

mobile homes, semi converted bays of a body shop, tents [where I had to stop preaching for a spell because it was placed too close to a railroad track with a passing train], and out on the open lawn, etc., Although I suppose I prefer the comfort and convenience of a “church building”, nevertheless I didn’t feel I hadn’t worshipped my God in those other places. Why would I when the same acceptable acts of worship (Acts 2:42, 20:7) were engaged in at every place? Now I readily admit brethren that some places are perhaps more conducive to worship than others — based upon the distractions present. Obviously, some minor distractions are inherent to all places of assembly. But decency and order in those assemblies should always be the order of the day (1 Corinthians 14:40). Though once again, our God has not designated a particular place or type of place, and that place alone, as the place of worship. In fact, in John 4:21 Jesus announced a cessation of worship in a prescribed holy place. Should not the aforementioned matters settle the issue for us all?

According to the record of archaeology, the first purpose-built structures for the worship of Christians dates to the early 3rd Century A.D. — around the year 232. That being the case, there is precedent both from the New Testament and archaeological history for Christians to utilize buildings of one sort or another for the purpose of assembling to worship the one true God. And of course that is exactly what the Lord’s people have done over the last 2000 years.

I am of the conviction that the stewardship principle of 1 Corinthians 4:2, “Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful”, although primarily applying to spiritual/religious matters, would have some application to even the material things placed in our possession. You will find a word study of the term steward [oikonomos] to be of value. Certainly we should be good stewards of all that we have. Practical stewardship therefore demands keeping up what you have - even the building. I am not a proponent of purchasing or building costly, extravagant buildings, that evoke the awe of passersby, in order to worship God. However, I am a proponent of Christians renting, buying, building, or even borrowing a “building” to worship God.

Many Christians around the globe will never enjoy the privileges we do here in the United States of America, this includes the nice accommodations we have in which to worship. But whether we or they meet in a handmade thatched hut or an Alabama church building, our worship to God can and definitely must be in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24).

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: Jesus’ Second Coming

Mon: Be Thou An Example

Tue: Greatness of the Church

Wed: It is Not Enough

Thu: A Little Member

Fri: The Rapture

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

ITEMS for September

CHILDREN’S HOME

Cereal (Especially corn flakes)

UKRAINE MISSION

Stuffed Toys

NEWS AND EVENTS

We welcome **Kerry Hueter and his wife Jane** to Pyburn today.

Earl Manning has recently had double pneumonia. He is feeling better and is now able to be out again.

Shirley Gillean is experiencing some health problems.

Josh’s grandfather, **Jere Whiteside** has been battling dementia for several years and it has progressed to the point that he is on hospice care. Please keep their family in your prayers.

Sue Gazaway saw her neurologist in Jonesboro Tuesday. She received a shot and is hopeful this will help.

Josh is in a **gospel meeting at Black Rock** today through Wednesday. Services will be at 7 PM nightly.

The Ravenden church of Christ is having a **Gospel Meeting** September 13-15 at 7 PM nightly with Llano Robinson speaking.

The ladies will meet at 9:30 Wednesday morning to work on **Mats for Haiti**.

The Dellhalf church of Christ between Myrtle and Thayer is having a **Gospel Singing** this Friday night, September 13 beginning at 7 PM.

The 5th Annual Lawrence and Randolph Counties **Bible Lectureship** will be held at Pyburn Street on September 27-29. There are flyers on the table in the foyer.

There will be a **short meeting** for the ladies immediately after services this morning in the small auditorium.

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—

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Announcements: David Futrell

Song Leader: Tom Towell

Speaker: Kerry Hueter

AM Sermon: The Sin of Silence

Scriptures: Ezekiel 33:1-6

PM: Solomon’s Quest

Presiding at Table

David Futrell

East

West

David Lemmons

Jay Don Wilson

Jeremy Burgess

David Burkheart

Sunday Evening: Mike Dunn

Sunday Morning Worship

First Prayer Don McGuirt

Closing Prayer: David Lemmons

Read Scripture: Jay Don Wilson

Sunday Evening Worship

First Prayer: Ed Stormes

Closing Prayer David Burkheart

Wednesday Night (September 11)

First Prayer Don McGuirt

Closing Prayer Max Long

Invitation Wayne Smith

Preparation of Communion for September

David and Cindy Futrell

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

Sunday Services

Bible Study 9:00 AM

Worship 9:50 AM

Evening Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

Wednesday morning

Mats for Haiti 9:30 am

Ladies Bible Class 10:30am

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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Meeting Places And The Church Building

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25).

Without a doubt the command to assemble requires of one a place to assemble. To believe otherwise would be to defy all logic. To say otherwise would be to voice contradiction. Yet in the New Testament there is absolutely no exclusive pattern as to where we must meet. What we do encounter, on the pages of the New Testament, are Christians assembling in a variety of places. The church of Christ in the city of Jerusalem met in a very public place identified as Solomon’s porch (Acts 5:12, 25). Previous to this, Jesus Himself had walked on this portico (John 10:23). Apparently some Christians in Jerusalem met on occasion in the house “of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark” (Acts 12:12). The Lord’s people in Troas met in an unidentified “upper chamber” on the third story that apparently was well lit (Acts 20:7, 9). And you can add to that several private homes [the so-called house churches] where the brethren assembled as mentioned explicitly in Holy Scripture (Romans 16:5; 1 Corinthians 16:19; Colossians 4:15; Philemon 2). The conclusion we rightly draw is that Christians today may rent, buy, build, or borrow a place in which to assemble to worship God “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:23-24). And in doing so they are in perfect harmony with the command to assemble of Hebrews 10:25. But to bind any one of these places mentioned as the exclusive pattern would be wrong and is wrong. One wonders then why there is such stress even today by some of our brethren around the country about the house church model — as if it were the exclusive or original model.

I have personally assembled to worship God in big and small buildings, humble and extravagant buildings, (con’t)