

these matters should have been firmed up. It is high time for some to call to a halt the misplacement of their time, money, and energy. I'm not suggesting that we really have a choice in this matter; either we prioritize properly or we ultimately pay the penalty (Matthew 25:24-27).

Here are some prioritization pointers that might help. Naturally, before one can evaluate his system of priorities he must have a system of priorities. Therefore, a knowledge of where to begin is essential. David said,

*"I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies."* (Psalm 119:59)  
So one must first consider their ways. In other words, what am I doing at present? What things am I now involved in? What might I change? Call it taking personal inventory.

Second, begin the actual ranking process. Reflect and ask yourself, what should come first in my life – community affairs, family, a social media presence, God's kingdom, recreation, school success, work? In what order should they be? Frankly brethren, the Lord has already answered that for us. Listen to him.

*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* (Matthew 6:33)

You say, well I already know that. I hope so, but many don't or won't. As just one of many examples, earlier this year while conducting a weekend Gospel Meeting, a group of teenagers at the congregation chose to attend the preaching service rather than attend their high school prom that night. To say I was both surprised and pleased would be a gross understatement. Already at that early age they had started the process of prioritization. Brethren, when we start ranking the activities, goals, and things of this life, we best keep in mind Matthew 6:33 which points us in the always right direction.

Third, self-discipline goes a long way toward proper prioritization. The self-disciplined individual is the self-correcting individual who makes adjustments when called for. Unfortunately, we all let the proper order slip from time to time and thus, the necessity of disciplined reexamination (2 Corinthians 13:5).

I encourage and exhort you at this half-way point in the year to reflect upon your life and the many activities in which you are involved. Life can be so rewarding and bring a great and wondrous reward in the life to come if our life and priorities are what they need to be, ought to be and can be (Matthew 25:21; 1 Timothy 4:8).

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### **Those requesting prayer**

Grant Killion, Carol Killion, Frances Hagar, Richard Rapert, Shirley Dixon, Gert Jacobson, Randy Land, Harvey Murphy, Doug Caldwell, Ronnie Johnson, Billy Waymon. Quentin Cato **Remember all the shut-ins and those in the nursing homes.**

**June 30, 2019**

### **THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS**

#### **on KPOC:**

**Sun:** Arm's Length Christianity

**Mon:** Respect the Bible

**Tue:** Understanding the Bible Alike

**Wed:** Procrastination

**Thu:** Independence Day

**Fri:** Quick, Fast, and in a Hurry

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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, 604

**Randolph County Nursing Home**

Elsie Prewitt, 106

Earl Hagar, 109

Marie Murphy, 134

Jennifer Burr, 204

Charcie Hufstедler, 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)

#### **ITEMS for June**

**CHILDREN'S HOME**

Oatmeal (Individual packets)

**UKRAINE MISSION**

Hand towels/Wash cloths

### **NEWS AND EVENTS**

Sympathy is extended to **Harvey Murphy** in the recent death of his sister, Jessie Marie Turner. She passed away last week and her services were Friday.

**Sue Gazaway** has several different medical procedures scheduled in the next few weeks. Wednesday she will have tests run in Little Rock. July 9<sup>th</sup> she will see a neurologist in Jonesboro. August 2<sup>nd</sup> she will have surgery in Little Rock. Prayers are requested for Sue during this very stressful time.

**Don McGuirt** was in Little Rock Friday seeing his doctor. He will have surgery on his hand for Dupuytren's disease in October.

**Arkie Pierce** had some difficulty with his pacemaker recently. He is feeling better after having some medications changed.

**Jenafee Brunner** was returned to Pocahontas Health and Rehab Friday.

**Cayleigh Dement** does not require surgery at this time.

**The Area-Wide Singing** will be held July 13 at Imboden church of Christ. Singing starts at 6:00pm.

**Directory Update—Mike and Joyce Chesser** have moved to Cherokee Village. Their new address is 56 Pontiac Dr, Cherokee Village, AR 72529.

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

Return tonight for our end of the month singing.

## 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)

**June 30, 2019**

**Announcements:** David Futrell

**Song Leader:** Tom Towell

**Speaker:** Don McGuirt

**AM Sermon:** Is the New

Testament Sufficient?

**Scriptures:** 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**PM:** Singing

### **Presiding at Table**

Joey Bryant

#### **East**

David Lemmons

Jeremy Burgess

**Sunday Evening:** Mike Dunn

#### **West**

Jay Don Wilson

David Burkheart

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**First Prayer** Mike Dunn

**Closing Prayer:** Mike Chesser

**Read Scripture:** David Dement

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

**First Prayer:** Max Long

**Closing Prayer** Wayne Smith

### **Wednesday Night (July 3)**

**First Prayer** David Futrell

**Closing Prayer** Byron Futrell

**Invitation** Josh Dement

### **Preparation of Communion**

#### **for July**

Arkie and Georgia Pierce

### **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.**

### **June Birthdays**

Betty Shultz-24

Sue Gazaway-26

Elton Fielden-27

### **July Birthdays**

Anna Lemmons--10

Mary Stormes--10

Katie Miller--23

Braxley Holland-28

# **In the Footsteps of Jesus**

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**June 30, 2019**

### **Prioritization**

Brother Jack Lewis (1919-2018), correctly observed, “We all share a common problem that there are more demands on our time than we can meet. Hence, a system of priorities has to be set up that must continuously be reevaluated across the course of our lives” [*Leadership Questions Confronting the Church*, 1985, p.87]. It would be hard to improve upon that succinct statement of reality.

What concerns me most in relation to the above statement is the apparent fact that far too many Christians have a faulty system or no system of priorities. Perhaps now more than ever, Christians should be monitoring their every activity seeking to place them properly within their lives. Can you honestly say that at the present time you have what appears to be an acceptable balance of the activities in your life? Were you to be weighed in the balances, would you be found wanting (Daniel 5:27)? Do you have in place a system to evaluate your allotment of time? Where do work, family, hobbies, the Lord, social functions, sports, etc., fall on your priorities ladder? At the mid-point of this year surely these are legitimate questions.

Brethren, the issue is absolutely real. And the problem of prioritization takes on eternal consequences when the questions are: Should I attend Wednesday night Bible study or camp out on the couch? Will it be a movie or the Gospel meeting? Do I watch Sunday evening sports or attend Sunday evening worship? Should I offer this to the Lord or spend it on myself? For many, these are tough choices. But I ask brethren, should they be? Should not these choices have been made when one turned their life over to Christ (Luke 9:23-24; 14:27-32; 2 Corinthians 5:17)? At the very least as one matured in Christ (con’t)