

itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:2-4).

Paul is abundantly clear that some will not want sound doctrine, so they will “heap to themselves teachers” who won’t teach or preach sound doctrine. They don’t want it so they won’t have it. In doing this, they have turned away from the truth of God’s word and toward the fables of men. Listen to Robertson’s comments on this: “Clement of Alexandria tells of speakers tickling the ears of those who want to be tickled. This is the temptation of the merely ‘popular’ preacher, to furnish the latest tickle...They prefer ‘myths’ to ‘the truth’ as some today turn away to humanism...or any other fad that will give a new momentary thrill to their itching ears and morbid minds.”

Does this at all sound familiar? If it doesn’t, then let me kindly say that you are not as informed as you should be. The brotherhood is rife with weak and false preaching.

The fact is, growing numbers of preachers, teachers, and whole congregations have gotten almost totally away from preaching the word of God. It is obvious that their focus is elsewhere. For some, primary attention in the pulpit and classroom is now given to psychology rather than Scripture. For others it is athletics or drama or entertainment or financial management tips or recreation or self-help sentiments. Anything and everything but preaching the word. There is a place for all of the above mentioned activities, but it is not in the Bible school program or worship of the church. If one thinks otherwise, then let’s see some proof. Brethren, a user-friendly approach to the work and worship of the church is not grounded in Scripture. And warnings such as this are not new by any means. A little over fifty years ago the editor of the *Gospel Advocate* offered this sage exhortation:

“If men are not converted by the word of God, their so-called conversion is a farce. Knowing the fear of the Lord, it is proper to persuade men. But let’s always seek to move men by gospel preaching rather than by crass sensationalism.” Forty-five years or so ago brother Johnny Ramsey hit the nail on the head when he wrote: “There is no doubt in my mind, as I retrace the 25 years I have been in the Lord’s church, that the greatest contrast then and now is in our lack of Bible preaching today...The distinctive appeal of the pulpit in the Lord’s assembly has always been ‘Thus saith the Lord.’ When we stoop to the carnal appeal and carnival atmosphere of mundane, secular focus we have surrendered our right to New Testament Christianity. Brethren, it is past time that we return to plain, straight-forward, simple, unadulterated, Bible-centered gospel preaching...”

When will some brethren learn that the power to save is not in themselves, nor is it in any human philosophy—but in the “word which by the Gospel is preached unto you” (1 Peter 1:25)?

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THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS

on KPOC:

Sun: The Gifts of the Spirit

Mon: The Scriptural Day

Tue: Scriptural Organization

Wed: Scriptural Baptism-Part 1

Thu: Scriptural Baptism- Part 2

Fri: Why Do You Wait

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

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 October CHILDREN'S HOME

Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce

UKRAINE MISSION

Antibiotic Crèmes/Band Aids

NEWS AND EVENTS

Sympathy is extended to **Wanda Long** in the death of her sister, Carolyn Ellis, of Walnut Ridge. Carolyn’s visitation will be 12:00-2:00pm at First Baptist church in Walnut Ridge. Services will be immediately following at 2:00pm. Burial will be at Randolph Memorial Gardens following the services.

Kristie Dement will start therapy Monday. Remember Kristie in your prayers as she is having some medical problems.

Directory update: There is an addition for our directory: please pickup this page on the table in the vestibule for **Mary McCarroll**.

** Ladies Day at Stokes October 20. See bulletin board for details. Plans are to carpool. Those that want to go and need to carpool, meet at the church parking lot at 8:45am.

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

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

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Announcements: Joey Bryant
Song Leader: Tom Towell
Speaker: Joshua Dement
AM Sermon: Ministry of Reconciliation
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
PM: The Other Beatitudes

Presiding at Table

Mike Dunn

East

Mike Dunn
Arkie Pierce

West

Jay Don Wilson
David Burkheart

Sunday Evening: Mike Dunn

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer: David Futrell
Closing Prayer: David Lemmons
Read Scripture: Jay Don Wilson

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Don McGuiert
Closing Prayer: David Burkheart

Wednesday Night (October 17)

First Prayer: Ed Stormes
Closing Prayer: Joey Bryant
Invitation: Josh Dement

Preparation of Communion for October

Byron and 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 taking week off
Ladies Bible Class
Wednesday 10:30AM

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.**

October Birthdays

Jennifer Burr--2
Treasha Burgess--4
Frances Futrell--10
Hayden Byrd--15
Donald Gillean--16
Max Long--16
Brenda Pursifull--20
Barbara Grimsby--22
Jay Don Wilson--27

In the Footsteps of Jesus

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“Preach The Word”

By Mel Futrell

Hanging above a book case in the master bedroom of our house is an attractive wall hanging that reads *Preach The Word*. It was given to me a few years back by sister Anna Lemmons from my old home congregation, the Pyburn Street church of Christ in Pocahontas, Arkansas. Needless to say, I like it a lot. Also, it represents what I do and what I stand for. And as every Christian ought to know, the embroidered language is taken from 2 Timothy 4:2 which says, “Preach the word...” What an admonition that is! In this age of continuing Biblical/religious compromise with the world and denominationalism, one would do well to remember it. But bear this in mind; just as one cannot draw water from an empty well, one cannot preach or teach what they do not know (Hosea 4:6; Ephesians 5:17). If one is going to “preach the word” they must know and live the word (Ezra 7:10).

In the fourth chapter of the second letter to Timothy, the apostle reminds the young preacher about the necessity of preaching the word and that alone. As well, he indicates that some will not be so inclined and that serious consequences follow from a failure to preach the word. Hear his words: “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having (con’t)