

in need.” This too has a Biblical ring to it. Again the wise man Solomon wrote, “A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity” (Proverbs 17:17). To my way of thinking there is a possibility that these uninspired Greek writers, at least in part, based their beautiful statements about friendship on the inspired words of Solomon. I must repeat myself, friendship matters!

What I am calling the “friendship factor” most obviously prevails among mankind — the three quotes from Solomon make that case. One could add to that the deeply connected friendship between Jonathan and David as evidenced in 1 Samuel 18. But I’m even more interested in the friendship between man and God. The inspired penman James tells us that “Abraham believed God...and he was called the friend of God” (James 2:23). In Exodus 33:11 it is revealed that “the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend.” Those factual sentiments ought to motivate us toward an ever abiding friendship with God. But for that to happen, the condition of friendship laid down by Jesus must be met. That condition was simply stated as, “You are my friends if you do whatever I command you” (John 15:14). One chapter earlier our Lord said, “If you love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). Do you love God? Do you want to be the friend of God? Then keep His commandments!!!

Yes, friendship can be complicated. Yes, commandment keeping is at times difficult. But both can be done! And doing such will move us to, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you” (Mark 5:19). Because, my friends, friendship matters!

Mel Futrell <http://www.shadesmountaincoc.org>



**Those requesting prayer**

Frances Hagar, Richard Rapert, Shirley Dixon, Gert Jacobson, Randy and Audra Land, Harvey Murphy, Ronnie Johnson, Billy Waymon, Quentin Cato, Randy and Edie Pursifull, Barbara Knight. Mackie McReynolds

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

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**THIS WEEK'S RADIO LESSONS**

**on KPOC:**

**Sun:** Remembering Jesus’ Words

**Mon:** Jesus Is Looking For His Church—Part 1

**Tue:** Jesus Is Looking For His Church—Part 2

**Wed:** Faith Involves Obedience—Part 1

**Thu:** Faith Involves Obedience—Part 2

**Fri:** Sitting Around The Table

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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**

**Stonebridge**

Wanda Counts, 111

**Pocahontas Health and Rehab**

Jenafee Brunner, 500

**Randolph County Nursing Home**

Elsie Prewitt, 106

Earl Hagar, 109

Marie Murphy, 134

Jennifer Burr, 204

Charlcie Hufstedler, 223

Anna Lemmons, 332

Bonnie Kellett, 335

Gwen Futrell, 419

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**ITEMS for September**

**CHILDREN’S HOME**

Cereal (Especially corn flakes)

**UKRAINE MISSION**

Stuffed Toys

**NEWS AND EVENTS**

Sympathy is extended to **Matt and Tabitha Byrd and girls** in the death of Matt’s mother, Joyce Byrd of Bay. Mrs. Byrd’s services were yesterday, Saturday, at the Bay church of Christ.

**Sue Gazaway** saw her neurologist in Jonesboro Wednesday. She will return in three weeks for additional treatment and follow-up for her headaches.

**Gary Wells** of the Birdell congregation suffered a stroke on Wednesday which has affected his right side. He is in NEA Baptist Hospital and will be undergoing rehab.

**Jay Don & Teresa Wilson** have gone to Alaska to visit their daughter. Pray for safe travels.

Josh will be in a **gospel meeting** next week at Black Rock, Sept 8-11, 7:00pm nightly. Wayne Smith will be teaching the auditorium class, Kerry Hueter will be preaching on Sunday morning and evening. Don McGuirt will be in charge of the devotional on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The **Area Wide Singing** will be next Saturday night at Portia church of Christ beginning at 6:00pm.

The 5<sup>th</sup> **Annual Lawrence/Randolph County Bible Lectureship** will be held at Pyburn Street on September 27-29. There are flyers on the table in the foyer. Please pick some up and help us distribute them in the community.

The **Ladies Bible Class** will resume this Wednesday at 10:30. All women are encouraged to attend.

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

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**Announcements:** David Futrell

**Song Leader:** Tom Towell

**Speaker:** Josh Dement

**AM Sermon:** God’s Providence

**Scriptures:** Acts 17:26-28

**PM:** Withdrawing Fellowship

**Presiding at Table**

Mike Dunn

**East**

David Lemmons

Jeremy Burgess

**West**

Jay Don Wilson

David Burkheart

**Sunday Evening:** Mike Dunn

### **Sunday Morning Worship**

**First Prayer** Wayne Smith

**Closing Prayer:** Joey Bryant

**Read Scripture:** David Lemmons

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

**First Prayer:** Max Long

**Closing Prayer** Jay Don Wilson

### **Wednesday Night (September 4)**

**First Prayer** Byron Futrell

**Closing Prayer** Mike Dunn

**Invitation** Josh Dement

### **Preparation of Communion for September**

David and Cindy Futrell

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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)

## **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** Wednesday,  
September 4 at 10:30

### **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.**

## **September Birthdays**

Byron Futrell--1

Kristie Dement--4

Jill Burkheart--5

Carolyn Towell--11

Teresa Wilson--17

David Lemmons--21

Willie McCarroll--26

Caleb Dement--26

Cayleigh Dement--26

Dylan McGrew--27

David Burkheart--29

# In the Footsteps of Jesus

Pyburn Street church of Christ

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**September 1, 2019**

## **The Friendship Factor**

Friendship is complicated — especially among younger people. And questions about friendship abound. How many friends do I have? Who is my best friend? Is he a friend or just an acquaintance? If she was really my friend, why did she say that about me? Could she become my BFF? How many people are in my circle of friends? When I share this with him, will he still be my friend? How many friends do I need? What conditions must one meet to be my friend? You get the picture. In fact, you’ve already been there and done that. Yet despite countless questions, friendship matters. With whom we are friends matters. How friends behave matters. Friendship is both that complicated and that important.

Testimony about the importance of friends, and how friendship is rightly and wrongly viewed, is ancient and honored. Euripides (484-406 B.C.), the writer of Greek tragedies once said, “Real friendship is shown in times of trouble; prosperity is full of friends.” That sounds surprisingly like something penned by the inspired Solomon in the Tenth Century B.C., “The poor is hated even of his own neighbor; but the rich hath many friends” (Proverbs 14:20). Also this from Solomon, “Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbor...Every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.” (Proverbs 19:4,6). The truth packed in those few words is worth our careful consideration. Likewise, Epicurus (341-270 B.C.), the Greek philosopher and father of the Epicurean movement wrote, “We do not so much need the help of our friends as the confidence of help (con’t)