

members spoke up with an objection, ‘Well, what has he ever done except build up the church?’ Just two days prior to that Dr. Benson and I had solicited a wealthy farmer and his wife to will their farm to the college, telling them that the college’s chief purpose was to aid the growth of God’s church in Arkansas. Despite Lyles’ magnificent work, I failed to procure for him the honor that I believe he deserved.” [page 147]

That one comment from that one committee member, “Well, what has he ever done except build up the church?” -- was troubling to Coffman then and it is to me now. On top of that it is incredibly revealing! In the name of reason, first and foremost just what are we here on Earth to build up? For the record, the words “edify” and “edification” and the concept of building up they contain, are thoroughly Biblical. The New Testament Greek words behind them are *oikodomeo* and *oikodome* respectively. Mounce in his “Complete Expository Dictionary” says of them, “In Acts and the rest of the N.T., this verb becomes a significant metaphor for the mutual encouragement and strengthening of the people of God.” [page 207] And Paul stressed this in his letter to the saints at Ephesus:

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:11-12).

We no longer have apostles and prophets, but we do have evangelists, pastors, and teachers — and our job still involves “the edifying of the body of Christ”.

On September 26, 1995 my wife and I attended a luncheon at the building of the Central church of Christ in Mobile, Alabama. The guest speaker for the occasion was brother E. Claude Gardner, who concluded his talk by asking all of us to ask ourselves, “What two or three things can I do for the church this week?” What a simple and yet profound question. So, what can you do? And are you building up the church that belongs to Christ?

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THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS
on KPOC:

Sun: Now!

Mon: The Greatest Investment

Tue: We Are Blessed

Wed: The Hardest Word

Thu: Look to the Sky

Fri: The Importance of Family

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

Melinda Harris's father, Troy Hodge, was transferred to St Bernards yesterday. He has pneumonia in both lungs and also has an obstruction in his small intestine. Please remember him in your prayers.

Brenda Pursifull is feeling better after spending some time in St Bernards Hospital last week with heart problems. Her mother, Patsy Brown, is not doing well in Pocahontas Health and Rehab.

Mary Sue Greer has been admitted to Pocahontas Health and Rehab, room 601.

Grant and Carol Killion are still not feeling well. Remember them in prayer.

Patrick Johnson is going through a very difficult time and requests prayers

Remember **Cara Bryant** will have surgery this week, December 12 in Jonesboro. Keep Cara in your prayers.

Everyone is encouraged to return tonight for our **end-of-the year fellowship** at 6:00pm with singing and a short devotional afterwards.

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: Blessed Assurance

Scripture: 1 John 5:13-15

PM: End of Year potluck and
Devotional

Presiding at Table

David Futrell

East

David Lemmons

Ed Stormes

West

Byron Futrell

Don Gillean

Sunday Evening: Mike Dunn

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Don McGuirt

Closing Prayer: David Lemmons

Read Scripture: Jay Don Wilson

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Ed Stormes

Closing Prayer David Burkheart

Wednesday Night (December 12)

First Prayer Max Long

Closing Prayer Mike Dunn

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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Building Up The Church

By Mel Futrell

As we wind down another year of life, love, and even loss; of work and worship, we want to pause for a moment of introspection. In doing this we should consider how we have used our time, energy, and resources throughout the year in the service of the Lord. We are a blessed people and in all honesty we have an abundance of resources at our disposal. To put it another way, one would be wise to ask, “Have I been active in building up the church this year?” The late brother Burton Coffman in his autobiography, “Tales of Coffman”, recounts in some detail the year [1954] he served as a Vice-President of Harding College. One of the anecdotes he relates about that year concerns the matter of what one is really working to build up. Here is that account: “During the June graduation exercises, honorary doctorates were conferred upon Wilbur Mills and our Board Chairman Clifton L. Ganus, Sr., and I regretted that Cleon Lyles was not among the honorees.

Dr. Benson had made me a member of the Degree Committee and, along with Wilbur Mills, I had strongly recommended that Cleon Lyles be given an honorary doctorate. The committee fell silent, and finally one of its influential (con’t)