

*faith did not come.* One day I read Romans 10:17: ‘So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.’ I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. *Now I opened my Bible and began to read God’s word, and faith has been growing ever since.*”

The truth of Romans 10:17 that faith comes by hearing God’s word is also emphasized in Acts 15:7: “. . . that the Gentiles by my mouth should *hear the word of the gospel and believe*”; and Acts 18:8: “the Corinthians hearing believed and were baptized.” Faith and the word of God are inseparable. “What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

### **God Hath Joined Christ and the Church**

Individuals are often heard to say, “I want Christ but not the church.” Or, “I believe one can go to heaven without being a member of the church.” If these thoughts are from the Bible, we should all receive and defend them. But, are they?

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus promised to build His church. Paul made the comparison of not *putting asunder* (dividing) the *marriage* to not putting asunder *Christ and His church*. God has joined them both. Notice Paul’s inspired words: “For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: *but I speak concerning Christ and the church*” (Eph. 5:31-32).

Paul further stated, “And [God] hath put all things under his [Christ’s] feet, and *gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body the fulness of him that filleth all in all*” (Eph. 1:22-23). Since the church is the fulness of Christ, if one is in Christ, he must of necessity be in Christ’s church (Acts 2:41, 47). Therefore, God hath joined together Christ and the church. “*What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*”

### **God Hath Joined the Blood of Christ and Baptism**

In every age of the world, God has required the offering of blood as a sacrifice for sins: “And without shedding of blood is no remission” (Heb 9:22). Jesus, the Lamb of God for the sin offering (Jn. 1 :29), said He shed His blood “for many for the remission of sins” (Mt. 26:28). His blood was shed in His death on Calvary (Jn. 19:34). Therefore, for man to receive the benefits of Jesus’ blood, he must, in some way, come into contact with the death of Christ. Paul describes *how* man does this: “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were *baptized into his death*? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death” (Rom. 6:3-4). *God hath joined together the blood and baptism.* Have you been baptized? “What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

**November 4, 2018**

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

**Sun:** Did Jesus Make Intoxicating Wine?

**Mon:** Should I Drink?

**Tue:** Is Drinking Sinful?

**Wed:** He Will Lift You Up

**Thu:** God Will Take Care of You

**Fri:** What’s In a Name?

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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**

Bonnie Kellett has been sick with pneumonia last week but is doing much better.

Glenda Vandergriff, former Pyburn Street member, will be having knee surgery tomorrow at St Bernards.

Mike and Barbara Dunn both had medical testing done last Monday in Little Rock. All tests came back good, but Barbara is having some difficulty with her back following her test.

Carroll Venable, from Stokes, is continuing to struggle with his health and is now on dialysis.

#### **Elder Selection Reminder**

Two names have been brought before the congregation as new elders. These are David Futrell and Tom Towell. Mike Dunn is coordinating the selection process. If you have additional names to present or have any questions, see Mike. The process is expected to continue through November 11.

#### **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, Jay Stoddard

## 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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**Announcements:** Mike Dunn  
**Song Leader:** Tom Towell  
**Speaker:** Joshua Dement  
**AM Sermon:** The World’s  
Greatest Soul Winner  
**Scripture:** 1 John 5:19-21  
**PM:** Three Sorry Comforters

### **Presiding at Table**

Don McGuirt

#### **East**

Jeremy Burgess

Elton Fielden

#### **West**

Don McGuirt

David Dement

**Sunday Evening:** David Futrell

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**First Prayer** Wayne Smith

**Closing Prayer:** Mike Chesser

**Read Scripture:** Ed Stormes

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

**First Prayer:** Mike Dunn

**Closing Prayer** Tom Towell

### **Wednesday Night (November 7)**

**First Prayer** Byron Futrell

**Closing Prayer** Max Long

**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** taking week off

**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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## **Things God Has Joined Together**

Gary Colley

Matthew 19:6 speaks particularly about the marriage relationship and says, “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” Only two things can dissolve a marriage in God’s sight— adultery (Mt. 19:9) and death (Rom. 7:1-5).

### **God Hath Joined—In Marriage**

In Matthew 19:9, Jesus had just referred to God’s original law concerning marriage: “Therefore shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Gen. 2:24). He quotes Moses’ law in answering the Pharisees who came tempting Him but shows His law to be superior to that law which is now removed (CoI. 2:14; Heb. 10:9-10). Several lessons are evident because God has joined a man and his wife together in marriage:

1. They begin a new home; both parties joined must be ready to leave the domain of father and mother.
2. They are to “cleave” (as if glued) to one another, letting no one or thing come between them.
3. They are to be “one” in purpose, design, and aim for life.
4. Warning is given that no one is to break this marriage asunder (divide it) since God hath joined it together.

### **God Hath Joined Faith and the Bible**

One noted preacher said, “If all the time that I have spent praying for faith was put together, it would be months. I thought that some day faith was going to come down and strike me like lightning. *But* (con’t)