

himself for it” (v. 25b). He purchased the materials that compose the church (the redeemed) with His own blood (Acts 20:28). Had Christ not shed His blood at Calvary, the church would be non-existent. Under another figure, He is the church’s builder (Matt. 16:18; Heb. 8:2). The church’s glory is a reflection of the glory of its builder.

Second, the glory of the church is seen in its head, Jesus Christ. The Lord’s church has no mere human, or council of men, as its head. As Paul wrote in Col. 1:18: “He is the head of the body, the church...that in all things he might have the preeminence.”

Third, the glory of the church is evident in the church’s foundation. “Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:11).

Fourth, the church is glorious because of its glorious purpose. Paul wrote of its purpose when he said, “Unto him (Christ) be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end” (Eph. 3:21). Through Christ, the redeemed glorify God as the people reconciled to God “in one body by the cross” (Eph. 2:16). Returning to Eph. 5, Christ is both the “head of the church, and he is the Savior of the body” (v. 23). The purpose of the church is to exist in this world as that body of people called out of the world to show forth the good news of salvation in Christ.

While the church is commonly vilified in the world, its glory will one day be evident. Among the closing visions of John on the Isle of Patmos is that of “the bride, the Lamb’s (Christ’s) wife” (Rev. 21:9). She is portrayed as a city, “the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, having the glory of God...” (21:10b-11a). A city is identified most of all by its inhabitants. The mansions in which we shall dwell (John 14:1-4) will be glorious, but also what we suffer for Christ’s sake personally is “not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Rom. 8:18).

Those who shall partake of this glory are identified as those who are first sanctified and cleansed of sin “with the washing of water by the word” (Eph. 5:26). Have you surrendered yourself to Christ, and been added by the Lord to His glorious church? (Read Acts 2:36-47)

- Ronald Bartanen, Arthur church of Christ, Arthur, IL. <http://arthurcoc.com/>

### Those requesting prayer

Frances Hagar, Richard Rapert, Shirley Dixon, Gert Jacobson, Randy Land, Harvey Murphy, Ronnie Johnson, Billy Waymon. Quentin Cato

**Remember all the shut-ins and those in the nursing homes.**

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### THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS

#### on KPOC:

**Sun:** Broken Cisterns

**Mon:** The End of Our Faith

**Tue:** The Prophets and Salvation

**Wed:** The Prophets and Christ’s Suffering

**Thu:** The Purpose of Prophecy

**Fri:** Be Sober

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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**

#### **Stonebridge**

Wanda Counts, 111

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

Jenafee Brunner, 500

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

Elsie Prewitt, 106

Earl Hagar, 109

Marie Murphy, 134

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)

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#### **ITEMS for July**

#### **CHILDREN’S HOME**

Hydrogen Peroxide/Rubbing Alcohol

#### **UKRAINE MISSION**

Deodorant/Shampoo

### NEWS AND EVENTS

**Patrick Johnson** is in St. Bernards CICU in Jonesboro. He has several blood clots, other complications and possibly had a heart attack. He will remain in the hospital for a few more days. Remember Patrick and Anna in prayer.

**Barbara Dunn** is some better and is hoping to be in services today.

**Shirley Dixon** is a little better. She is still weak and trying to get her medicines to work for her instead of against her.

The **next Area-Wide Singing** will be this Saturday, August 3 at McIlroy Church of Christ beginning at 6:00.

Ravenden church of Christ has one more Saturday morning VBS this Saturday at 10 AM-11:30AM. Lunch will be served. Classes are available for all ages.

The men’s **duty list for August** is on the bulletin board.

Remember, Pyburn St is responsible for the 2:00 church services at Pocahontas Health & Rehab during July.

## 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)

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**Announcements:** Mike Dunn

**Song Leader:** Tom Towell

**Speaker:** Josh Dement

**AM Sermon:** Seeking Better Waters

**Scriptures:** 2 Kings 5:9-14

**PM:** Singing Night Devotional

### **Presiding at Table**

David Futrell

#### **East**

Wayne Smith

Don McGuirt

#### **West**

Joey Bryant

David Dement

**Sunday Evening:** David Futrell

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**First Prayer** Wayne Smith

**Closing Prayer:** Jeremy Burgess

**Read Scripture:** Ed Stormes

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

**First Prayer:** Don McGuirt

**Closing Prayer** Don Gillean

### **Wednesday Night (July 31)**

**First Prayer** Wayne Smith

**Closing Prayer** David Burkheart

**Invitation** Josh Dement

### **Preparation of Communion for August**

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** -----

**Ladies Bible Class** cancelled  
for the summer

### **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.**

## **July Birthdays**

Braxley Holland--28

## **August Birthdays**

Georgia Pierce--10

Cindy Futrell--19

Madison Byrd--21

Margaret McCarroll--23

Marie Murphy--23

Anna Johnson--25

# **In the Footsteps of Jesus**

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## **The Glorious Church**

Among the descriptive terms used in the New Testament with reference to that body of people that we generally refer to as the church, none is more descriptive of our close relationship to Christ than that of a bride. In Ephesians 5:22-33 Paul, while admonishing wives to be submissive to their husbands, and husbands to love their wives, illustrates their relationship to one another as a reflection of the relationship between Christ and the church. The husband is to be “the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church” (v. 23), but this headship is to be exercised in the spirit of Christ, as he further writes, “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it” (v. 25). He anticipates the time when, at the return of Christ, He presents His bride to Himself as “a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish” (v. 26).

The beauty and glory of the wedding-attire of the bride of Christ is not of her own doing, but of her husband’s. He has so designed the church that in spite of the deficiencies of those composing the church, it will, in that day, be seen as “a glorious church.” We would do well to consider why and how this could be so.

First, the church owes its existence to Christ. The passage in Eph. 5 declares that Christ “gave (con’t)