

abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples” (15:5–8).

The disciples “are the branches.” Branches are people, not churches (“If anyone does not abide in Me”).

The branches must bear fruit for the farmer. Fruitfulness is the product of a Christian life and comes only from abiding in Christ. The branch cannot bear fruit of itself, “for without Me you can do nothing” (15:4–5).

What we can do in Christ, however, is unlimited. “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). The key is to be in Christ, abiding in Him. Paul said, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ” (Galatians 3:27).

Christ did not want His followers to divide into various religious groups and denominations. As He prepared for the cross, He prayed, “I do not pray for these alone [the apostles], but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me” (John 17:20 –21).

He wanted all who believe the testimony of the apostles to be united.

—Bob Prichard <https://www.housetohouse.com>

Ephesians 4:4-6-- I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; ³ Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

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Remember the shut-ins with a visit, call, or card.

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 September CHILDREN’S HOME

Storage bags—Quart and Gallon

UKRAINE MISSION

Hand Towels/Wash Cloths

NEWS AND EVENTS

Grant Killion is still having problems with his heart. He has not felt good enough to be out much.

Bonnie Kellett is a patient in our local hospital, Five River Medical Center.

Martha Spikes Rampey is still very seriously ill. Remember Martha in her fight against cancer.

Alta Crawford is doing much better and hoping to be in services today.

Wanda Hogue is now having physical therapy 3 times a week. She is doing well at home following her knee surgery.

The ladies almost have the “bag room” organized but will have to work again on Mats for Haiti Wednesday morning at 9:30 before the Ladies Bible Class at 10:30. Thanks to everyone that brings bags for this project.

Gospel meeting—Imboden church of Christ has a gospel meeting starting today and going through Wednesday, September 16-19. Services will be 7:00 pm nightly.

The tentative date for **Josh Dement** to begin work with us is Oct 7. This date will allow him to complete his work at Newton Street in Paragould. We welcome Josh and his family to Pyburn Street.

Those requesting prayer

Jenafee Brunner, Grant Killion, Carol Killion, G W Allison, Fran Allison, Bonnie Kellett. Elsie Prewitt, Earl Hagar, Frances Hagar, Anna Lemmons, Vicky Smith, Charlcie Hufstedler, Wanda Purdy, Ray Stowers, Leroy Crutcher, Martha Spikes Rampey, Cody Shaw, Harold and Yvonne Galbraith

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

Website—
www.pyburnstreetchurchofchrist.com

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Announcements: Mike Dunn
Song Leader: Tom Towell
Speaker: Jody McFadden
AM Sermon: Arm’s Length
Christianity
Scripture: Mark 8:36-37
PM: The language of Heaven

Presiding at Table

Wayne Smith

East

David Futrell
Joey Bryant

West

Ed Stormes
Wayne Smith

Sunday Evening: David Futrell

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Ed Stormes
Closing Prayer: Joey Bryant
Read Scripture: Jay Don Wilson

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Max Long
Closing Prayer Arkie Pierce

Wednesday Night (Sept. 19)

First Prayer David Futrell
Closing Prayer Joey Bryant
Invitation Wayne Smith

Preparation of Communion for September

Melinda Harris

Sunday Services

Bible Study 9:00 AM
Worship 9:50 AM
Evening Service 6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class
Wednesday 10:30AM

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.**

September Birthdays

Byron Futrell—1
Jill Burkheart—5
Carolyn Towell—11
Teresa Wilson—17
David Lemmons—21
Willie McCarroll—26
Dylan McGrew—27
David Burkheart—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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Are the Various Denominations Branches of the True Vine?

Jesus identified Himself as the vine: “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser” (John 15:1). He explained the work of branches was bearing fruit, warning that, “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes” (15:2).

Some suggest that this parable is a picture of the contemporary church, with all the various denominations forming the Lord’s church. It is sometimes shown in the form of a tree, with various branches depicting how different religious groups have grown out of one another. The text reveals, however, that the branches are not the different religious sects of “Christendom,” but instead are individual Christians.

In John 15, Jesus is speaking to the apostles as individuals, not religious groups. The emphasis is on what the individual disciple must do. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not (con’t)