Long

Closing Prayer Jay Don Wilson

Wednesday Night (December 5)

First Prayer Byron Futrell

Closing Prayer Max Long

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

305 Pyburn Street, P.O. Box 187, Pocahontas, AR 72455

870-892-5596

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PRAY FOR SALVATION

Preachers sometimes invite listeners to pray something such as, “God, I am sorry I have sinned. Please forgive me and let Jesus come into my heart. Thank you for forgiving me and giving me eternal life. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.” The preacher then says, “Since you have asked Christ into your life, you are now His child, and your sins are forgiven.” The problem, however, is that the promise of forgiveness is from a man, not God. God has never promised to respond to the sinner’s prayer.

Prayer is a privilege for God’s people. James said, “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16). Peter quoted Psalm 34:15–16, saying, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil” (1 Peter 3:12). Solomon warned, “One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination” (Proverbs 28:9). The psalmist spoke of the dilemma of the sinner: “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear” (Psalm 66:18).

But what about the prayers of the publican and the Pharisee? While the Pharisee prayed “with himself,” the publican, “standing afar off (con’t)