

name of Ananias to speak to Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:10-16). If you read the text you will notice that Jesus told Ananias that Saul, "is praying" (Acts 9:11). Praying what we do not know. Not only was he praying, the Bible also reveals that he was fasting for three days (Acts 9:9)! Saul was a sincere man!

What was Ananias' message to Saul, the persecutor of the church? Did he tell him to say a prayer and accept Jesus as his personal Savior? That's what many teach today.

Acts 22 divulges what Ananias told Saul to do. As Paul was recounting what happened that day we find this: "For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:15-16).

Wasn't three days of prayer enough?

Didn't the fasting do it?

The fact of the matter is, there is no such thing as a sinner's prayer. When we study the Bible with an honest heart and see what the Bible teaches about having our sins washed away, it is very clear. Every example of conversion in the book of Acts includes baptism - even Saul's. Whether in Jerusalem (Acts 2) or Samaria (Acts 8) or Philippi (Acts 16) or Corinth (Acts 18) or Ephesus (Acts 19) baptism was always included. Why? Listen to some of the final words of Jesus on earth: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mk. 16:15-16).

Prayer alone can't do it.

Sincerity alone can't do it.

Only complete obedience to the will of God can "wash away sins."

Barry O'Dell, Mammoth Spring church of Christ

Those requesting prayer

Grant Killion, Carol Killion, Frances Hagar, Martha Spikes Rampey, Richard Rapert, Shirley Dixon, Nick VanAkin. Gert Jacobson. **Remember all the shut-ins and those in the nursing homes.**

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THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS

on KPOC:

Sun: The Spirit of God

Mon: Walk in Hope

Tue: Shine Your Light

Wed: The Firm Foundation

Thu: The Bible is Sufficient

Fri: What Shall We Call Ourselves

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

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 February CHILDREN'S HOME

Crackers/Chili

UKRAINE MISSION

Kool-Aid/ Instant Tea/ Instant Coffee

NEWS AND EVENTS

Caleb Dement was seen by an ear, nose, and throat doctor on Friday at Arkansas Children's Hospital. He will be having his tonsils and adenoids removed in the near future.

Jay Don Wilson is having back problems which have kept him from being at services.

Nina Tyler, cousin of **Carol McGuirt**, passed away on Tuesday. Her services were yesterday at Harris Cemetery.

Mary Sue Greer passed away on Wednesday. Services will be at McNabb Funeral Home on Monday. Visitation from 12-2 with funeral following at 2.

Yvonne Galbraith of the Ravenden Springs congregation passed away on Wednesday. Services will be at Fears Funeral Home on Monday. Visitation from 12-2 with funeral following at 2.

Doniphan church of Christ is having a **gospel meeting** today through Wednesday at 7 PM nightly with Don Blackwell as guest preacher.

Area-Wide Singing will be this coming Saturday night at Black Rock church of Christ at 6:00.

Remember to return tonight for our **end of the month singing**.

Pyburn St church is responsible for church services at **Pocahontas Health and Rehab Nursing Home** this month. Those that can help, please be at the Home at 2:00pm.

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

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Announcements: Joey Bryant

Song Leader: Tom Towell

Speaker: Bill Stewart

AM Sermon: Faithfulness

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

PM: Singing

Presiding at Table

Don McGuirt

East

Elton Fielden

David Futrell

West

Don McGuirt

Wayne Smith

Sunday Evening: Mike Dunn

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Wayne Smith

Closing Prayer: Jeremy Burgess

Read Scripture: David Lemmons

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: David Dement

Closing Prayer Don Gillean

Wednesday Night (Feb 27)

First Prayer David Futrell

Closing Prayer Jay Don Wilson

Invitation Josh Dement

Preparation of Communion for March

Melinda Harris

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

Ladies Bible Class Wed 10:30am

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.**

March Birthdays

Charlene Tyer--2

Tabitha Byrd--3

Joey Bryant--7

Elsie Prewitt--14

David Dement--16

Josh Dement--28

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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Saul's Prayer

When doing a Google search for "the sinner's prayer" I clicked on the first link. The site had four different prayers that could be prayer "in faith" that would lead to salvation. Three of the prayers were written by men and the fourth was Psalm 51. At the bottom of the page the viewer is told that if their prayer was prayed in faith and with the acceptance of Jesus Christ into their heart, they had been saved. Can this teaching be found in the Bible? Is there a specific model to be followed?

If there were to be one example of a sinner praying earnestly to God about salvation it would be Saul of Tarsus. The first time we read of him is in Acts 7 as he was watching the coats of the men who stoned Stephen to death (Acts 7:58). In the very next chapter we read that Saul was making havoc of the church and arresting Christian men and women (Acts 8:1-3). In Acts 9 we find that he had authority to arrest more Christians in the city of Damascus (Acts 9:1-2). It was at this time that his life changed forever!

On his way to Damascus Saul was confronted by Jesus Himself and was asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me" (Acts 9:4-5)? Jesus then told him to go into the city and that he would be told what to do. The Lord had chosen a man by the (con't)