

easy. He was scourged, beaten, spit on, mocked, stripped, and nailed to the cross (John 19:1-18; Matthew 26-27; Luke 22-23). Surrounded by a hostile crowd that taunted and jeered and insulted Him, Jesus hung on to God's plan and purpose for His life even as He hung on a rugged cross—held there not just by metal spikes but by a love stronger than even those spikes—a love His foes could not beat or crucify or shame or shout out of Him. In the midst of that gut-wrenching kind of struggle Jesus said, “It is finished “—not a cry of defeat but of victory! Notice the Lord did not say, “I am finished,” but, “It is finished.” Precisely what “it” was is made clear back in John 17:4 when He prayed to His Father (a few hours before dying on the cross), “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.” By His death on the cross Jesus completed God's wondrous plan to save man, a plan born in eternity, carried out over thousands of years, and culminating in the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. As He prepared to draw His last breath, in awful circumstances that included shedding His blood for our sins, the Son of God said, with a cry of triumph, “It is finished.” He went on to die but then got up from the grave three days later!

How about you? As a Christian are you taking the easy way out, or have you committed yourself to “never die easy?” Some marriages die far too easily, with little or no fight to save them. Some Christians leave the faith too easily. Some get tired of serving and just pitch in the towel. Others are let down by someone in the church and just quit the Lord. How many begin the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12) only to give up far before they finish? Are you close to quitting? Are your circumstances discouraging? Are you weary and heavy-hearted? Pessimistic about your job? Have your dreams not materialized? Are you tired of the daily grind? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear? Do you find yourself just wanting to give up? Don't do it! Heaven will not be for those who die easy. Let us, like Jesus, commit to finishing God's will and work for our lives no matter what comes. Never die easy! Pray about it.

Dan Gulley, Smithville church of Christ, Smithville, TN <https://bulletindigest.com>

Those requesting prayer

Grant Killion, Carol Killion, Frances Hagar, Martha Spikes Rampey, Richard Rapert, Shirley Dixon, Gert Jacobson, Laura Hodge, Randy Land, Harvey Murphy, Dean Smith, Doug Caldwell, Wayne McGuirt, Ronnie Johnson, Billy Waymon.

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

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THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS

on KPOC:

Sun: What Must I do to be Saved

Mon: Agabus and Paul

Tue: We All like Sheep

Wed: David Looks at Abortion

Thu: God's Ways are not Man's Ways

Fri: Have We Lost our Faith

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

Randolph County Nursing Home

Elsie Prewitt, 106

Earl Hagar, 109

Jennifer Burr, 204

Charlcie Hufstedler, 223

Anna Lemmons, 332

Bonnie Kellett, 335

Jenafee Brunner, 403

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 May

CHILDREN'S HOME

Disposable cups and bowls

UKRAINE MISSION

Art supplies (crayons, paper, pencils, etc)

NEWS AND EVENTS

Arkie and Georgia Pierce's son, Jim, is now in a rehab facility for therapy after his motorcycle wreck.

Bennie Waymon has requested prayers for his nephew, Billy Waymon. Billy is seriously ill.

Frances Jones Hagar has requested prayers for her son-in-law, Ronnie Johnson. Ronnie has cancer and other serious health issues and is taking treatments for them.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our singing last night, and those that provided finger foods. It was an enjoyable evening and a great success.

Remember the wedding shower honoring **Mykala Lemmons** this Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 in the small auditorium at Pyburn Street church. Mykala is registered at Target and Wal-Mart.

The ladies are taking a break from working on the **Mats for Haiti**. They do not need any more plastic bags at this time but will resume this project in the fall. Thanks to all that have supported them in this good work.

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: Josh Dement
AM Sermon: Loving an Imperfect Church
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
PM: End Time Errors

Presiding at Table

David Futrell

East

Elton Fielden

David Futrell

West

Byron Futrell

Don Gillean

Sunday Evening: Mike Dunn

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Wayne Smith

Closing Prayer: Mike Chesser

Read Scripture: Ed Stormes

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Max Long

Closing Prayer Jay Don Wilson

Wednesday Night (May 8)

First Prayer Byron Futrell

Closing Prayer Don Gillean

Invitation Josh Dement

Preparation of Communion for May

Byron & Frances Futrell

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 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.

May Birthdays

Melinda Harris--4

Pauline Caffrey--5

Joel Cathey--8

Mike Chesser--10

Cara Bryant--19

Wanda Long--21

Wanda Hogue--24

Donelda Johnson--29

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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NEVER DIE EASY!

Walter Payton ranks second on the National Football League’s list of all-time leaders in rushing yards. Through 13 seasons as a Chicago Bear Payton was tackled and knocked down thousands of times. He built an extraordinary career, not by getting knocked down, but by not staying down! He was knocked down a final time when he died on November 1, 1999 of a rare autoimmune liver disease, a few months over 45 years old. Payton had a motto in life—“Never Die Easy”—which he attributed to Bob Hill, his coach at Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. In practice, this meant that Payton refused to deliberately run out of bounds and always sought to resist would-be-tacklers instead of going down or giving in without a fight. Never Die Easy is also the title of Payton’s posthumously published autobiography.

The words “never die easy” and the approach to life they represent have an application far beyond the football field. The Christian life requires that we commit to “never die easy.” Jesus lived and died that way. One place that makes that clear is John 19:30 where, in His dying moments on the cross, Jesus cried, “It is finished.” The context reveals that although He is nearing death, He did not die (con’t)