

to Shakerism might have been so fanatical as to cause trouble for Stone later, and their leaving might have been a blessing in disguise.”

My point in drawing on this statement and history is to demonstrate that weirdly an almost opposite thing is at times happening today. Some brethren although they have clearly left their first love (Revelation 2:4), they have clearly departed from “the faith” (1 Timothy 4:1); they are not leaving! Please understand me, these are brethren whose beliefs and worship practices do not correspond to revealed truth about the worship of the Lord’s church. These are brethren who have knowingly embraced religious denominational beliefs and practices. Frankly, the name they wear is about all that remains of their once upon a time loyalty to our Lord Jesus and His one true church. Mind you that this is a given, brothers in Christ, or congregations for that matter, should be given “space to repent” (Revelation 2:21). If they wish to repent we should be happy, ready, willing, and able to receive them. Such ought to be our hearts desire and prayer to God (Romans 10:1). Yet, it is also true that one can so err from the truth (James 5:19), that they are no longer recognized as belonging to the Lord (Revelation 2:5). I’m afraid some brethren are there now!

So let me be a bit more specific about who I have in mind by the aforementioned thoughts. In particular I’m speaking of brethren around the country who have adopted instrumental music and brought it into the worship of the local church. According to the 2018 edition of *Churches Of Christ In The United States* there are “11,965 congregations in 11,984 different worship locations.” And 60 of these “have adopted instruments in some or even all of their Sunday worship services.” To break it down some more, 40 of these congregations are classed as instrumental and a cappella. While another “20 congregations...use musical instruments in all of their worship services.”

Now brethren it won’t do to argue, “Well it’s only 60 out of 11,965!” The fact is these 60 congregations have added to the worship of God something [mechanical instrumental music], that is totally lacking Scriptural authority! They have moved away from the truth — Far Away! Yet, they still want to be identified with the church that belongs to Christ. Mind you, the name we wear matters. But the way we are organized and the doctrine we believe, teach, and preach also matters. How we worship matters!

It would be best for those brethren who have corrupted the worship of God, by the sinful introduction of instrumental music, to repent of this their wickedness and begin again to worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24). But if they won’t, then we must avoid them and have no fellowship with them (Romans 16:17-18; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; 2 John 9-11). Because sadly, all that remains is the name.

**June 24, 2018**

**Remember the shut-ins with  
a visit, call, or card.**

**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  
Gwen Futrell, 419  
Charlcie Hufstedler, 223  
Anna Lemmons, 332  
Bonnie Kellett, 335

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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

**ITEMS for June  
CHILDREN’S HOME**

Gatorade

**UKRAINE MISSION**

Candles/Matches

**NEWS AND EVENTS**

We offer our sympathy to the family and friends of Wilma Byrd. Wilma passed away Thursday and her services have been postponed until Monday afternoon at 2:00 at Maynard church of Christ. There was a very bad head-on wreck in front of the church building and members of the family had to be airlifted to a Jonesboro hospital.

**Barbara Grimsby’s brother, Dan Potter**, recently had surgery in Rockford. He has a life threatening infection that the doctors are treating. He has requested prayers.

Billie Ruth Dixon Keech was taken to Mid-South Rehab in Jonesboro on Thursday, and then on Friday she was taken back to St Bernards. Please remember Billie Ruth in your prayers

**Gwen Futrell** is now in room 419 at Randolph Home. Gwen enjoys visitors.

Everyone is encouraged to return tonight for our **end of the month singing**.

The Lawrence/Randolph County Area Wide singing will be July 7 at Hoxie church of Christ.

**Those requesting prayer**

Jenafee Brunner, Grant Killion, Carol Killion, G W Allison, Fran Allison, Bonnie Kellett, Elsie Prewitt, Earl Hagar, Frances Hagar, Anna Lemmons, Vicky Smith, Charlcie Hufstedler, Wanda Purdy, Ray Stowers, , Leroy Crutcher

## 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](http://www.pyburnstreetchurchofchrist.com)

**June 24, 2018**

**Announcements:** Mike Dunn  
**Song Leader:** Tom Towell  
**AM Speaker:** Mack Downey  
**PM:** Singing

**AM:** From the Heart to the Tongue

**AM Scripture:** James 3:2-4

**PM:** Singing

### **Presiding at Table**

Wayne Smith

#### **East**

Joey Bryant

Ed Stormes

#### **West**

David Burkheart

Wayne Smith

**Sunday Evening: Don McGuirt**

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**First Prayer:** Byron Futrell

**Closing Prayer:** Jay Don Wilson

**Read Scripture:** David Lemmons

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

**First Prayer:** Don McGuirt

**Closing Prayer** David Burkheart

### **Wednesday Night (June 27)**

**First Prayer** Max Long

**Closing Prayer** Jay Don Wilson

**Invitation** David Futrell

### **Preparation of Communion for July**

David and Cindy Futrell

## **Sunday Services**

**Bible Study** 9:00 AM

**Worship** 9:50 AM

**Evening Service** 6:00 PM

**Wednesday Bible Study**  
7:00 PM

### **Ladies Bible Class**

Discontinued till Fall

### **Elders**

Grant Killion 892-4159

Tom Towell 892-5087

## **VISITORS!**

### **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.**

### **June Birthdays**

Jamie Lemmons--21

Bonnie Kellett--22

Sue Gazaway--26

Elton Fielden—27

### **July Birthdays**

Anna Lemmons--10

Mary Stormes--10

# **In the Footsteps of Jesus**

**Pyburn Street church of Christ**

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**June 24, 2018**

## **The Name Is All That Remains**

**By Mel Futrell**

In the early 19th century (1804), Barton W. Stone and others had left Presbyterianism because of its Calvinistic emphasis and were making great strides at restoring New Testament Christianity. They, in fact, were calling themselves “Christians” and were taking “the Bible as the only sure guide to heaven.” It is true that not all of their religious beliefs and practices conformed to the New Testament pattern (Romans 6:17; 2 Timothy 1:13). And we make no attempt to defend Stone, the Campbells or any other for that matter who held to error (Galatians 1:6-8). However, as I was taught growing up, there is a vast difference between the man who is headed toward the truth and the man who is headed away from the truth. Barton Stone, Thomas and Alexander Campbell, and others were moving in the right direction — toward the truth.

But, at the same time, some among them had returned to the Presbyterians and others like Richard McNemar and John Dunlavy had joined up with the Shakers. This bit of historical background leads us to a statement by brother Bill Humble about folks leaving the “Stone Movement” that I believe to be applicable to some brethren today. Humble wrote:

“The defections seemed a very serious loss at the time; but historians have noted that those attracted (con’t)