

Jesus:

“Religious observance is to be directed towards God, not to gaining the approval of men...But what is condemned here is ostentation, particularly in the practice of religious duties.” Surely brethren we are wise enough to know and can agree that our worship is a weekly religious duty (John 4:24; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2), that must not be allowed to flow in the direction of the theatrical. When we gather for worship it must not be **to be seen** of people. Likewise, I hope you will consider how remarkably relevant these thoughts are to the current state of things in the religious/denominational world around us. Where just about anything and everything is engaged in for the purpose of attracting a crowd. And at the same time, let me state the obvious — In some areas of the brotherhood (1 Peter 2:17), worship has likewise devolved into a variety of theatrical displays and turned that worship into a spectator sport. The very thing spoken against by Jesus Christ right here in Matthew 6:1.

Handclapping, praise teams, solos and choirs, religious drama, instrumental music and other unauthorized activities have found their way into the worship of some churches. Saying these items have found their way into some churches, is a bit of an understatement. Truly, they have been willingly ushered in onto the red carpet of worship by brethren eager to satisfy their own selfish desires. In Colossians 2:23, the apostle Paul calls this kind of activity “will worship”. And frankly, “will worship” is nothing more than “worship which one devises and prescribes for himself”. But the solemn worship of our God (Philippians 3:3), is not the place for unbiblical musical forms, pompoms, or face paint.

Wayne Jackson expressed our heart’s desire when he wrote these words. “May the Lord help us to be satisfied with the simplicity of the New Testament plan of worship wherein each person, as a priest of God, offers his/her sacrifice of praise to the Creator (Hebrews 13:15).” So away with entertainment style performances, and in with worshipping “the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 29:2)

**November 11, 2018**

**THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS**  
**on KPOC:**

**Sun:** Count Your Blessings

**Mon:** Gratitude Toward God

**Tue:** Boiling Water

**Wed:** What is Truth?

**Thu:** More Thoughts on Truth

**Fri:** Worship

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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**

**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

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)

**ITEMS for November**  
**CHILDREN’S HOME**

Canned Chicken/Cream of Mushroom Soup

**UKRAINE MISSION**

Toy (Beanie Babies)

**NEWS AND EVENTS**

Our sympathy is extended to **Brenda Pursifull** on the death of her brother-in-law, Jay Stoddard. Services will be at a later date in Florida.

**Cara Bryant** saw a specialist in Tennessee last week. It was determined she has to have more surgery. December 12 is the surgery date. She asks for the prayers of her church family

**Tom Cooper** has been undergoing tests on his heart in Little Rock. All turned out good, and he hopes to be back home by next weekend.

**Bonnie Kellett** is continuing to improve but struggles daily with her COPD and congestive heart failure.

**Anna Johnson** has been diagnosed with Lyme disease and is very weak.

**Josh Dement’s** aunt, Wanda Menard, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She has undergone surgery, but will now require chemo treatments.

**Don McGuirt** will be having a heart procedure on November 26 at St Bernards.

**Josh Dement** will be having nose and throat surgery on November 26 at NEA Baptist in Jonesboro.

The ladies will be working on **Mats for Haiti** Wednesday at 9:30.

**December singing** will be December 1 at Main Street in Walnut Ridge at 6:00

**Those requesting prayer**

Jenafee Brunner, Grant Killion, Carol Killion, G W Allison, Fran Allison, Bonnie Kellett, Elsie Prewitt, Earl Hagar, Frances Hagar, Anna Lemmons, Charlcie Hufstedler, Leroy Crutcher, Martha Spikes Rampey, Harold and Yvonne Galbraith, Richard Rapert, Carroll Venable,

## 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

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

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**Announcements:** Mike Dunn  
**Song Leader:** Tom Towell  
**Speaker:** Joshua Dement  
**AM Sermon:** One More Night  
**Scripture:** Exodus 8:5-10  
**PM:** The Love of God

### **Presiding at Table**

David Futrell

#### **East**

Jeremy Burgess  
Elton Fielden

#### **West**

Don McGuirt  
David Dement

**Sunday Evening:** David Futrell

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**First Prayer:** Don McGuirt  
**Closing Prayer:** David Burkheart  
**Read Scripture:** Jay Don Wilson

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

**First Prayer:** David Dement  
**Closing Prayer:** Max Long

### **Wednesday Night (November 14)**

**First Prayer:** Don McGuirt  
**Closing Prayer:** Don Gillean  
**Invitation:** Josh Dement

### **Preparation of Communion for November**

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** 9:30AM  
**Ladies Bible Class**  
**Wednesday** 10:30AM

### **Minister**

**Joshua Dement**  
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### **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.**

### **November Birthdays**

Doyle Athy--3  
Shirley Gillean--11  
Dortha Gregory--12  
Billie Keech--16  
Wayne Smith--17  
Edwina James--20  
Carol Killion--20  
Gwen Futrell--24  
Charlcie Hufstedler--26  
Tom Towell--29  
Vicky Smith--30

# **In the Footsteps of Jesus**

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## **Worship Is Not Theater**

By Mel Futrell

A recent event I attended further cemented in my mind what I believe I have known and preached all my life — worship is not and was never intended to be theater. There is, no doubt, a place for theater, but it’s not in the worship of God. Repeatedly I kept recalling the sobering language of the Lord in Matthew 6:1, “Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men to be seen of them, else ye have no reward with your Father who is in Heaven” (ASV). Of immediate interest to us all should be the wording “to be seen”, which is from a single Greek word *theathenai*. The late language authority Ralph Earle offered this wonderfully revealing comment on this term:

“From this verb comes the noun theatron, ‘theater’. What Jesus is saying is: ‘Don’t make a theatrical show of your religious activity... We might say, Don’t parade your piety’”

Jesus is here clearly and openly condemning the practice of righteousness, which would include worship, as being a theatrical performance. Another commentator, R.T. France, rightly concluded this about the verse from (con’t)