

“heart was lifted up; therefore wrath was looming over him and over Judah and Jerusalem” (2 Chronicles 32:25). Unlike a lot of people who stubbornly hold on to their pride, the Bible says, *“Then Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart”* (32:26). So, it can happen: people really can have a change of disposition and humble themselves before God and their fellow man.

These Bible words encourage us: *“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up”* (James 4:10). At the same time, these Bible words serve as a solemn reminder to us: *“God resists the proud”* (1 Peter 5:5).

Lack of humility prevents spouses from admitting their faults and weaknesses to one another.

Pride prevents husbands from admitting that wives are much more talented than they are in certain areas of life.

Lack of humility prevents lost people from obeying the gospel.

Pride prevents members of God’s church who have walked away from Him and His family from repenting and coming back to their first love.

Lack of humility prevents elders of the church from admitting their mistakes.

Lack of humility causes deacons to make excuses and hinders them from admitting that they have been negligent in carrying out the assignments delegated them by their overseers.

Pride causes gospel preachers to boast about how many gospel meetings they have conducted or go on and on about how many people they have baptized.

Pride causes strong saints to look down at those saints who are struggling.

Lack of humility prevents brothers and sisters in the Lord who are at odds with one another from sitting down, expressing their love for each other, communicating calmly, and working to resolve issue(s) which separate them.

Pride causes the wealthy, mighty, and well-educated to consider themselves as superior to others. In reality, folks are in different situations in life, not because of the level of their work ethic or intelligence, but because of opportunity (or lack of it).

Pride causes kings and other civil leaders to think they are not required to submit to a government’s law.

Lack of humility causes us to resent people who tell us the truth about our inappropriate attitude, speech, or action.

A number of years ago, a dear sister, in the church, observed to me: “It is becoming very difficult to find truly humble person these days.” We often encounter a lack of humility in the world, but it should never be like that in God’s family. God calls on every Christian to *“put on”* humility (Colossians 3:12).

Friend, do you need to humble yourself, lay aside the sin that separates you from God, and turn to Him for forgiveness?

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THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS

on KPOC:

Sun: More Little Things

Mon: If Jesus Had Never Been Born-Part 1

Tue: If Jesus Had Never Been Born -Part 2

Wed: Attack is All I Know

Thu: Only One Way

Fri: Psalm 23

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

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 (Individual)

NEWS AND EVENTS

Anna Lemmons had surgery at NEA Hospital yesterday after falling and breaking her hip last week at Randolph Home.

Melinda Harris’s father, Troy Hodge, has been transferred to Randolph Home for rehab, room 302. He is still very weak.

Carol Killion is experiencing health problems and recently fell at home.

Everyone is encouraged to pick-up new addition packets to the directory for: **Leroy Crutcher; Becky Miller; Katie Miller & Braxley Holland; and Rodney, Betty, Jessica and Johnathan Shultz.** We are happy to welcome these to Pyburn. The Shultzs are from Biggers and attend services on Wednesday and Sunday nights.

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

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Announcements: David Futrell
Song Leader: Tom Towell
Speaker: Joshua Dement
AM Sermon: Bent But Not Broken
Scripture: Luke 13:10-17
PM: Amazing Grace – Part 2
Presiding at Table
Don McGuirt

East	West
David Lemmons	Byron Futrell
Ed Stormes	Don Gillean

Sunday Evening: Mike Dunn

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Ed Stormes
Closing Prayer: Jeremy Burgess
Read Scripture: Joey Bryant

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Don McGuirt
Closing Prayer Don Gillean

Wednesday Night (December 26)

First Prayer Wayne Smith
Closing Prayer Jay Don Wilson
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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“HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE YOU HUMBLE YOURSELF?”

Roger D. Campbell

The above statement comes from Exodus 10:3. Who said those words, and what was the occasion?

The Bible says, “*So Moses and Aaron came into Pharaoh and said to him, ‘Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me’*” (Exodus 10:3). The Israelites were slaves in Egypt. Jehovah had charged Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to release Israel.

Pharaoh at first refused, saying, “*Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go*” (Exodus 5:2).

Even after the Lord had sent a number of plagues to show His great power, get Pharaoh’s attention, and punish the Egyptians, Pharaoh continued to be stubborn (Exodus 13:15). He still would not release God’s people. It was in view of the monarch’s resistance to God’s command that the Lord asked him, “*How long will it be before you humble yourself before Me?*”

History has been littered with instances of humans refusing to humble themselves before the Almighty. Another way of expressing the same thing: pride has kept many from submitting to God’s will. Pride defiles a person’s heart and prevents him from being pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

King Uzziah of Judah transgressed against God after “*his heart was lifted up*” (2 Chronicles 26:16).

Hezekiah, one of Judah’s best kings, temporarily struggled with pride. At one point, Hezekiah’s (con’t)